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Miss Gerken Visits Chemawa

Miss Edna A. Gerken, supervisor of health education, and her assistant, Miss Marietta Dick, were visitors on the campus, December 6 and 7.

They were on a routine health inspection trip of the western area.

Miss Gerken gave a short talk at chapel on Dec. 6, telling of her experience in traveling through various Indian localities.

She also met with the staff December 7. At this meeting she stressed the importance of first aid, nutrition, and home care of the sick, because of the scarcity of doctors and facilities. She wanted all graduating seniors to have First Aid Certificates and all children in school to get training in health matters.

Miss Gerken stated that Miss Dick expects to return to this territory in February to assist teachers in working out their health units.

Thanksgiving Day at Chemawa

Thanksgiving was a very enjoyable holiday at Chemawa, for the students who spent the day on the campus.

School was attended just the same as usual until eleven o'clock in the morning.

At noon everyone went to the dining hall where they enjoyed a wonderful dinner, consisting of turkey, dressing, salad, gravy, hot rolls, and pumpkin pie.

During the dinner the orchestra played a number of beautiful tunes.

At 2:30 p. m., the Dramatic club gave a Thanksgiving play called "November." The play was given in the auditorium for the benefit of all the students and employees.

In the evening a Thanksgiving dance was held in the gym. So ended a happy day.

A Warrior Comes Home

On Dec. 14, Chemawa had a surprise assembly, when a former student, Theodore Welfelt, told of his experiences on a submarine with the Navy in the Pacific battle area.

Mr. Robert Thomas introduced the guest speaker, who graduated in 1937. Mr. Thomas spoke highly of the young man's character and his application to work in student days.

Theodore charmed his audience with accounts of his experiences and trips in an old submarine. He has a pleasing personality and a beautiful voice.

The popular visitor was a guest of Mrs. Cornick, the boys' matron, at dinner Tuesday noon. Mrs. Cornick was matron when Theodore attended classes here. Other guests of Mrs. Cornick were Mr. Robert Thomas, Mr. Warren Wilder, Mr. H. Kunkel, and Mr. Charles E. Larson.

During the evening of Dec. 14, Mr. Wellfelt was invited by the McNary hall boys to answer a few questions, which turned out to be a thousand. There were a few girls from Winona hall visiting us too just to see their sailor hero. It seemed that they came over just to admire him, because they asked not a single question.

"Orchids to You"

The Chemawa American is introducing with this issue a new column entitled "Orchids to You." We wish through this medium to give some recognition to students and employees at Chemawa who are giving outstanding service, or are doing their day-by-day tasks faithfully and well.

The staff welcomes contributions from its readers for this department.

Today we are presenting the freshmen students who were voted by their class members as the most outstanding in citizenship. In making these selections, the students considered such qualities as co-operation, good manners, stick-to-it-iveness, and obedience to rules.

The 9A Class nominated for distinction: Virginia Alexander, Mary Johnson, Gerald Hoffer, June Black, and Harold Charles.

The 9B class has so many outstanding citizens that they could not limit their choice to a mere handful. They named Wilson Teo, Ferol Flynn, Kathleen Thornton, Nellie Cooper, Robert Eickmeyer, Virginia Taylor, Mary Sampson, and Dorothy Billings.

Ralph Jackson, one of the senior boys, has taken for his hobby being assistant Scoutmaster. He has a great deal of responsibility and donates a lot of his free time, but he seems to enjoy it.

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