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CHEMAWA CELEBRATES 84th BIRTHDAY

February 27-28, Chemawa celebrated her 84th birthday. The traditional pageant of native dances "Drum Beats from the Past," was presented for students February 26 and for the public the following two days.

Navaho and Eskimo dances which are passed on from one generation to the next were presented in authentic costumes. There were 13 Navaho dances and 5 Eskimo. Visitors not only from the Salem area but from Portland, Eugene and many other cities attended. The dancers especially enjoyed performing at the matinees which were held for school children from many distant towns.

One group came all the way from Grand Ronde. The enthusiasm of the audiences and continued interest, makes us feel that the Chemawa Indian School holds a valued place among Oregon people.

Founded in 1880 by Lt. Wilkinson, Chemawa Indian School has grown from its original enrollment of 18 students to an enrollment of 875 during the year 1963-64. The original school at Forest Grove burned and the school was moved to its present location 5 miles north of Salem. During her existence more than 15,000 students have sought education at Chemawa. Today Chemawa is the oldest, continuously operated federal boarding school in the United States. Each year many former students return, for the celebration.

Margaret Kittick



L-R: Supt. Walters; Mrs. Nell Brannon, principal; Mr. Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Miss Koske, Academic Head; Mr. Holtz, Area Director.

Commissioner Nash Is Chemawa Visitor

McBRIDE TEEN CLUB ENTERTAINS SPONSORS

During the past 4 years a Salem group has sponsored the McBride Teeners Club. One Saturday each month they meet for a planned activity. For the January meeting the McBride girls entertained their sponsoring group at a "Fry Bread" lesson. Mrs. Benally and 3 of the girls showed the guests how to make "fry bread". After this each had an opportunity to make bread, and coffee was served. The girls seemed to enjoy this very much.

AG ASSEMBLY PRESENTED

The Agriculture Department put on the January general assembly for the school. The five areas of instruction presented demonstrations showing materials they were studying and what they do in class.

The last 20 minutes presented a film made and showed on the State College TV station.

Herman Lee

The month of January was honored by the visit of Mr. Philo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. His office is in Washington, D. C. Though his visit was short, students enjoyed meeting and talking with him and he visited every part of the campus. Several of the students had the opportunity to eat breakfast with Mr. Nash. Take note students: Mr. Nash ate everything on his tray.

After visiting the campus, there was a general assembly and reception. Mr. Nash gave an inspiring speech, one which should interest each student. He stated he was pleased with what he saw on our campus. The need for more and more education was one of his points.

Mr. Nash is the first Commissioner of Indian Affairs to visit the campus in many years. We hope he will be able to return quite soon.

Henry Barber