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Beloved Personage, Mrs. Ruthyn Turney, Retires from Indian Service

Mrs. Ruthyn (Gertrude Brewer) Turney, who has been employed as Music Instructor here at Chemawa for approximately thirty years is retiring from the Service on November 30.

Mrs. Turney was born at Tacoma, Washington, and arrived at Chemawa at an early age. At a very early age she began studying piano under one of the best teachers in Salem. She graduated from Willamette University from the music department with her A. B. degree. In 1903 she was the official government Indian pianist at the Worlds Fair in St. Louis, Missouri. From here she went to New York to study piano for one year. She then studied music and piano with other prominent musicians. She returned home and taught and studied and received her Master's degree in music several years ago. During the year 1917 she was quietly married to Mr. Ruthyn Turney, who is a well known musician and composer of the Pacific Northwest. During the years Mrs. Turney has been at Chemawa she presented many colorful operettas and pageants. The music for the pageant at the end of each year has been under her supervision.

Mrs. Turney has given many years of faithful service to the Indian young people who have been under her instruction and our best wishes go with her for a long and happy life.

George P. LaVatta Speaks in Student Chapel

At the Chapel held in the auditorium, November 16, the faculty and students heard Mr. George P. LaVatta compare the boarding schools of the past with the boarding schools of the present.

Mr. LaVatta told many interesting incidents of school life at the Carlisle Boarding School. One of the most impressive incidents told by Mr. LaVatta was the one in which he said that the boys who showed bad conduct were "taken care of" by being put into a "dungeon" and fed only on bread and water. He also said that the students of the other boarding schools were asking for a course in the study of the Reservations and that the students of Chemawa should realize the necessity and importance of such a course. Mr. LaVatta

said that this school was the first to have such a course.

These and many other heart-gripping incidents were told in such a manner that by the time Mr. LaVatta had finished speaking every student was very thankful and appreciative for such a school as the Chemawa of today.

Following the Chapel program, a reception in Mr. LaVatta's honor was given in Winona hall by the Fort Hall Home Room. A short program was presented to the group in which were included songs, poems, and a summary of the history of the Fort Hall Reservation.

Christmas Vacation

The Christmas vacations for the boys and girls of Chemawa will begin at four o'clock Friday, December 19, and end Sunday night, Dec. 28. Before any student is excused to go home for Christmas the office must receive a written request for vacation in advance of the time vacation begins. Any student who wants to take another student home for Christmas must follow this procedure: receive from home a written invitation for this guest student and receive from the guest student's parents written approval.

Any Montana or Idaho student going home for Christmas, to due the distance, will be given two weeks vacation beginning at four o'clock, December 19, and ending not later than Sunday, Jan. 4.

From the Alumni

Zena Hogsed is now employed at Colville Indian Agency and has recently announced her engagement.

Sammy Danzuka and Betty Arthur were married on Thanksgiving Day.

Preston Bell, Joe Reddor, and Herman Redelk, stationed in the Army at Camp Murray, were visitors on our campus over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Jay Heddrick, a tailor at the post tailor shop, Fort Lewis, spent a few days on our campus recently.

Fred Lodge is now stationed in the Army on the Hawaiian Islands.

Iris Lee Hogsed was a visitor on our campus over the weekend.