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## QUEEN CANDIDATES

Candidates for Chemawa Birthday Queen have been chosen and will be voted on during the week of Jan. 31 - Feb. 4. The winning candidate and her court of four will not be revealed until the night of February 25 when last year's queen, Esther Skahan, will place the coveted crown on the brow of Chemawa's 1949 Birthday Queen.

Who will it be? The choice will be made from this group: Loretta Sohapp, Isabelle Patchpe, Eleanor Charley, Tallulah Tulee, Jeanette Lewis, Eulalia Minthorn, Agnes Tahkeal, Janice Rambeau, Georgianna Young, Loretta Hawk, Ernestine Lane, Leora Plummer, Florence Ingawanup, Helen Campbell, and Phyllis Miller.

## COUNCILLORS HOLD MEETING

A joint meeting of Winona and McNary councillors was held in the senior high school room on January 5. Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Brannon, Mr. Hudson, and the following councillors were present: Vernon Lane, Victor Jackson, Reginald Wells, William Belgard, Donald Rambeau, Ralph Charles, Ernestine Lane, Georgianna Young, Freda Bent, Loretta Hawk, Florence Ingawanup, Agnes Tahkeal, and Helen George.

The purpose of this meeting was to get acquainted. Mr. Kelley complimented the students on the fine cooperation given by them.

We have about three one one-half months of the school year left so what do you say, kids; let's get in there and finish the year successfully and happily.

Betty Jo Brannon, who is attending the University of Oregon, spent the Christmas holiday with friends and relatives in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was among those marooned at Denver, Colorado, by the storms and was a week late returning to school.

## ANOTHER LAND MARK PASSES

The Southern Pacific has sold the depot at Chemawa and it, at this writing, is being dismantled. Mr. R. G. Henderson, our storekeeper, is the purchaser.

The depot was built in Chemawa in 1904 or 1905. Mr. Henderson was the first agent, receiving \$35 a month for his services. Mr. Frank Pendergrass and Mr. S. H. Francisco each served as agent for a considerable period and will be remembered by the old-timers. Mrs. Ella Swink, the last agent, came to Chemawa in the early 1930s and remained here until she retired December 15, 1947. Since that time the depot has been closed.

## SKATES APPRECIATED

No doubt we should have an amplifier to broadcast "The Skaters' Waltz" as young Chemawa goes breezing along on the four dozen pairs of roller skates that were allotted to the school by the Office of Education through Dr. Beatty. There were also, in the package, 100 official soft balls and about 50 sets of jackstones, to please the young fry. We appreciate them all very much.

## UNUSUAL WEATHER

We wonder if the people of Chemawa and the surrounding territory should not change their theme song from "Old Man River" to "Old Man Weather." The campus of Chemawa has recently been adorned with snowmen of varying personalities. Prior to the snowstorms we shivered in the icy blasts of the cold winds. Yes, Chemawa is having "unusual weather."

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth fellowship members went to Pratum to a youth rally Sunday, Jan. 16th. Florence Ingawanup, Mary Lou Davis and Victor Jackson were leaders in the service.

## PENGUIN HOP ENJOYED

The New Year's Eve dance was held in the gym, December 31. The dance began at 8:00 p.m. and lasted until 12:30 a.m. for the Senior High students.

This dance is sponsored by the members of the senior class each year. The gym was beautifully decorated. A large Christmas tree, glowing with many lights was placed in the center of the gym floor. A silver colored tree with a spotlight thrown on it furnished a background for Mr. Matt's orchestra. The ceiling decorations represented a snow storm with patches of sky showing through. Penguins, with varying personalities, were seen all around the walls, combined with "Happy New Year" greetings, Old Father Time and Little New Year were also cleverly interwoven in the decorations.

All the junior and senior high students attended the dance, besides small groups from McBride and Brewer halls and a few employees.

Refreshments, prepared by the senior girls, were served at 10:00 p.m., after which the junior high students returned to the buildings. Dancing continued until 12:00 m., at which time the New Year was heartily welcomed in with "Auld Lang Syne" by the orchestra and a rattle of noisemakers and blare of horns intermingled with serpentine and confetti from the dancers. After the noise subsided, all returned tired but happy to their respective buildings. This being the last dance of Leap Year, the girls escorted the boys to the dance. The reverse was true in 1949.

A greeting card was received from Christine Edwards. She writes that she hopes to be back in Chemawa soon. Christine is one of our students who is at the Cushman hospital in Tacoma. We hope to see Christine soon.