

# Senior Citizens Enjoy Housing Tour

A special dinner and a bus tour of local housing projects highlighted an afternoon planned especially for senior citizens here at Warm Springs August 9.

And it was an enjoyable get-together accented with laughter and joking and the remembering of old times.

But there was thought of the future, too, as questions and concerns were raised regarding the new Senior Citizen housing now under construction in Elliott Heights.

The gathering, planned by Neda Greene and Carol Craig, provided an opportunity for the older people to learn first-hand (and in their own language) what the new senior citizen housing will be like and how the project is progressing.

With Bernice Mitchell translating, Housing Manager Elton Greeley said he was glad to see so many present because he believes it is impor-

tant that those who will be living in the new homes be in on the tour, see the layout and setting of the houses, and understand what has been planned.

Greeley explained that the 20 two-bedroom homes, located in the area above the Full Gospel Church, have been designed with Senior Citizens in mind. Verbena Greene had helped plan what is going into the units, he noted.

Each home will have a dry shed and a wood firestove. Greeley said that at first HUD balked at the idea of wood stoves, but finally agreed after a hassle.

Included in the project is a centrally located community building with a sauna and whirlpool bath, a patio with umbrellas, a dining area to accommodate about 70 people, and an old-style sweathouse if desired.

Many of the senior citizens

Senior Citizens had a good time on an August 9 bus tour of local housing projects. The full bus included (left to right); Lizzie Pitt, Ada



Sooksoit, Norval Tufti, Delia LeClair, Naomi Winishut, and tour guide Elton Greeley.

(Sandy Rangila Photo)

have been subject to rumors about the construction of the

houses. Greeley explained that there had been problems with work done on the foundations but many of those foundations have been removed and the outfit which did the unacceptable work is no longer with the project. A new sub-contractor has been hired.

Corrective measures have been taken and the houses will be safe and built properly, the way they're supposed to be constructed, according to Greeley.

A spirit of good humor prevailed during the bus tour which included a visit to the senior citizen housing site, the new tribal apartments, and the HUD homes being built in West Hills.

It was apparent that the senior citizens liked the location and setting of their new homes. The commanding view of the community prompted one lady to observe jokingly, "We'll be able to watch our grandchildren in West Hills and see if they are behaving." Another suggested binoculars, or maybe even a tramway to the community center.

But Lizzie Pitt is worried about the slow progress of the project. "I'm looking forward

to moving there," she said, "but I'm afraid I'll be dead by the time it's built. It's just going too slow." (It is estimated that the project will be completed in March or April of 1978)

There was also concern about curbing through traffic. "That is the reason it is a one-way street in and a dead-end road with no loops," said Neda Greene.

The next leg of the tour took the senior citizens to the new tribal apartments which should be completed this November. For most on the bus, it was their first view of the apartments.

Then the tour proceeded to West Hills for a look at the 30 family homes under construction. "It looks like these homes (three and four bedroom) will be able to accommodate our larger families," it was noted.

The next day Neda said, "I slept good last night because I think something was really accomplished for them (the senior citizens)." She added that there will probably be another lunch and tour again in two or three months when construction is further along.



The 30 three and four-bedroom family homes under construction in West Hills are coming along pretty well now. Senior Citizens stopped

for a look-see on their tour of housing projects August 9. (Sandy Rangila Photo)



It was the first view of the new Tribal apartments for most of the people on the bus tour August 9. The apartments, located in a

juniper grove west of the rodeo ground, should be completed this November.

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## ATTENTION PARENTS Shot Records Required

Under Oregon law, all children entering school this year must be immunized. Parents are advised that their child cannot be enrolled without a record of inoculations.

Lee Loomis, IHS Health Educator, said that many of the children entering kindergarten this Fall already have immunization records on file at the clinic, and that most of the children who attended Head-start-Daycare have received the required shots.

Clinic personnel are getting these records together now so that parents can pick up their child's card at the clinic front desk September 1st, 2nd, or 6th, according to Loomis. The record cards will be necessary

for enrollment.

Loomis said that there are families who have recently moved here, and if they are planning to enroll their children in school here they must make arrangements to have previous inoculation records forwarded.

"Don't wait until the last day," Loomis warned. "Without inoculation records your child cannot be enrolled."

Required immunizations are: DPT (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus), oral polio vaccine, measles, and mumps.

If there are any questions or for further information contact Lee Loomis at the clinic. The telephone number is 553-1196.

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