

## THE CHEMAWA AMERICAN

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**MELODY LANE****CHOIR, CHORUS AND CLASS**

For their training in music, all Chemawa high school students belong to one of the three groups: choir, chorus, or class. The choir is working on music to be sung in a cappella style. The chorus sings a variety of songs. The class sings, but for the most part is a listening group. The choir and chorus will appear on programs during the remainder of the school year.

A new schoolroom piano has been purchased for use in the music room and is proving to be an incentive for better work as well as a source of enjoyment.

**GRADE SCHOOL BAND**

The grade band, pupils from grades 5, 6 and 7, met and organized January 25, under the direction of Mr. V. J. Matt. Seventy students expressed a desire to take band, of which forty-four passed their test and were chosen, the number being determined by the number of band instruments available. This is the first time since 1915 that Chemawa has had a second or grade school band. On February 21 the first instrument practice was held and at that time the following students were assigned instruments:

Cornets—Frank Pays, Allen Lplant, Rodney McAtty, Charles Wyman and Layfayette Jerry.

Clarinets—Ruth Goodwin, Florence Lewis, Shirley Edwards, Nancy Jerry, Walter Mose, Lorena Sohappy, Merlin Geary and Winona Aubrey.

Saxophones—Dwight Blythe, Thomas Hugues, John Thorpe, William Wyman and Billy Ives.

Altos—Henrietta Charles, Caroline Millett and Yvonne Yopez.

**N.E.F.F.E. HOLD MEETING**

A regular meeting of the N.E.F.F.E. was held in Kola Tepee February 16. There were about twenty-four members in attendance. After a short business meeting the group played cootie, high prizes for the evening going to Mrs. James and Mrs. Ashcutt for the ladies, and to Mr. Matt and Mr. Angus for the men. A delicious lunch was served by the refreshment committee.

Dr. Louis Fisher, government dentist, is again in Chemawa. He has his dental clinic in the Old Surgery room on the second floor of the hospital.

Miss Mary Janssen, R.N., has recently joined the Chemawa staff. She replaces Miss Pita Cajeti who transferred to Riverside, California, in December. Miss Janssen comes from the University of Oregon school of nursing in Portland.

**BREWER HALL**

Brewer hall, in which the Navajo boys live, is divided into four units, each unit has an officer and a leader. Two boys from each unit go to the dining room and two go to the school building to help on detail. These boys are changed every two weeks.

Brewer hall has joined the other dormitories in having unit award trips. Unit one won two trips and unit two won the last award which was a show in Salem. There will be a room award at the end of the school year, that will be for the best kept room of the year.

The boys are very proud of the new furniture they have received for their reading room. They are enjoying the study room which Mr. McDonald and his boys painted.

Baritones—Pearl Washington, Luella Sequins and Leonard Quinelle.

Trombones — Frederick Hugues, Lloyd Sanders and Lyle Davis.

Basses—Anna Mae McJoe, Delores Williams and Rose McDougall.

Drums—Ramona Calvin, Maxine Elwell, Annabell Baker, Beverly Morin, Christine Thompson and Lavenia Johnson.

Majorettes—Beatrice Ramos, Regina Godawa, Florence Sorondo, Jessie Hancarne, Juanita Hopper, Themer Perry, Clara Ives and Sarah Brown.

**GRADE WHISPERINGS****FIFTH GRADE ASSEMBLY**

The fifth grade gave an assembly program on February 2. "We hold These Truths," was the title. It was about different nationalities of people who settled in our country. Delvin Seaman, Billy Sealy, Lee Stone, Juanita Hopper, Irvin Lewis, Levi Wilbur, Frank Lane and Johnny McCash had speaking parts. The other members of the class were the chorus. They sang songs of different countries. We all enjoyed working on our program.—Irvin Lewis, 5th Grade.

**OUR LAMBS**

We have little lambs. One little lamb has a black nose. When the mother goes out to eat grass the little lambs follow her. They wag their little tails back and forth. The sheep girls said that the little lambs had their tails cut off. We like to watch the lambs with the mother sheep. Every time we go down to see the sheep we always wish we had a camera so that we could take their pictures. We have put the mother sheep and her two babies in one pen and the other four sheep in another pen.—Arlene Webster, Grade 4.

**Giant Tree Crashes**

Wednesday morning Feb. 8 early risers were surprised to see one of the campus 125-foot fir trees peacefully resting across the roof of the Johannaber residence. The tree fell across the apartment occupied by Mrs. Gayle Fischer, payroll clerk. Mrs. Fischer was sleeping in the room at the time and narrowly escaped being crushed by the tree. Mrs. Fischer was suddenly awakened about 5 a.m. to find herself covered with plaster and a huge tree branch beside her in bed. A small night table beside the bed was completely smashed.

The tree has been removed and repair men have fixed the damaged roof.

The picture shows Mrs. Fischer looking at the roof of her sleeping porch.