

# Life In Greeley Heights

Tucked away in the quiet serenity of the lower hills of Warm Springs, an increasing number of house lights are greeting the dusk each evening.

All but one of the 15 new tribally built homes in Greeley Heights have been inhabited by tribal families who are now discovering the benefits and backaches of home ownership.

The three and four bedroom homes are considered "great investments" by credit manager Bob Finch. "They were architecturally designed for this area

and are very well built. And with the low interest rate of the loans, the buyers will pay two-thirds less for a house here than on a house of the same value off the reservation."

Each house is situated on an average of 1.6 acres, leaving room to breathe. Most of the houses have a panoramic view of Mt. Jefferson and surrounding buttes and a distant view of Highway 26 as it ribbons its way down the grade into Warm Springs.

Most owners are doing their

own landscaping, but the Lee Gadberry and Frank Reese families had their yards planned by professional Gary Clowers of Madras.

The low density project, which was designed by Reddick-Brun-Moreland Associates of Portland, began a year ago. Contractor Bill Caudel of Bend built the homes and is available to do any further construction, such as carports or garages, at the cost of the occupant.

The 1,430 square foot, four bedroom homes have two baths and the three bedroom homes, which are 1,222 square feet, have one continental bath. All the houses have large, separate utility rooms and efficient rock fireplaces. The kitchens have an air of spaciousness featuring large windows and abundant counter space.

The low density project is the only one of its kind, aside from the Dry Creek mobile home subdivision, with more acreage than a regular city lot. There are no zoning restrictions in this residential area, so tenants can have

an animal or two on their property.

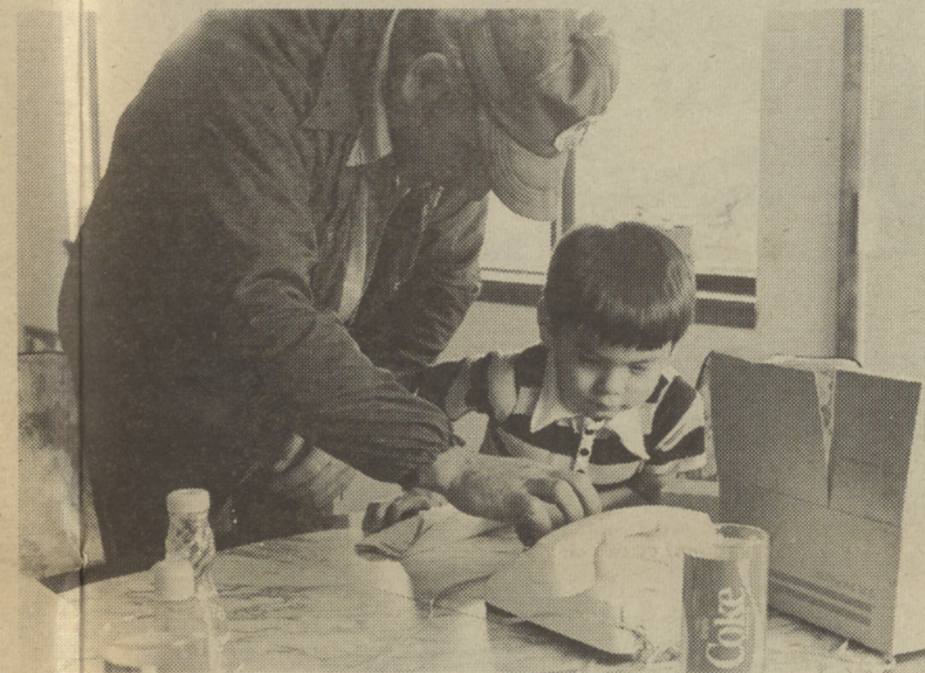
Street lights are absent, presently, which is great for astologists but not so great for safety. According to Dale Parker of the Tribal Planning department, Pacific Power and Light is working on a complete new lighting system for the entire community, including low density, West Hills, Highway 26 and the trailer court.

Most people rented or lived with relatives prior to purchasing their homes, so the move to the Greeley Heights area was a big and much anticipated step, showing many residents a whole new way of life. With no T.V. during the summer, families were more inclined to get outside to work on prospective yards.

