

Heppner postal clerks get special achievement awards



An incentive award for special achievement was given by Heppner Postmaster Ken Nairns to Heppner Post Office clerks last week for their hard work to keep mail moving without interruption after the Post Office burned down in a May 4 fire. Each received a letter and a \$250 award

from the postmaster on behalf of the U.S. Postal Service.

Postmaster Ken Nairns is pictured with clerks Irene Bonner (left), Lorraine Ball, Floss Watkins and Bonnie Campbell.

School dist. announces lunch guidelines

Morrow County School District has announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and the school district office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

For 1983-84
Free Meals

Household Size	Yr. Mo.	Wk.
1	6,318	527 122
2	8,502	709 164
3	10,686	891 206
4	12,870	1,073 248
5	15,054	1,255 290
6	17,238	1,437 332
7	19,422	1,619 374
8	21,606	1,801 416
	+2,184	+182 +42

For each additional family member

Reduced Price Meals

Household Size	Yr. Mo.	Wk.
1	8,991	750 173
2	12,099	1,009 233
3	15,207	1,268 293
4	18,315	1,527 353
5	21,423	1,786 412
6	24,531	2,045 472
7	27,639	2,304 532
8	30,747	2,563 592
	+3,108	+259 +60

For each additional family member

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time

during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; social security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one; total household income; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. Households are required to report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, building principals will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the principal, he may wish to discuss the decision at the school on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to M.P. Doherty, Superintendent, M.C.S.D., Box 368, Lexington, Oregon 97836; (phone 989-8202), for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals if the family income falls at or below levels shown above.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

Oregon Chautauqua '83 to come to Heppner and Ione

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

This fall three Oregon Chautauqua '83 programs are scheduled for Morrow County under the Oregon Committee for the Humanities. Some persons are not familiar with the concept of chautauqua. Others here recall how delightful the yearly offerings were when each summer these programs were arranged under a big tent on Heppner's lower Main Street. They recall there was a wide variety of programs including plays, lectures, comic performances, demonstrations by special artists and other family-type amusements.

Della Scrivner says "We just loved to come to those programs. When my boys were little we all came in to the tent shows and the boys and other children sat in the front rows." Irene Anhorn remembers seeing these programs as a child. She says the tent was on a corner where carnivals also setup business at other times. Jane Rawlins was very young when she attended a chautauqua performance of a fascinating play with her family.

Chautauqua is a system of summer school and correspondence school education founded at Chautauqua Lake, N.Y. The term also refers to traveling groups, called Tent Chautauquas. The first assembly was held at Chautauqua lake in August 1874 and was conceived by the Rev John H. Vincent, a Methodist clergyman.

The programs which came regularly to Heppner were part of the Tent Chautauqua, traveling groups that operated in the United States from 1903 until 1930. They moved from town to town giving a program of lectures, concerts and plays in a large tent. These traveling groups brought shows of mixed quality to the people of

rural areas. Their popularity decreased with the invention of radio, the cinema and television.

Since 1980, the chautauqua has been revived and presented annually by the Oregon Committee for the Humanities in cooperation with local sponsors. Chautauqua acts - illustrated lectures, music, and drama - will show that "Learning can be fun," said Carolyn Buan, project coordinator. According to Buan, "The original chautauquas were a blend of intellectual stimulation, views of other

cultures and vaudeville." This flavor has been retained in the current offerings.

This year's presentations will focus on the use of masks around the world; the Hispanic influence in Oregon; the fool as social critic and healer; Genghis Khan, world conqueror; women and Greek mythology; and the Celtic tradition in story and song.

Scheduled for Heppner and Ione are: Celtic Tradition on September 1, 7:30 p.m., Heppner Junior High School (See related story); Masks of the World on September 13, 1:30

p.m., Heppner Grade School; Masks of the World on September 13, 10:30 a.m., Ione School; and The Fool on September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Ione School.

Local co-sponsors for Oregon Chautauqua '83 include: the Heppner - Ione Branch of A.A.U.W., Abrams, Kuhn and Spicer, attorneys and Lexington Machine Works.

Exchange guest from Taiwan to visit here

By BIRDINE TULLIS
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Shu-Ling Yen, a professional rural youth leader (P.R.Y.L.E.) exchange guest from Taiwan will be arriving in Morrow County in early September for approximately one month's visit.

Shu-Ling is a specialist for Council for Agricultural Planning and Development. In this position she plans the rural youth program and agricultural mass communication program.

A city dweller, her home is in Taipei, Taiwan. She speaks, in addition to her native

language, both Japanese and English.

While in Morrow County, Shu-Ling will be available to visit with any group, and she is particularly interested in 4-H programs. She will stay at the Tullis Ranch near Ione and with the Roger Palmer family in Eightmile area.

The P.R.Y.L.E. program is conducted by the National 4-H Council in support of the 4-H programs of the Extension Service. The program is similar to I.F.Y.E., with the exception that exchangees are individuals working in youth programs in their homeland.

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