

SHOP TALK

The shoe shop boys have been very busy trying to keep up with their work along with keeping the smaller boys well groomed. The shoe shop is losing Mike Pelletier to the armed forces. Our instructor, Mr. Ashcutt, had his first call but since he was rejected he is now waiting for his second call.

Rodney Davis is changing shops. He is transferring to agriculture from the shoe shop. This leaves Delford and Ray to carry on and help in the instruction of new boys. Out of the seven boys in the shoe shop, John Thorpe, 8th grade, and Sammy Goodwin, 9th grade, are making very rapid progress.

The auto shop has been doing a good business lately repairing practically all the farm vehicles, especially those that get the most use. We have also put a new engine in one of our school buses. This is the season of the year when it is necessary to put anti-freeze in all the cars. The carpenters are remodeling the class room in the auto shop and adding a main office and stock-room. The carpenters have also repaired one of the outside doors.

There are three boys in the plumbing class—Franklin Lewis, Archie Foster and Merlin Geary. Our instructor is Mr. Harold Springer.

The fore part of the year we acquainted ourselves with the use of tools, shop practices, safety methods and a study of the plumbing trade. At the present we are doing sheet metal work and accomplishing the art of soldering.

BREWER HALL

November 6, the Brewer hall boys held their first House meeting for the school term. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers. The following boys were elected: Timothy Benally, president; Roland Widehot, vice-president; Forrest Addison, secretary. A discussion followed of things that boys must do and must not do at Chemawa. Everyone enjoyed the meeting. The next meeting is set for the 20th of November.

President Timothy called this meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Shipshoe and Mr. Tso were present to help get the meeting started. Some of the things discussed were cleanliness, keeping up the yard, care of the ironing board, keeping rooms neat and beds made.

Mr. Tso gave a brief review of the war news. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

As practice work we are learning to clean clogged drains, fix showers, repair simple fittings and replace worn washers in faucets. As a project we are making collector heads for the down spouts on the electric shop.

This little scene and conversation took place between two of the carpenter boys the other morning. The boys were Ernest Lewis and Clifford Matt.

Ernest and Clifford were building a shed. Ernest would pick up a nail and drive it into the side of the shed, then he would pick up another nail, look at it and throw it away. This kept going on for quite a few minutes and finally Cliff said, "Ernest, why are you throwing all those nails away?" Ernest answered, "Why, the heads are all on the wrong ends." To which Cliff responded, "Why, you dope, those nails are alright. The heads are not on the wrong ends, they are just for the other side of the shed."

Alfred Hawk thinks he is going to be a lawyer some day as he is studying Ohm's law. Speaking of labor troubles, Robert Kirk has been on a strike ever since he entered the electric shop.

Radios have been the main project for the boys in the electric shop for rainy days, along with helping to install a new 400 amp. service and panel in the high school building. We hope the building will have lights all the time, now.

YOUR SCHOOL PAPER

Come on all shops, dormitories, farm, Navajo, grade and all academic classes and back up your school paper. We would like to have you contribute some interesting articles for the Chemawa American. We don't have the opportunity to visit your class rooms, the farm or shops and listen to your interesting program of work, so we have no way of knowing the interesting things that are going on unless your reporters write up these articles. When this is done they are published in the school paper which we can all read and then enjoy your work, too. In the next issue of the Chemawa American, let's read all the items of interest going on around our campus. Let's have a bigger and better representation of every unit on the campus.—Sylvia Winnier.

MELODY LANE

The A Cappella Choir is working hard and hopes to make considerable progress this year. There are 43 members, 21 of which are new this year.

The choir sings in four parts—first soprano, second soprano, alto, and bass. At the present time parts practice separately and once in two weeks sing together to check on the progress. Later on there will be more group rehearsals.

The 9a and 10a Chorus made its first appearance at the Sophomore assembly program. They sang a cappella in three parts—soprano, alto and bass. Their numbers were "Morning" and "Our Country." This chorus has made a good beginning and we hope to hear from them again soon.

The Eleventh grade Girls' Chorus meets twice a week. They take a keen interest in their work and are making improvement in pitch and tone quality. They sing a variety of songs—popular music and part songs.

The afternoon boys' chorus is a large group. They take part in several music activities, listening to recordings, singing for fun, and practicing to learn to sing bass.

DOWN ON THE FARM

All the prune trees, with the exception of three rows, are being pulled out of the orchard. This work is being done by the students on the farm. The farm boys are also sorting apples in the root house and delivering them to the kitchen, grade school and dormitories.

Cleve Vedito, one of the dairymen, was on the sick list for a few days, but is now back on the job.

The Sophomore, Junior and Senior boys held their first Ag Club meeting November 29th.

WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT OREGON

I like Oregon state because it is a green state. There are lots of fruits, vegetables, forests, minerals, fish, manufacturing and many other things here.

I like Oregon because it is close to the ocean and it is very cool. People in Oregon state are very nice and kind. I like Oregon state because there is always a job for me during the winter months. Every evening after school I go to work and earn money.

There are many other reasons why I like Oregon, but the ones I have told you about are the best ones.—Jane J. Badoni.