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Rural Life Conference Successful Opinion of Delegates

Valuable Information Gained Through the Exchange of Ideas

The conference was attended by fifty-two delegates, outside of Chemawa, coming from Montana, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and California. The conference opened Monday morning, February 17, with a general session in the auditorium. Mr. George P. LaVatta was chairman. The speakers on the morning session were Superintendent Jackson, who expressed his greetings and welcome to the delegates. Mr. W. I. Goodwin, conference chairman, and Miss Cleora C. Helbing both outlined the aims and purposes of the conference. Mr. Earl R. Cooley, State Supervisor for Agricultural Training, outlined the aims and purposes of the F.F.A., and promised to help in anyway he could in an organization formed along similar lines. Miss Bertha Kohlhogen, State Supervisor for Home Economics, spoke of Rural Living problems in the Northwest, and the need for both boys and girls to face these problems.

Luncheon was served at Hawley hall by the Home Economic girls for all of the visiting delegates. Among outside guests were Mr. Wayne Harding, Marion County 4-H Club Leader, and H. C. Seymour, Oregon State College, State 4-H Club Leader. The student delegates were treated to an Indian salmon bake, prepared by Mr. James and Mr. Sanders.

The Youth Sessions met in the Practice House. The student officers were Richard Peters, Spokane Indian delegate, president and Lorraine Fry, secretary. Their report on Friday was outstanding. The student delegates enjoyed trips to the linen mills, packing plants, penitentiary, and the airport in Salem. They also visited Governor Charles A. Sprague, and had their pictures taken with the Governor in his office. The most exciting of their trips was the one to the coast on Friday afternoon. The fifty-two delegates enjoyed a seafood dinner at the Dorchester House. For many of the delegates it was the first time they had seen the Pacific Ocean.

Outstanding in the conference were the five demonstrations put on by the Chemawa students: poultry, horseshoeing, dairy judging, swine, and the Rural Unit cottage demonstrations. The girls from the Home Economic department gave three

luncheons for some of the visiting delegates in the Rural Unit No. 1 cottage.

Mr. Goodwin declared the conference to be outstanding and successful. This was the last of four agriculture conferences held by the Indian Service. Previous conferences were held at Flandreau, South Dakota; Chilocco, Oklahoma, and Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Jackson made the statement, "I express my appreciation to the staff and students for their fine cooperation in making Chemawa the successful host school that it was for this agricultural conference."

CHEMAWA STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

On Wednesday, February 19, from 8:00 to 8:50 p. m., the boy delegates and some of the girl delegates went to the barn for a demonstration of judging dairy cows. Mr. Totten, agriculture teacher, Chemawa School, told us the most important things about a dairy cow. After that we had a contest of judging dairy cows. Robert Henderson of Browning, Montana, took first prize, and Louie LaMere of Rocky Boy, Montana, took second prize. They were awarded red ribbons by Mr. Goodwin. Most of the delegates said they learned many things they did not know before about dairy cows.

GIRLS' DAIRY JUDGING

On the morning of February 20, from 11:00 to 11:30 a. m., all the student delegates went over to the dairy barn for the girl delegates to judge the cows. Mr. Thomas, dairy instructor, Chemawa School, first showed the grand champion cow for the purpose of showing the girls the good points to look for in a good dairy cow.

Four other cows were then brought out for the girls to judge and place. The girls were given cards to write on and were given a limited time in which to judge. Iva McAdams from Fort Washakie, Wyoming, was the first prize winner of the contest and was awarded a blue ribbon by Miss Helbing. Lorraine Fry of Inchelium, Washington, and Kathleen Kalama of Warm Springs, Oregon, tied for the second place and flipped a coin for the red ribbon.

SWINE DEMONSTRATION

On February 20, Elmer Benton, Calvin Willburn, Perry Willburn, and Alphonso Washington gave two demonstration's before the visiting

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