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Superintendents' Conference

On December 14, 1945, six superintendents representing different agencies met at Chemawa for a conference and a visit to classes and the campus.

Following a luncheon served at the home economics building, they met with the students from their jurisdictions and discussed problems with them.

A general conference meeting followed.

Those attending were George P. LaVatta, Taholah agency; F. A. Gross, Tulalip; William Wade Head, Colville; Archie Phinney and wife, Northern Idaho; Henry Roe Cloud and wife, Umatilla agency; W. M. Nall, chief clerk, and Mary E. Joaquin, social worker, Grand Ronde-Siletz; and Oscar H. Lipps, retired, Salem.

Student Election

The student council election took place on Oct. 8 and 22 with the results as follows:

Mayor, Robert Eickmeyer; vice-mayor, Mary Agnes Simmons; finance commissioners, Leona Bell, Gilbert Towner; school commissioners, Virginia LaFromboise, Harry Cooper; athletic commissioners, Loyette Moppin, Joe Pinkham; home commissioners, Jessie Miller, James Chocktoot; social commissioners, Annabelle Summers, Earl Davis; civic commissioners, Bernice Foster, James Gray.

The council has held a few meetings and in the near future hope to work out plans to help the students and school as well.

Mr. Kunkel Retires

Everyone at Chemawa, even those who didn't know him very well, did not want to see him leave us. Mr. Kunkel has been our plumber for twenty-two years.

He enjoyed working with us and hated to leave the campus. He not only worked as our plumber, but always helped us a great deal with the entertainment for the school. He was always ready to make candy for the children.

He began working here July 23, 1922, and retired Sept 30, 1945. He resides in East Salem.

The Storm

On December 4 the campus was a battle ground on which the wind and trees had a "battle royal." The trees put up a good stand but to no avail. The campus was littered with branches and two tall fir trees were "laid to rest." The loss of lights brought slight hardship because of the welcome change.

We did regret, however, the prevention of the basketball game with Dayton that night.

Enrollment

At the beginning of the school year at Chemawa there were five hundred and thirteen students enrolled. Since then, some students have been coming in and others have been leaving. But up to date there are four hundred and seventy-eight students. The enrollment is expected to continue to increase during the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Turney Passes

Ruthyn Turney, 76, former teacher of music and printing instructor here, died November 14, 1945, in a Salem hospital.

Mr. Turney was born in Missouri, September 11, 1867, and came to Oregon in 1896, as a concert violinist. Shortly after, he headed the Oregon State college music department. While living in Corvallis he edited the Corvallis Gazette Times. Besides his teaching music at Chemawa and Oregon State, he also assisted in arranging compositions for the Portland Symphony orchestra and in teaching at the Western Academy of Music in Portland. He was rated as one of the finest violinists and violin teachers in the Northwest.

He entered the Indian Service here at Chemawa in December 1907, and retired in September 1932. After his retirement from Indian work, he spent much of his time assisting with the orchestra at Chemawa. A host of friends and former students will mourn his passing.

Surviving are his wife, Gertrude Turney; sister, Elizabeth Turney of Los Angeles; and a brother, Frank Turney.