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DOWN ON THE FARM

The student class projects are, in spite of the cold weather, progressing nicely. Individual projects have been discontinued in favor of having all projects on a cooperative class basis. The projects consist of swine and calves.

The senior high grades, 10th, 11th and 12th, have added two new projects to their course. It is leather craft and plastic. One period is given each week to this work. The group is now busy making leather belts. The finished products will be serviceable and beautiful, we hope.

The Ag club gave a party in honor of Mr. Holmes. The boys prepared and served the lunch. Mr. Brush presented Mr. Holmes with a John B. Stetson hat, a gift from members of the Ag club.

According to the results of the tests held at the close of the first semester, the 9th graders took top honors with a class average of 88%. The 8th graders followed a close second having a class average of 86%. The 7th grade farmers had a class average of 80%.

The "Honor Roll," or boys receiving a grade of "A" in Ag are as follows: 7th graders — Dwight Blythe, Lyle Davis, James Morton, Allen Tahkeal, John Thorpe. 8th grade—Lawrence Head, Louis Jerry, Edward Lewis, Robert Patterson, Kenneth Thompson, Buddy Weiser, and Leonard Hahn.

The boys in the farm machinery department are practicing on repair of plows and discs. In the mechanics department the boys are practicing saw filing, tool handle fitting, and machinery painting. Orange is the color for the painting of all farm machinery.

New boys enrolled in the Ag classes for the second semester are Russel Billy, Charles Reed, Richard Thorpe, and Buddy Williams. The total enrollment in Ag courses up to date is 78.

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SENIOR REVELRY

On the eve of December 31, the members of the senior class were hosts and hostesses to employees and the entire student body. On that eventful evening one would have hardly recognized the gym with its gala decorations of over 2,000 silver stars hanging glittering at various heights from the ceiling. The Yule tree stood in the center of the floor and was aglow with Christmas lights and silver stars. The basketball baskets were filled with the future hopes of the seniors, their diplomas. The stage was unique with caricatures of each member of the class and their teacher, each of these caricatures was lighted by a small concealed electric bulb. Mr. Matt and his orchestra furnished the music for the gala event.

Grades one to four were entertained with games after which refreshments were served and each child was given a gaily striped candy cane. The game period was from 6:45 till 8:00 p.m. The upper grade Navajo groups, junior high, senior high and employees came at 8:00 p.m. for the dance. The upper grades and junior high and Navajo groups danced until 10:00 p.m. After refreshments they returned to their dormitories while the members of the senior high group continued their fun til 12:00 midnight when, to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and plenty of noise from the noisemakers, the old year was ushered out and the new year welcomed in, after which the dance ended.

The seniors wish to thank Mr. Matt, Miss LeDousquet and the student members of the orchestra for the lovely music that they furnished for the occasion.

PANCAKES! UM-UM

On the morning of Dec. 23 the members of the Ag club were all up bright and early and on their way to the club room. The occasion being breakfast, which was prepared by the Junior boys and Mrs. Noel. The menu consisted of bacon, eggs, hot cakes with butter, coffee and milk. Did the hot cakes disappear? Well, no one left exactly hungry.

ABE HOLMES RETIRES

Mr. Holmes, who has been connected with the Agricultural department for many years, retired from Indian Service on January 1, 1950. The Ag boys and employees are sorry to have Mr. Holmes leave and yet we are glad to know that now he may "take it easy" as a reward of his many years of service.

INDIAN CLUB PROGRAMS

A group of Chemawa students, organized to give programs of Indian tribal dances and songs, has recently appeared before audiences in Oswego and Salem, under the direction of Mrs. Louise Johannaber.

Letters of thanks have been received, one of which came from the Oregon state employees association. It reads, "The many favorable and enthusiastic comments concerning the beautiful costumes and the various dances, songs, and the trumpet duet, were indication that the program was greatly enjoyed by everyone."

The part that the students who gave the programs enjoyed, came at the end—the refreshments and treats.

Mrs. Johannaber and Miss Keetch were chaperones for the trips. The club's program consists of the following numbers: Northwest group, Mitrie Charley, Laritta Schapoy, Mabel Alberts, Catherine Alberts, and Delores Tashwick presented a Feather dance and an Eagle dance and sang the Owl song. Mr. Matt and Vincent Matt played a trumpet duet. Vincent danced the Eagle dance. Navajo group: James Yellowshirt, Phillip Wilson, Charlie Peshlaki, Thomas Peters, Jimmie Wilson, Guy Williams, and Tim Harry danced the Yabechi dance and the Round dance. Mary Ella Williams, Esther Cleveland, Thomas Peters, and Tim Harry appeared in a Feather dance and Squaw dance. Guy Eddie Bahi and Louis Silver Hat Band danced the Hoop dance, and Guy Eddie Bahi the Two Hoop dance.

THE NAVAJO TRAIL

Monday, Wednesday and Friday are club days for the Navajo group. One of the clubs in which there is much interest is the photography club under the supervision of Mr. French. The club so far has taken pictures of Brewer hall, and the football team.

The Brewer hall boys are very proud of the new addition to their building of a new Maytag washing machine. All the boys have been taught how to operate the machine.

A group of boys in Mrs. Edith Howard's room drew and painted a large map of the Chemawa campus. The map measures over seven feet in length. It is displayed on the bulletin board in their room. Mr. Smith, interpreter, helped the boys with this project.