

# CHEMAWA AMERICAN

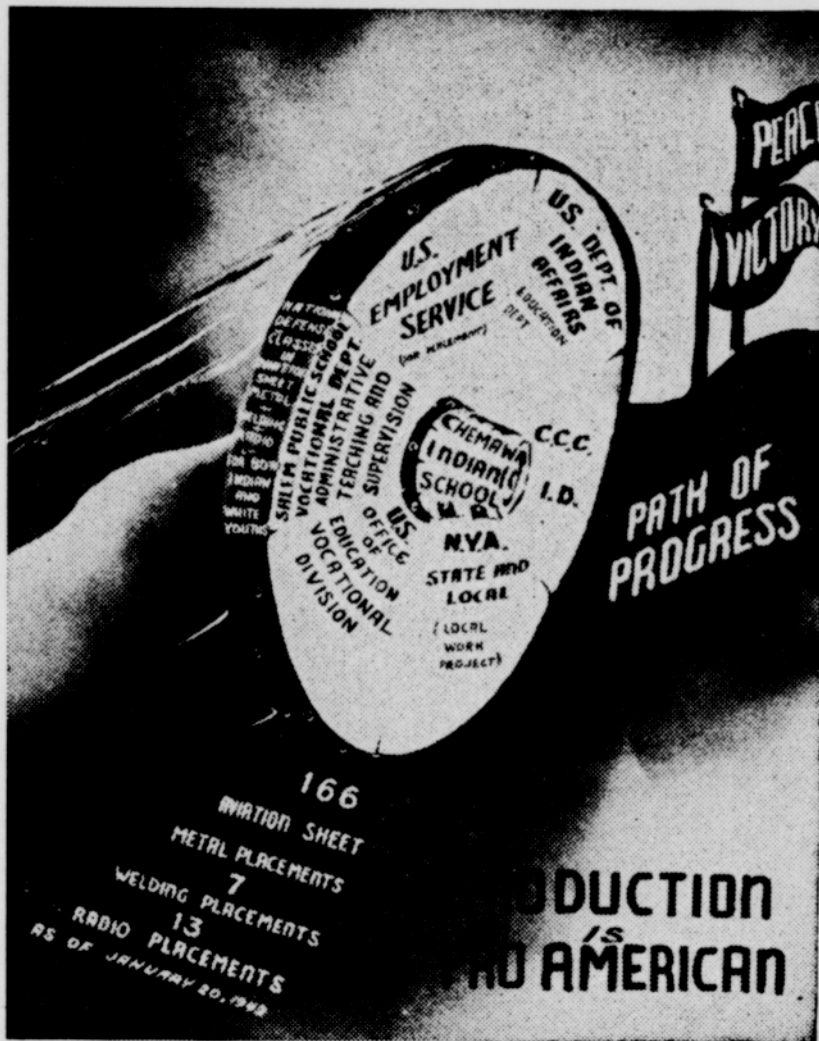
A Publication Devoted to the Progress of Indian Education

VOLUME XXXXII

CHEMAWA, OREGON, FEB. 13, 1942

NUMBER SIX

## CHEMAWA DEFENSE SET-UP



### Chemawa National Defense Schools Operate Successfully

Report of Defense Training Program  
by Supt. Paul T. Jackson

There have been four separate Defense Training schools in session at the Chemawa Indian School. These four school units carry on an intensive training course and promote a unified program of training for both Indian youth and white boys to place them on defense emergency jobs. The defense schools are conducted separately from the regular Chemawa school.

They are as follows: (1) The National Youth Administration Resident Center, Aviation Sheet metal, (2) Civilian Conservation Corps of the Indian Department which includes Radio School, (3) Auto Mechanics and Tractor repair, and (4) Welding School.

Cooperating and assisting Chemawa officials in the administration are the State Employment Service, Salem District, the State Defense Training, Salem District, the National Youth Administration

area office, and the Civilian Conservation Corps regional heads.

Many of the Indian boys and white boys who have gone to Boeing and other ship building yards send back excellent reports of the work and their progress. There seems to be no discrimination in employment of Indians, which at first was thought to be one of the big problems. It also gives the Indian students a chance to show what they can do.

### Chemawa Proposed as CCC-ID Defense Training Center

The Northwest Council of Superintendents, called in special session at Seattle, February 5th and 6th to discuss defense matters, voted unanimously to recommend the enlargement of the defense training program at Chemawa. A resolution was passed by the council requesting Indian Office authority for enrolling at Chemawa a larger number of CCC-ID trainees in defense classes.

The Council discussed informally the enrolling of women in defense classes and while there was no official vote to include them, there was no opposition expressed to the idea of including women in types of defense training where there may be opportunity for job replacements following the training.

Coodinator O. C. Upchurch presided at the two-day session.

If the Superintendents' recommendations in this matter are approved by the Indian Office, it is expected that with the greater assistance from the State vocational program, an even larger number of Indian young people from the Northwest will be trained for employment in defense industries. To date all those who have been trained at Chemawa have been placed in good paying jobs.

### Rex Putnam, State Superintendent, Speaks to Students

You can imagine what an interesting chapel was held in the auditorium on February 1, 1942, with Mr. Rex Putnam, the guest speaker.

Mr. Putnam spoke on the topic, America, living in a democracy, and what a democracy means. "Students should feel that they are helping in the defense by being good Americans and cooperating with fellow students," Mr. Putnam said. The pro-

Continued on page four