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Indian Achievement Medal Awarded to George P. Lavatta

On September 26 in Chicago, Ill., George P. LaVatta, three-quarter-blood Shoshone Indian of the Fort Hall reservation in Idaho, was presented the 1941 Indian Achievement medal. Presentation of the award was made by the Council Fire at its annual American Indian Day observance.

Mr. LaVatta was graduated from the Carlisle Indian school in 1913. He worked for the Union Pacific railroad for twelve years for which he was presented the Meritorious Service button. In 1929 he left the railroad to accept a position in the Indian Service. At present he is Organization Field Agent for the Indian Service in the Pacific Northwest, having his headquarters in Portland, Oregon. His work consists of helping Indian tribes of the Northwest set up machinery for writing constitutions and holding tribal elections.

In speaking of Mr. LaVatta's work, John Collier, the Commissioner, said, "He has made rich and varied contributions to the Indian people and to the service. His character and personality have contributed a great deal to the cause of inter-racial friendship."

Dr. Franklin Thompson of Willamette University is Chapel Speaker

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Dr. Thompson of Willamette University at Salem, Oregon, gave a talk to the students of Chemawa.

At the beginning of the Chapel program the orchestra played a musical selection and Lillian Havard sang a special number. Supt. Jackson then introduced Dr. Thompson.

Dr. Thompson's talk was based on the subject of the war situation. One particular thing he said that was greatly enjoyed by the students was, "First Americans, America First." He also told of some of the many different parts of the world he had visited. He stressed the importance of cooperation when he gave an example on football and basketball. The lack of cooperation would cause failure in any thing that needed it.

At the close of the program the mixed chorus gave their version of "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny."

On the same night the seniors gave a reception for Dr. Thompson at which Superintendent and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Scheinost, Miss Cruise, Miss Clark, Mr. and Mrs. James, Mr. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Larsen, Misses Orva and Selma Hoffman, Mr. Joe Medicine Crow, and Mrs. Black were present. After refreshments, the senior president, Floyd Tyler, presented to the audience Kathryn Jones who sang a song and Cecilia Charley who gave an Indian Legend.

Twelve Years Presents Many Changes to Former Student

A gentleman who beamed continually at having the opportunity of visiting "ole Chemawa" for the first time in twelve years on Oct. 24, was Archie Demmert, '29, of Klawock, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Demmert started a department store in Klawock and they were combining a vacation and buying trip which will also take them to San Francisco.

Mrs. Demmert, who is a graduate of the Sheldon Jackson school in Sitka, was experiencing her first trip in the states. Archie also had the opportunity of visiting the various departments of the school and reminisced with many of his former teachers. He said that there were about fifty loyal sons of the school in Klawock and whenever a few get together their thoughts drift back to the "good ole days" at Chemawa.

Miss Hoffman Transferred

Miss Selma Hoffmann who has been our very efficient commercial teacher has been transferred to the Commercial Dept. of Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Miss Orva Hoffman, librarian, will accompany her sister and her mother, Mrs. Hoffmann to Kansas.

The staff and the students regret seeing Miss Hoffmann, her sister, and her mother leave our campus and we all sincerely hope they will be happy in their new home in Kansas.

Freedom is for brave men, slaves always crave security.