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## *Chemawa History*

On February 25, 1880, Lieutenant M. C. Wilkinson, as superintendent, began the school for Indian youth of the Northwest at Forest Grove, Oregon. The school was located on a four acre tract belonging to Pacific university. After five years the Indian school had outgrown its quarters at Forest Grove and was moved to its present location at Chemawa.

The first commencement for the Indian school now located at Chemawa was held in the late spring of 1886. The graduating class had completed a curriculum equivalent to the present sixth grade. By 1888, an additional two years had been added and the first eighth grade graduates received their diplomas. A few years later two more years had been added and classes were graduated from the tenth grade until 1924. At this time a full four-year high school course was approved. In 1927, Salem Indian school, as it was then known, graduated its first high school class.

The school has grown from the tiny campus with two or three frame buildings built by older students, to the present school of over four hundred acres which includes a spacious campus with its stately fir and spreading maple trees, dotted with its modern brick and frame buildings, housing the various phases of the educational program. The enrollment has grown from the original eighteen students to the present enrollment of slightly over five hundred.

Chemawa, now in its sixty-ninth year, has had twenty-one superintendents, serving for various periods of time varying from three months to ten years. In 1894 two superintendents each served for three months but, up to date, the honor of holding the longest term, 1916 to 1926, goes to Mr. Harwood Hall. It is noteworthy that a former superintendent of Carlisle Indian school, Mr. O. H. Lipps, administered Chemawa's educational program from 1927 to 1931. Mr. Russell M. Kelley, the twenty-first superintendent, is at the present time directing the well-balanced program of vocational and academic training provided for the Indian boys and girls at Chemawa.

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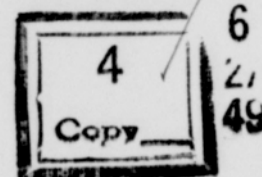
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