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Student Editorial

A student who wants a reputation and ability to get along with employees, fellow-students and others on the campus should each and every day try to improve his personality and courtesy. Here at Chemawa we are learning the foundations of life. I think we should make the most of it. We should cooperate and try to get our daily assignments done to the best of our knowledge. So let's try to keep a good clean record throughout this school year, and keep Chemawa's standards high. — Tommy Williams.

Freshmen Initiation

The Freshmen were the center of attention on the days they were initiated into the Freshmen class.

The boys wore girls slacks and blouses, hair slicked to the sides, shoes on wrong feet, and a tie on backwards.

The girls wore both slacks and skirts, a boys T shirt over a boys sport shirt, blackened eyes, lipstick, and were really a laugh.

They griped and got angry with the lettermen and seniors, but will always remember their initiation.

Coquelle Thompson Sr.

Coquelle, Thompson Sr., father of our boys' adviser, passed away January 4, 1946, in Siletz, Oregon, at the age of 106. He was born in Indian Village on the banks of the Coquelle river.

Mr. Thompson spent 37 years in the Indian Service as Indian Police. Upon the death of his father he assumed the role as chief of the rapidly diminishing Coquelles, at present numbering only nine. He moved to Siletz reservation early in his teens and remained there for the remainder of his days.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agnes Thompson, daughter, Sina (Thompson) Bell, son, Coquelle, Jr.; two grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. Students and employees extend sympathy to the family.

Indian Cradle

Mr. Fixit: I wonder if you could settle a little argument for me. I would like to know the name of the thing in which Indian children are carried on their mother's back. Please answer as quickly as possible.—Mrs. N. H., Garibaldi, Oregon.

Answer: This question is our hardy perennial, continually appearing in the Fixit mail. I have never figured out why it arouses such general and persistent curiosity. Naturally enough, it starts arguments, since the name of the gadget is different in the languages of different tribes and several differing opinions might be right. In English the names back board, papoose board or basket are commonly used; but the list in Indian dialects would be a long one. Here are a few. Mrs. Marcus Whitman, wife of the pioneer missionary, used the word "tekasa:" The Warm Springs Indians call the carrier "Simtissa." D. W. Hall, a newspaper man of La Grande, furnished me with a number of titles several years ago but he failed to state from what tongue they were taken. He listed the following: "suentch," "tikinagan," "tekash," "iyokapa," "calcleeps," "kohn mahyou." Robert Ballou of Oregon City, an authority on the early history of Klickitat county, Washington, contributed the Chinook name "em-mek-ik-ta," literally "back thing" and the Klickitat name "sheen-pah," literally "cradle place."—Oregon Journal, Portland, Oregon.

(NOTE: The word "em-mek-ik-ta" given above takes in two words of the Chinook tongue—the first is "E-meek" meaning the back, and, the second word is "Ik-ta" meaning: A thing; that thing, with the resultant meaning "back thing."—C. E. L.)

In March, 1938, this question was put to the students at Chemawa with the following results:

TRIBE	INDIAN NAME
Shoshone	Goh-no
Colville	Namuck-an
Spokane	Me-whoool
Yakima	Ska-in
Assiniboine	Kyo-khe-ba
Nez Perce	Ti-kasch
Cheyenne	Hen-ne-ho-os-tuts
Crow	Ba-cod-e-ja

The spelling was supplied by the class-room teachers.
—CHARLES E. LARSEN.

- Hollywoodite: "How do you like our city?"
- Indian Tourist: "Fine. How do you like our country?"