

"See you again"

## Mrs. Lee says "Jai Jien" to Warm Springs

by Donna Behrend

Ching-Ye Lee, who has been the Public Health nutritionist in Warm Springs for nearly seven years, ended that successful career today.

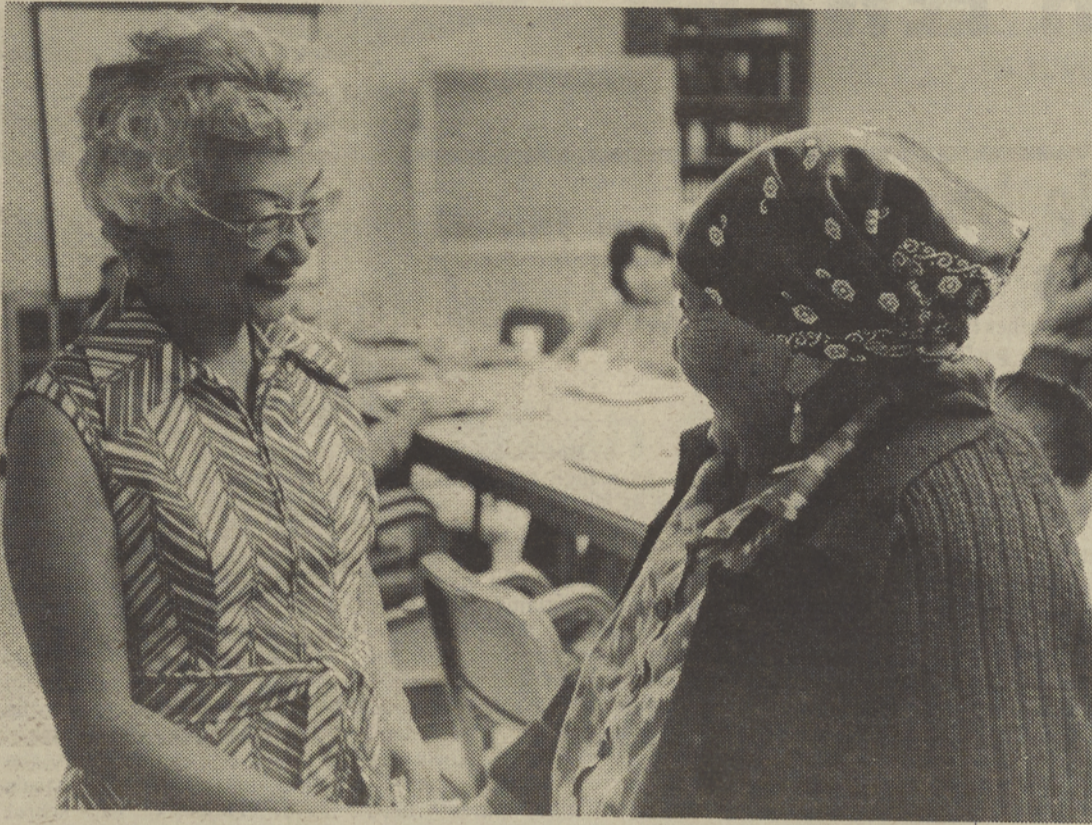
"My husband says I've been gone long enough," said the Chinese-born nutritionist. "We have a very good understanding concerning each other's careers."

Ching-Ye, as she is most often called, came to America from China when she was in her late teens. Her family moved to the East coast so the children could attend the Ivy League schools. "They were the only schools we had ever heard of while in China," she explained.

Mrs. Lee did her graduate training at Columbia University in New York. She received her Master of Science in Nutrition in 1945 and later returned to acquire her Masters in Nutrition Education in 1952.

Prior to Mrs. Lee's arrival, Warm Springs was without a nutrition specialist and therefore used the services of the OSU Extension office for basic nutrition needs and aides. But with her arrival here in 1971, Ching-Ye brought many hours of experience and knowledge in that field with the understanding that it would take about five years to set up successful and workable nutrition programs.

Not only has she helped organize the MCH (Maternal Child Health) program, but she



AND MAGGIE SAYS "THANKS" — Ching Ye Lee, Warm Springs nutritionist for nearly seven years, said farewell to Maggie Wewa at a recent diabetic clinic. Mrs. Lee will leave Warm Springs this weekend for her new home in Maryland via the Southwestern states. Mrs. Lee has been responsible for several successful nutrition programs with the clinic. DLB Photo

has helped with dietary management for those with nutrition-related health problems. Ching-Ye has developed several other programs involving young

mothers, older tribal members and the Day Care and Headstart programs, as well. Her main goal is to initiate good health through good eating habits.

Her best known and most frequently used program is the diabetic clinic which is available to over 80 reservation residents with varying degrees of diabetes. An average of 14 deabetics

attend the monthly clinics at which Mrs. Lee offers advice and helpful hints for those troubled with managing their diets to fit around their family's meals.

