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Junior Red Cross Conference

Chemawa was represented at a Junior Red Cross conference in Portland, by Charles Tellier, Christine Thompson, Yvonne Choate, and Lonnie Racehorse, high school students, and Mrs. Ruth Seawright and Miss Lucy Hendricks of the staff. The conference was held at the Parkrose Senior High School on October 31.

Those attending the conference were assigned to discussion groups. Topics discussed in sectional meetings attended by Chemawa students were **How to Get Students Interested in Junior Red Cross**, **How to Give Junior Red Cross Assemblies**, **Local Services of the Junior Red Cross**, and **Junior Red Cross Scrapbooks**.

Second Year Navajo Group Elect Officers

The second year group of Navajo students, taught by Mrs. Carol Y. Smith, has elected the following officers: president, Delores Mae Billy; vice-president, Betty Jones; secretary - treasurer, Lula Mae Duffy.

STUDENT EDITORIALS

School Is What We Make It

The conduct of Chemawa students has been very good this year. Most of us have developed a better way of living among ourselves as well as with our teachers, matrons, and advisers. We have worked on improving our manners. Most of us have been studying hard. If we all keep up the good work, the school year of 1953-1954 will be one of Chemawa's best.

Jay Harwood

Thanksgiving

I am thankful for many things: to be able to live in a free and wonderful land away from wars and fighting; to be able to go to school, learn a vocation, and be with a group of wonderful people; to always have enough food, and a clean room to go to when I am tired; with a good bed for resting and a radio and books for relaxation; to have someone to guide me and help keep me from wrong.

John Thorpe

I hope you will understand what I have to say. We are afraid sometimes to ask our teachers about our work in school. That is why I thought about writing an article.

Don't be afraid to do things that are hard for you to do, to ask questions, or be afraid to admit that you made a mistake. It is natural that you should have fear in you. The thing that is bad is to be afraid of finishing the job or taking the medicine when you don't do right.

Suppose you do get punished, or suppose you take a fall when you slide down hill. That is what you mustn't be afraid of. Being afraid of something makes you act stiff and unhappy. So when you are in some kind of difficulty, tell the truth and try to find out how to do better next time. Also, if you will loosen up your muscles, you won't be so awkward and you'll feel better. The same thing can be applied to all kinds of situations.—like going to a party where you don't know people.

If you can lick your fears in life you'll have a better time, do a better job, and be liked.

Raymond T. Charles

German Visitors' Voices Recorded

On December 2 some teachers from Germany came to visit Chemawa. They came into the room with Mr. Bramlet when the seventh and eighth grade boys were having singing. They asked what we were singing and we told them it was **Twelve Days of Christmas**.

They offered to sing for us and we said we would like that. The women sang some German songs for us. One of them was **O Tannenbaum**. We sing that song. It is **O Christmas Pine**. Mrs. Johannaber asked them if they would sing **Stille Nacht**. She asked if she could record their singing. They said, "Yes, you may." They sang **Silent Night** in their own words and it sounded beautiful. We can hear it now on the recorder.

The visitors spent half an hour in our room. Two of them took pictures of all the boys, and pictures of Levine Punkin and Richard Thompson.

Some of the boys were saying that it's lucky we were in the music class or we wouldn't have seen the Germans and heard them sing. Davis said, "I never saw a woman or man from Germany. I will never forget that day."

Seventh Grade Has Program

On Friday, December 2, we had a little program in the seventh grade. It lasted about forty-five minutes. Elsie McJoe and Geraldine Jones were the chairmen.

It was a very good program. Norma McKenzie and Priscilla Sackta said poems. There was a lot of singing by Marcus Luke, Elsie McJoe, Geraldine Jones, Joseph Frank, and Robert Luton. Marcella Punkin told a little story and Marcus Luke told some jokes. Marcus played the harmonica too.

We all enjoyed the program very much and are glad that we will have another one Friday, December 18. Betty Kennerly and Madeline Edmo are the chairmen.