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Editorial

Students of the Chemawa Indian School paid tribute once again on the birthday of this institution, the oldest non-reservation Indian school in the Northwest, on February 25, 1941.

Sixty-one years ago Lieutenant M.C. Wilkinson, the first superintendent of what is now Chemawa Indian School, started the education of the Indian youth in the Northwest with an enrollment of eighteen students. The school was then located on four acres of land belonging to Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon, with other land for farming rented from near-by farmers. The school was continued on this location for five years when it outgrew its quarters, and was moved to its present location at Chemawa, Oregon.

Chemawa has made much progress since February 25, 1880. The first students and employees would probably be greatly surprised and pleased as well to see their first buildings now replaced by fine, large brick buildings, wooden structures and other buildings of various sizes and descriptions. In order to show our appreciation to the older students for the hard work that was done to make this a wonderful school, let us make use of all the facilities that were made possible by the old students and get an education that will be of some value to us in the future.—JOE HAYWARD

People have many friends, wherever they go, but one friend we all have is the library. We couldn't find a friend that is more helpful to us everyday, for within the library are hundreds of books that are all our friends, there on the shelves eager to help us.

The books stand there, day by day, throughout the year, and we use only the ones we need for pleasure or reference. Perhaps we haven't meant to disregard our other friends, those other books that we seldom glance at, but, being loyal friends, they remain at our service. Everything

we learn from these books, always stays with us. We cannot forget our friends who are always ready at our call. Use the library for obtaining a higher aim in life, for greater satisfaction of living, and of knowing the ways of the world. It is there for you to use.

Remember, too, the librarian, is one of the best friends you have in the library. She is there to help you in anyway that she can. Consider her duties as a librarian, and co-operate with her whole-heartedly, for a better library. If you have the privilege to use the library for a study period, use it for that, and don't violate that privilege. The librarian must keep silence in the library, for people use the library for learning, and concentrating, and one cannot concentrate with a lot of commotion. So co-operate with the librarian, and keep your privilege of using the library.

Then too, make it a point to remember the feelings of your friends, the books themselves. They cannot live and be at your service if you treat them roughly. Take care of them. Do not turn their leaves down, and do not tear them, or throw them around. Remember that others want to read them after you, and that they want a clean book, as well as you.—MARGARET SKAHAN



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