

## Installation Set Today



Miss Clea McMorris, daughter of Mrs. Veneta McMorris, who will be installed as worthy advisor of Cherry Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls at a public ceremony this afternoon at the Scottish Rite Temple at 2 o'clock. (Donn's Studio)

## President to Announce Chairmen

Salem Unit, Republican Women's Federation of Oregon has scheduled its monthly meeting for Monday, Jan. 14 at the Senator Hotel at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Paul Van deVelle, the newly elected president, will announce her committee chairmen and plans will be discussed for the coming year.

## Leslie Circles to Meet Wednesday

Two circles of the Leslie Methodist Church have scheduled meetings for the coming week. The Edna Holder Circle will be entertained at a 1:15 dessert luncheon on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. R. D. Ashbury, 3885 Dakota Road. Mrs. R. R. Rasmussen will be the co-hostess and Mrs. T. O. Adams will preside. Mrs. C. L. Blodgett is in charge of the devotions and Mrs. H. Sanders is program chairman.

The Evelyn DeVries Circle will meet Wednesday for a 1:15 dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. C. F. French on South Church Street. Mrs. Minnie Hamman will be the assisting hostess. Mrs. Harold Allen is president of the group and Mrs. Mason Bishop is arranging the program. Mrs. T. W. Trick will lead the devotions.

The Insurance Women's Association of Salem will hold their regular dinner meeting at the Marion Hotel Thursday night at 6:30 p. m.

## Model Inaugural Gowns



WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—Pictured in the gowns they have selected for the Inaugural Ball honoring President and Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower on January 21 are Mrs. Carl L. Shipley, left, and Mrs. Ezra Taft Benson. Mrs. Shipley, whose husband is chairman of the ball committee, has chosen a pink silk creation with matching pink satin slippers. Mrs. Benson, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, wears a hoop skirted gown of dusty lavender lace over pink tulle with silver slippers. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Inaugural Ball Gowns Of Cabinet Wives Are Revealed; Mamie's a Secret

By FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—What to wear to the inaugural balls has social, diplomatic and political Washington in something of a dither.

Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower has been conferring with experts of the fashion world on her attire, which is expected to be announced by the White House sometime next week.

Also a social secret is the gown selection of Mrs. Pat Nixon, wife of the vice president.

Mrs. Eisenhower and Mrs. Nixon will be attending the four inaugural balls to be given on the night of the President's inauguration, Jan. 21. The Renoir peau de soie inaugural gown, embroidered with more than 2,000 pink rhinestones, which Mrs. Eisenhower wore in 1953, is now on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

The inaugural Ball Committee says chiffons, tissue tulle and satins will be predominant this year, with the floor-length gown the popular choice.

Two Cabinet wives joined in a full-costume preview today of what they'll wear.

Mrs. George Humphrey, wife of the secretary of the Treasury, has selected an apricot dress of appliqued lace with a combined matching stole and floating panels of satin, to be worn with a short ermine jacket.

Mrs. Ezra Taft Benson, wife of

the secretary of agriculture, chose a dress she's worn before. "I married a farmer and I'm just darn practical," she explained.

Made to match a lavender crystal necklace which Benson bought in Czechoslovakia, it is a hoop-skirted dusty lavender lace over pink tulle, with gathers at the elbow-length sleeves and wide "V" neckline.

Other Cabinet wives who have announced what they'll wear are:

Grey for Mrs. Dulles.

Mrs. John Foster Dulles, wife of secretary of state, a pale grey silk, embroidered with light grey beads, with a matching grey stole lined in palest pink.

Mrs. Herbert Brownell Jr., wife of the attorney general, a V-necked black and white net lace gown re-embroidered with medallions over orchid net, and an orchid tulle petticoat.

The secretary of commerce's wife, Mrs. Sinclair Weeks, has picked pink mousseline de soie with multishaded pink beads making rose patterns on the bouffant skirt.

Mrs. Arthur E. Summerfield, wife of the postmaster general, will wear a gleaming white semi-sheath, which flares just below the knees and ends in a short train. A black velvet band falls in soft folds around the bodice and black lace patterns are appliqued over the skirt.

## Couple's Wedding Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. James Cartwright are announcing the marriage of his mother, Mrs. Ena Mary Cartwright, to Alvis Clay, which was solemnized on Dec. 21 at St. Paul Episcopal Church.

The newlyweds went south on their honeymoon, stopping in Los Angeles, Carmel, and Monterey.

Mrs. Clay is the third grade teacher at Cummings School and was recently honored at a party given by the Cummings teachers. Mr. Clay is proprietor of a bakery and frozen foods business on Market Street. He previously attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay are now at home on Skyline Road.

The Swegle Road Garden Club met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Dick Sidall. The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Mrs. Bryan Garrison; vice-president, Mrs. Sidall; secretary, Mrs. Daniel Casey. The retiring president is Mrs. Roland Hillman. Mrs. Iris White and Mrs. K. Kirkendall were guests.