Mrs. Lee also works at the Yakima Public Health clinic at one-week stints eight to ten times a year. "They have three times the population at Yakima, and they really need a full-time nutritionist and two assistants to handle the job," Mrs. Lee notes.

Eating habits have changed noticeably on the reservation since Mrs. Lee's arrival. A lot of people were buying junk food with very little nutritional value. "But now," according to Waldron Lesert at Macy's, "people are asking for more of a variety in fresh vegetables and fruits." Now, instead of just lettuce and tomatoes for salads, people are adding avacados, cucumbers, and other things.

Not only did Ching-Ye take time to teach her clients better eating and food-buying habits, but she also learned about the culture and crafts done by many people here. She learned to beadwork from Caroline (Tohet) and "when I was on vacation in China last year, I bought pounds of beads. They were much less expensive there than here."

Mrs. Lee will be driving the 3,000 miles to her husband's home in Maryland. PHS administration plans to hire another nutritionist in the near future, but Ching-Ye herself, is irreplaceable.

## Photography Added to Indian Art Show

All Indian artists are encouraged to attend and participate in this year's fifth annual art show of the Washington State Indian Artists' Association (WSIAA). It will be held at the Stanley Smartlowit Education Center Gymnasium in Toppenish, Washington November 9th through 12.

A new category in this year's show is the photography contest. Contemporary and old photos as well as an "open" class will be featured. Photographers may enter their own selections, and prizes will go to the top entry in each category.

Cash awards and ribbons will be awarded in the different class divisions which include professional, high school, grade

school and pre-school. The show will be held in conjunction with the Veterans' Day Powwow. WSIAA president Nathan Olney Jr. stresses that all Indian artists are invited to the Northwest showing.

There will be no entry fee and tables for display will be available. Displays will be set up beginning at 8 a.m. November 9, and doors open to the public at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

A raffle will be conducted, with acrylics, watercolors and jewelry as prizes. Special guest artists and Honorary Member Bill DaVee will be honored during the show.

WSIAA was formed by five Yakima tribal artists who wanted to see more Indian

involvement in public art shows, and to provide a format for Indian artists to show their work together.

"Prizes will also be given in the 'best booth' display, and this year the new category is added, so we expect a lot of photographers to enter," said Olney.

Some of the artwork expected to be shown includes contemporary, traditional and abstract Indian paintings, etchings, pen and ink drawings, and portraits. Acrylics and silverwork, as well as other handicrafts will be entered in the show.

For more information contact Nathan Olney, Jr. at 865-3310 or Leroy Colfax at the Johnson-O'Malley Department in Toppenish.

## Construction Problems Delay Completion of HUD Housing

by Cynthia Stowell

Dozens of families are awaiting the completion of fifty HUD units, begun nearly a year and a half ago and scheduled to be occupied last spring.

Among these units are thirty homes in West Hills and a senior citizens' complex above Elliot Heights.

"Very little progress" has been made on the thirty HUD units in recent weeks, said construction officer Les Yaw, and efforts are being focused on the senior citizens' homes which were to have had their final inspection June 15.

The project, plagued with problems since the outset, is now being delayed because the Tribes and the contractor, Marshall and Dana, cannot agree on construction details. Having reached an impasse in direct negotiations, the two parties are communi-

cating by means of lawyers, a time-consuming alternative.

The main problem presently is the sprinkler system at the senior citizens' complex. Yaw does not want anyone to move into the houses, which are "basically complete," until the system is hooked up properly because the tenants would be without water while the work is being done. In the meantime, the shrubs and other landscaping are dying for lack of water, he said.

Vandalism has hit the complex, a situation that will worsen as long as the homes are left unoccupied, Yaw said. Broken windows are difficult to replace, delaying the project that much more.

The HUD project has a long history of problems, beginning in April of 1977 when contractors' bids were coming in too high because of HUD's low prototype

cost for such dwellings. The senior citizens' homes got off to a bad start when the foundations were discovered to be faulty and another sub-contractor had to be found.

Several waves of vandalism hit the nearly completed units in West Hills that summer and fall, setting the construction schedule back. Now the finishing touches are being held up while Dana and the Tribes attempt to resolve their differences.

Yaw said that termination of the contract would be a "drastic step" that would result in lengthy litigation, and the Tribes are not interested in taking that course of action.

"All I want is fifty homes built," he said wearily, while wading through the HUD red tape that apparently lies between him and completion.

Yaw was unable to give an expected date of occupancy.



"THAT TALL?" — Over forty young children registered for HeadStart last week, keeping PHS staff busier than usual doing the required physicals. Charlie Switzler, son of Eileen Switzler, was in a teasing mood while being weighed by Madeline McInturf. His balloon burst later however, after finding he had to have his finger pricked for a blood test. DLB Photo