

This is Chemawa Indian school's 1950 senior class. It is shown working during a study period in its modern classroom. In the background instructing a pupil is the 12th grade teacher, Beatrice Morse.

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By Lester F. Cour Valley Editor. The Statesman

CHEMAWA, Feb. 18 - Pretty Quaempts, 14, a freshman and sis- first grade school graduates re- Operated by the federal govern- outstanding athletes, furnishes Indian maids, dressed in their na-tive tribal costumes, ruled at Che-mawa Indian school, Saturday mawa Indian school, sturday when the institution four miles the fertile Labish farm area, was proved in 1927.

north of Salem celebrated its 70th founded at Forest Grove Feb. 25, The school today includes more than 30 buildings, including class-Queen Eleanor Charley, 17, of first buildings were located on a rooms, dormitories, staff houses, demic and vocational training Faculty members at Chemawa the Walla Walla-Yakima Indian four-acre tract owned by Pacific gymnasium and a dining room. Its program. Reading, writing and believe the destiny of Indians in tribe, is number one figure for the university.

high school, she has been at Che- Forest Grove site, and five years in the early 1900s. nawa 10 years. Princesses in Queen Eleanor's cation at Chemawa. The first class students 70 years ago, Chemawa each gressional budget cut in 1948, but mawa 10 years. royal court are Georgianna, 18, was graduated from the present now has an annual enrollment av- year with a knowledge of the fun- action by Willamette valley citi-Craig, Alaska, a senior; Loretta school in 1886 after completing the eraging 600 pupils from Indian damentals of carpentering, print- zens restored the appropriation af-Quaempts, 17, Pendleton, a junior; equivalent of a sixth-grade course. tribes of Oregon, Washington, ing, mechanics, farming and ter a long fight.

Isabelle Patchpe, 17, Nespelem, In 1888, another two years were Idaho, Montana, California, New home economics. Journalism stu- Many noted Indian citizens are

Wash., a sophomore, and Martina added to the curriculum and the Mexico and Arizona. 1947.

picturesque campus is generously arithmetic are the main subjects, the northwest is closely tied with special ceremonies. A junior in The school soon outgrew its dotted with stately trees planted but boys and girls are also offer- continued existence of the school,

ed a full program of vocational The famous institution was thre :-

enviable record throughout the

dents under the instruction of Be- numbered among the school's atrice Morse, eighth grade teach- graduates, and Superintendent er, publish a newspaper and an Kelley believes many more out-outstanding yearbook, the Che- standing leaders will leave Chemawa American. mawa's classrooms in the future.

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Probably the most eager among pupils at the Chemawa Indian school are these Navajo Indian chil-dren, shown receiving spelling instruction from their teacher, Mrs. Grayce Burley. The youngsters from Arizona and New Mexico are progressing rapidly under special instruction. None of them could speak English until this year.



This small group, shown in an old photo, is the 1904 graduating class at Chemawa Indian school. Standing from the left are Haynes DeWitt, William Blodgett, Lulu Beach. Jesse Crook and Percy Johnson; seated from the left are Olloise Sullivan, Faye Charles, Emma Williams, Cecelia Johnson and Blanche Davis. Several are still alive and residents of the northwest.



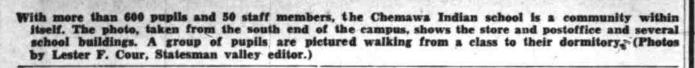
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