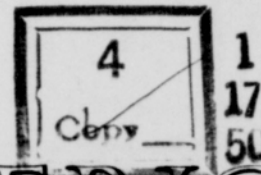


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Breakfast Club Guests

Supt. Kelley, Coach Patterson, Mr. E. Hudson, boys' adviser, Mr. Rube Sanders and five students, Don Cooke, George Plummer, Joe Felsman, Ray Pete and Richard Thorpe, were guests of the Salem Breakfast club on Friday morning, November 18. The club voted to make a Chemawa breakfast an annual affair.

BAND NEWS

This year the band, consisting of 38 members under the direction of Mr. Matt, has gotten off to a good start. They have played during the halves of all home football games. The band is now practicing for the concerts coming up this year. Appearances have been scheduled for December 15, March 17, and one the first part of May. The band plans on entering all spring festivals for bands in our district.

The Pep band, composed of 12 pieces, is considered a part of the pep squad, but it does belong to the regular band. It has made appearances at Jefferson with the football team, at Turner with the senior program and at a P-T. A. meeting at Keizer. They will join the pep squad for the Basketball Jamboree in Salem.

The dance orchestra is composed of five students and three employees. The following are members of the dance orchestra: Miss LeDosquet playing the piano, Mr. McDonald bass fiddle, Mr. Matt and Vincent Matt cornets, Laura Mae Conway clarinet, Anna May Sharp guitar, Joanne Sicade violin and Beverly Hugus drums.

FRESHIES '53

The freshman class has been divided into two sections.

One of the most interesting activities we have now is reviewing and discussing some educational movies. Some of the movies we have reviewed are "Feeling of Rejection" and "That Boy Joe." The pictures we have seen deal with such subjects as not getting along well with your parents, the law, and fellow friends. We learn why people act as they do and how problems are solved. These pictures have been very interesting and we are looking forward to having more like them.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Nell V. Brannon attended the Home-coming at the University of Oregon.

GIRLS VISIT NEWBERG

Having received an invitation from our former schoolmate Vernon Lane to visit Newberg, Miss Morse and Mr. Matt took a group of girls to see George Fox college on Armistice Day. We arrived about two o'clock in the afternoon and took in the football game. It was an exciting game in the rain and we were very happy to see the George Fox Quakers defeat their opponents, Lewis and Clark. Vernon was playing for George Fox.

As we had one of our cheer leaders with us, we gave an Indian cheer for the George Fox college.

THE CARNIVAL

Confetti, streamers, telegrams, bingo and hot-dogs—all these fun-making activities, besides many more, went to make up the setting for Chemawa's all school carnival. During this gala evening school books were forgotten. Even the teachers, our principal, our superintendent, and all the other staff members joined in the fun making. The result, ah yes, that is very important to the student fund. When all the bills were paid there was the neat sum of \$290 to deposit.

ATTEND JUNIOR RED CROSS MEET

Christine Thompson, Caroline Millette, Irene Sicade, Thelma Dick, and Darlene Lozeau, accompanied by Mrs. Seawright, attended the Junior Red Cross Conference meet at the Hillsboro union high school in Hillsboro, Oregon, on the 29th of October. Mr. Don McCandless spoke on "Learning to Live in a World Community." The meeting was very educational and entertaining.

VISITS CHEMAWA STUDENTS

While on her recent trip to Tacoma Miss Cajete visited the following Chemawa students, who are in the Tacoma hospital: Jim Davis, Betty Brown, Lillian Mennick, Lucille Sampson, Herbert Pevo and Wallis Conrad. They all sent greetings to their school mates.

"WEBSTERLINGS"

Three sixth grade boys, Frederick Hugus, Allen LaPlant, and Franklin La Pena spelled over radio station KOAC, Corvallis, Oregon, on November 29 at 2:45 p.m.

Early-Day Hardships

Do we appreciate all the efforts that the early students of the Chemawa school put forth? The following is an excerpt from a letter of one of these first students, Mr. Clarence J. Duncan of Taholah, Wash., in which he writes:

"I was one of the first pupils at Chemawa from Forest Grove. Came to Forest Grove on November 26, 1884, Thanksgiving evening, with my brother and sister. In December, 1884, the girls' building burned to the ground. In 1885 the older boys went to Chemawa to prepare a place for the younger students. I was one of them—nine years old.

"The teachers trained us and we gave a concert at Hillsboro and at Portland, Salem, and then by special train to Brooks and back to Chemawa. This was in May.

"There were no habitable buildings at Chemawa then. The boys had only a shake building, no floor, and there were bunks upon bunks. Finally a barn was made into a schoolroom. In the meantime we worked to clear the ground, cut brush, grubbed and burned. The big boys got forty-five cents a day for felling the large trees and the small boys received four cents a day.

"The first graduation exercises were held on a platform covered by branches where the present mess hall now stands.

"In the year of 1886 the students went to Euola, three miles south of Salem, to pick hops. Half of our earnings went to buy the first piano the school ever had. Again in 1887 the students went hop picking and half of the proceeds were taken to buy the southeast corner of the grounds. At that time Lake Labish was there."

Think over the words of Mr. Duncan and think of the hardships he and the other boys and girls underwent to make Chemawa. Then you will know what we have to be thankful for and you will find it easier to do your details and other jobs to improve your school with a smile instead of a frown.—Joe Felsman, student editor.

Christmas Greetings
from Chemawa