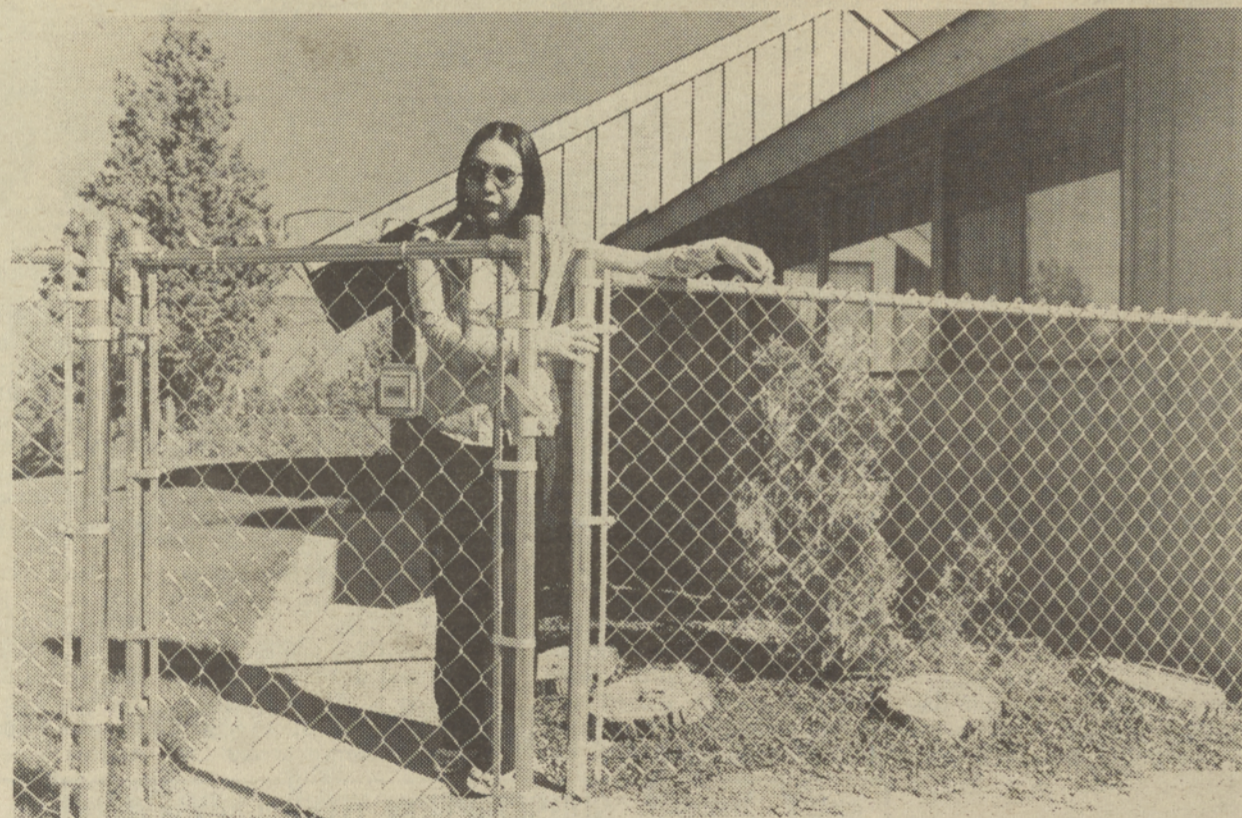
Most tenants have accumulated large stacks of fire wood, no doubt in anticipation of a long, cold winter. And even now, as evening comes over Greeley Heights, smoke can be seen rising from the chimneys and a special glow shines through the windows.



**SPACIOUSNESS** - Each of the homes in the Greeley Heights sub-division is situated on approximately 1.6 acres, which gives the feeling of being in wide open spaces. With no zoning restrictions, families are able to have an animal or two on their property.



**PUT YOUR FINGERS HERE** - Joelden Surface not only learned how to use their new telephone but helped to install it as well. The Surface family is enjoying the peace and quiet of the hills as well as "lots more room" in their new house.



**NEWLY FENCED** - Lee and Lucy Gadberry recently installed fencing to protect their carefully tended lawn from livestock. Animals occasionally wander into Greeley Heights leaving hoof prints and other signs of visitation.



**WARMING THE SOUL** - Enjoying the fireplace warmth before dinner are Saphronia, Jake and "Freckles" Reese, the children of Frank and Libby Reese. With a need to conserve energy, all the tribally built homes in Greeley Heights has attractive and efficient rock fireplaces.



**NICE AND NEAT** - A roomy closet in Joelden Surface's bedroom inspires neatness and agility. It takes a long, careful stretch for Joelden to hang up his clothes, and even some monkeying around.

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