

Chemawa's Vocational Program

In Chemawa, special emphasis is placed on training for a vocation, a vocation that will fit in with natural abilities and talent. With this great aim in mind, that is to teach the young Indian men and women the basic and fundamental angles of their chosen vocations, this school has improved its vocational facilities year after year in order to compete with the continual changing of time.

Since most girls will eventually have a home of their own the emphasis in girls' education has been placed upon home making. It is the aim of this department to prepare every girl to do her part toward making a satisfactory home for herself and family—a home that provides for the health, the happiness, and the development of each member of the household.

The divisions of the Home Economics Department are: Foods, clothing and crafts, production sewing, household management, household planning and furnishing, family relationships, child care, laundry and health.

Since a boy eventually becomes the head of a household it is necessary that he be well prepared to take on this great responsibility. Like the girls, the emphasis in boy's education has been placed upon homemaking, but from an altogether different angle.

Boys' Vocational Exhibits

All the Vocational shops will be open during the Celebration for visitors. The Kitchen and Bakery will be seen in actual operation.

The Paint shop will display some furniture that have been varnished there.

The Carpenter shop will have some screen doors and a few other pieces that have been produced in the shop which it has not been necessary to put into service.

At the Tailor shop there will be several suits of clothing that have been produced on exhibit.

The Auto shop will have a pick-up in the advanced stage of making.

The Machine shop will be a few pieces of equipment, which have been made on display.

The Print shop will have various samples of printing that have been done.

Work in the shops cannot be judged by any little exhibit which may be left in the shop, as the building trades have been at work on the cottage and various other buildings outside the shop, while the nature of work in the service trades such as Barbering, Shoe repairing, etc., would make a display difficult.

Girls' Vocational Exhibits

The Sewing Departments in Hawley Hall will have a great variety of finished articles to be placed on exhibit during the Celebration.

The different classes have completed many different articles of clothing. The underclassmen made simple types of clothings such as slips, and bathrobes from materials of flannel, pajamas of cotton print, and becoming cotton print dresses.

The upperclassmen, who made print dresses, changed the patterns as one of their problems. They also have made-over problems.

The Junior classes made blouses, printed silk dresses, skirts or suits of serge.

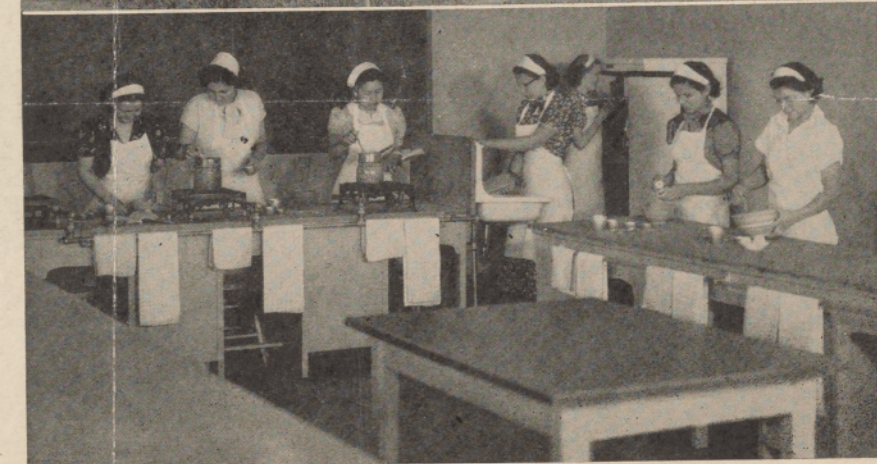
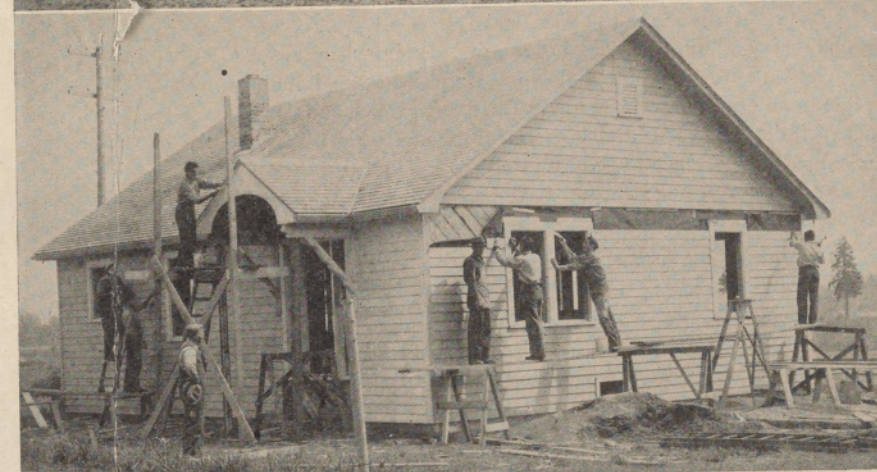
The Senior classes made knitted suits, rayon dresses, plaid jackets and their graduation dresses and slips. A group of seniors also made print dresses, which were worn daily to test their durability.

Besides clothing, all of the classes had some type of fancy work to do. Embroidery and cutwork were beautifully done on pillow cases, dresser scarfs, laundry bags and luncheon sets. Many of these have crocheted borders. Those who are learning to crochet often begin with an attractive border on towels. Crocheted pot holders, hot plate mats, ball shaped dish clothes, beautiful pillow tops crocheted with yarn and other pillow tops are made of yarn and worked into Indian designs.

Pictorial Review of Some Practical Occupations Taught Chemawa Students

Work is Art—A great deal joy of life consists in doing perfectly or at least to the best of one's ability, everything which he attempts to do. There is a sense of satisfaction, a pride, in surveying such a work—a work which is rounded, full, exact, complete in all its parts—which the superficial man, who leaves his work in a slovenly, slipshod, half finished condition can never know. It is this conscious completeness which turns work into art. The smallest thing, well done, becomes artistic.

—William Matthews



Top to Bottom—Electricians and Plumbers—Project Boys—Carpentry—Cooking