

HEALTH CENTER

Laberta Swartz, Reporting

What a Happy New Year! the Health Center, with Dr. Nelson in charge, started 1963 with scalpel in hand and this is what happened: Leo Ayuluk and Loretta James lost their appendix early in January.

Mae Tsinijinnie had surgery on her feet. Freddy Lamemann had surgery on his neck. Lena Begay had ear surgery.

Lester Henry has been in the hospital since December 19th. He would enjoy letters from his classmates.

Just to keep things going Solomon Slooko had his appendix removed February 3rd. Albert Kiligvuk had an appendectomy. Wilson Deschene lost his appendix also. John Glass had a tonsillectomy. Dorothy Towsjnea had ear surgery. Virginia Begay went to Portland to have eye surgery.

In the midst of all this flurry a new dental assistant arrived to make her home with Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Baker. Little Miss Baker weighed in at 7 pounds 6 ounces.

Mrs. Browning is teaching health to two groups of girls. In the classroom is a life sized plastic skeleton. How funny we look without skin! The county health department loaned us their survival kit. It is well to know how to help yourself and others in a shelter situation if this should ever be necessary.

The X-ray unit made another visit to Chemawa on the morning of February 14th. We are certain now that everyone has had an X-ray.

Just when we thought we had all taken care of Jane Rose Lee had an appendectomy.

HERDING SHEEP

Last summer my brother herded the sheep for my sister. I didn't herd sheep because I helped my sister clean the house and wash the clothes.

My little brother didn't like herding the sheep because he was lazy. I don't like that. Sometimes I helped and herded the sheep with my sister. She always wanted to play.

I said, "Don't play around because you are herding the sheep."

She said, "I like to play."

Then I said, "You are not a little girl, you are a big girl now."

I don't like to have my sister be like that. Maybe she would like to go to school. Lucy Littlesalt.

TRIP TO SILVERTON HIGH

On February 11th, about twenty students from Chemawa were invited to go to a special assembly at Silverton High School.

When we got there the officers of the school divided us into two groups and took us for a half-hour tour around the building. The school building is large and attractive. It is located right in the middle of a district where there are many pretty homes. I wondered if some of the students didn't live in some of those nice homes.

We visited some of the classes. The class that got my attention was the typing class. I recalled the time when a few other girls and I took an evening typing class at St. Mary's.

Later we went out to the auditorium. Only the higher classes in the school came to the assembly. We were introduced by our guides. Some of the staff members spoke then Mr. Levio, an 84 year old former Montana congressman, spoke. He told of his close relationship he has had with many tribes of American Indians. We were amazed to see part of his Indian collection of souvenirs from his many Indian friends. I wished that all the other Chemawa students could have seen them. We really enjoyed the trip.

Marie L Chickoyak.

SLIDES

On January 22, Miss Edna Haliburton was in our classroom to show us how to take care of our teeth. Miss Haliburton showed us slides about teeth. They are temporary teeth when we are toddlers. She showed us how to keep our teeth in good health like we are supposed to do. Miss Haliburton showed us how to brush our teeth up and down.

Lillian Johnson.

OUR ROOMS

We boys are cleaning our rooms every morning soon after we wake up. First we sweep the floor and then shine it with rags. We keep our rooms shined up all the time.

Every morning we have inspection of our rooms in all four units. If all the boys in a unit have clean rooms they will have a unit party.

Albert Arthur Woody.

It looks as though the billiard tournament will be finished yet. The missing balls have not been found but Mr. Bartlett has some extra ones just in case something like this happened.

OUR FIRST SNOW

We had our first snow January 28th. It began to snow quite early in the morning. The boys and girls are exceedingly happy because Chemawa got its first snow this winter. They like to play in the snow and throw snowballs.

The Alaskan boys and girls were very happy. They jumped around in the snow and were very happy as you could tell by their laughing.

The Navajo boys and girls were not quite so happy. Maybe they are too used to hot summers. These were our feelings as we watched the first winter snow fall on the campus.

Richard Charley.

When I looked out the window and saw it snowing I felt like I was at home only the snow is not lots yet and it is not deep. It reminded me of skis and rides with the dog teams. I also thought of how little two and four years old children run over the top of the snow, sometimes they fall down.

Simeon Kyakwak.

When it snows too much at home we cannot go to school. We stay home until it clears.

Esther Pungowiya.

At home the winter day is nice and the sky is beautiful. The men go to the ocean to hunt. When I came to Chemawa I thought that it would never snow because the weather was so warm.

Leonard Raymond.

I asked my friends Dora and Esther if they knew why the snow came. They both said, "No."

I said, "This is my birthday. The snow is my birthday present."

Billie Soplu.

ART

Those of us who are interested have been taking an art class in Mr. Oetinger's room during our study period.

There is much to be learned about art.

We have had some finger painting. In finger prints we make fancy designs with our fingers and palms of our hands. We have learned to use the Japanese brush. My favorite kind of art is abstract drawing. It is to express the mood you are in or express your feelings. Taking an art class is really interesting and lots of fun.

Marie Kozevenikoff.