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A Letter to the Freshmen

Dear Freshmen,

Remember the days of October 6, 7, and 8? Initiation! As if you could forget! Really now, you'd have been disappointed if it had not happened to you, wouldn't you?

Initiation has its roots in tradition, and I think it is an educational experience. It calls for organization, planning, cooperation, initiative, and above all, sportsmanship on the parts of all concerned. Obedience, respect, and perseverance are also qualities brought into play. On the surface perhaps it seems to be all fun. Comical clothes, and make-up; antics on the football field; songs and dances, and serenades; constant obedience to our commands. It was a test of your sportsmanship and patience. You see, we were also initiated just three years ago, and we are glad we had the experience.

We congratulate you on your sportsmanship and spirit of cooperation. During the school years that follow may your short comings grow less, and we wish for you four happy years at Chemawa.

—A SENIOR.

New Employees

Miss Bernice A. Tupper, matron for small girls, was employed at Haskell Institute for eight years. Her home state is Iowa.

Miss Edith Sisson, class of '42, is now employed as hospital assistant. Edith has come "home" for her first year in the Indian service. She is a native of Oregon.

Mr. George Speed is now auto-mechanic instructor. Before coming to Chemawa Mr. Speed was employed by the War Department at Camp Adair. He is also an Oregonian.

Mr. Leonard Leith, took up his duties as assistant dairyman on November 1. He lived formerly at Sheridan, Oregon.

Mrs. Ruth Seawright is the new chief nurse at the hospital. She had been working in Pendleton, Oregon, before coming here. Mrs. Seawright is a native of Pennsylvania, and has been in the Indian Service for sixteen years.

Mrs. Mary E. Ives, matron in Winona hall, is from Fayette, Missouri. Mrs. Ives was here before from 1929 to 1934 as matron for little girls, and again as temporary matron in 1943.

Mrs. Sadie Mitchell, matron for McNary hall, comes to us from Arlington, Virginia. This is Mrs. Mitchell's first appointment in the Service as an employee, but she is quite familiar with it, her husband having been employed in the Service for many years.

Mr. John W. Bray has come to us as painting instructor. A Kansan by birth, Mr. Bray was a private contractor in Salem and vicinity.

Miss Helen Shallanda was recently transferred to Chemewa from Rosebud, South Dakota. She is now teaching third grade and is carrying on a physical education program for girls along with Mrs. Begody.

Miss Lois Warnick is teaching our tenth grade. She was recently transferred from Fort Wingate, New Mexico. Miss Warnick has also served as teacher at Leupp, Arizona, and at Tuba City, Arizona.

Mr. Don Chase is back with us as property clerk. He left Chemawa in 1942 for assignment at Poston, Arizona, and then was employed at Carson Indian school.

Student Council Elected

The student council has been reorganized and enlarged this year. It is now organized along the lines of a town government. Glenn Fritzler, elected some time ago, now has the title of mayor. Marceil Tom has been elected assistant mayor.

There are a number of commissioners, each with a group of assistants. The commissioners follow: Civic Commissioners, Virginia Wilkinson and Thomas Williams; Social Commissioners, Annabelle Summers and Bryson Liberty; Finance Commissioners, Mary Agnes Simmons and Ray Bennett; Athletic Commissioners, Alberta Harrison and Merle Williams; Home Commissioners, Dorothea Ketah and Lawrence Patrick; School Commissioners, Pauline Wilkinson and Sylvester Minthorn; Public Relations Commissioners, June Black and Robert Eickmeyer. The junior and senior classes conducted the election in the school building on October 16.