## Reports Given at Unit Meeting On Thursday

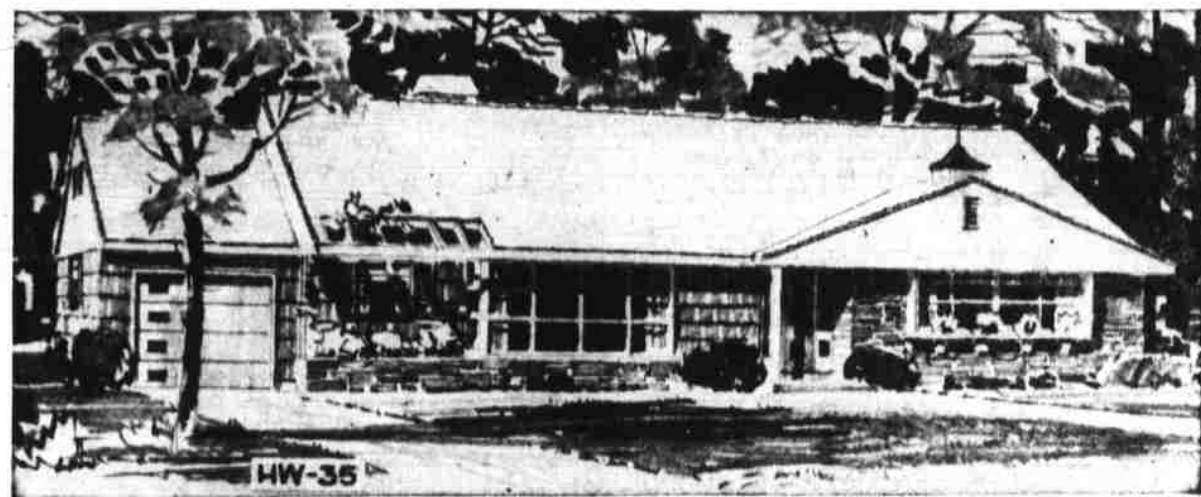
The first meeting of the year of Salem Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary, opened with the reading of the recommendations of the board. The unit voted to give a donation to the March of Dimes.

Reports were given by committee chairmen: Mrs. Fred Mathieu, membership, reported 82 paid members to date. Child welfare, Mrs. Donald Rasmussen, reported that practically all the used children's clothing has been distributed and that she is in need of more. Personal gifts, given to veterans in the T. B. hospital, was reported by Mrs. James Delaney, rehabilitation.

The unit's annual magazine drive is now in full swing and proceeds are used to buy sickroom equipment which is then kept in the community and loaned out to people in need of it.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. James Delaney. The next meeting will be held January 24 and hostesses will be the telephone committee, Mrs. Ellis Drake, chairman, who announced there will be a white elephant sale.

## Home of the Week Dream Home Grows With Family



## Plan Expands In 9 Steps to 5 Bedrooms

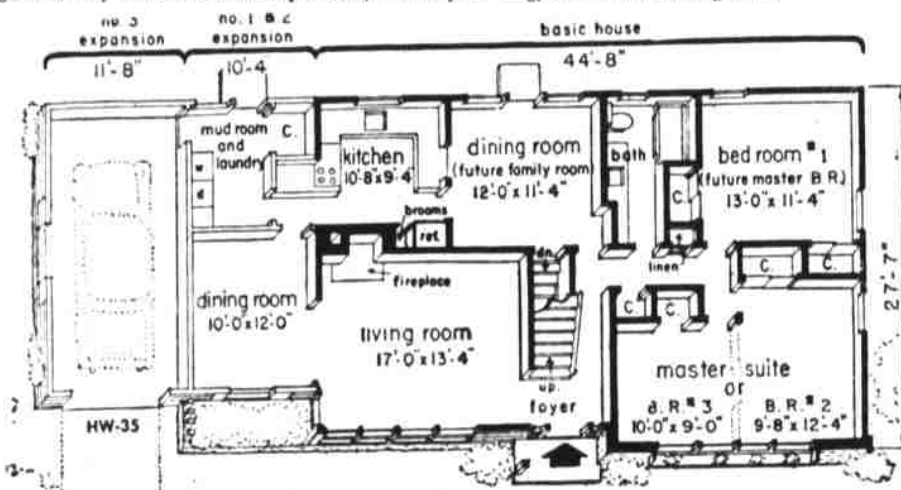
By DAVID G. BAREUTHER

A complete family-size home can be started on newlyweds' budgets if the house is planned to grow economically to meet each new need for more room. An unusual plan providing for such expansion in nine progressive steps involving construction work, is shown as Design HW-35 for The House of The Week.

This is a plan that answers dreams. You can start with a honeymoon cottage and wind up with a house big enough for children and in-laws. Or you can build the entire house at once and have a luxurious four or five-bedroom layout, a modern family room and a separate dining room.

You can start with the basic house, comprising 1,187 square feet—a modest size, close to the FHA average for the year. You can add a dining room and laundry with a combined area of 231 square feet and have a medium-size dwelling of 1,418 square feet. By finishing the upstairs, you can add 480 square feet of floor space, getting a total of 1,898 square feet of livable area—a comfortable big house. And you can build with or without a basement, or partial basement, as you choose.

Rudolph A. Matern, architectural authority on small homes, planned this house to grow in



HOW THIS HOUSE GROWS with (1) porch, (2) porch enclosed, (3) garage

the following nine ways:

1. The basic unit may be built first as a one-bedroom house in which the master suite in front is used as your bedroom and the rear room (No. 1) becomes a den or study.
2. When there's a new arrival in the family, or mother-in-law moves in, a sliding wall is installed in the master suite and the rear bedroom becomes your master bedroom. This partitioning of the front suite can create one bedroom (No. 2) and a den or study (No. 3).
3. When a third bedroom is needed, the den becomes bedroom No. 3. A fold-down bed would let this room double as a part-time study or den. If both front rooms are used for children, the sliding wall is a ver-

4. By this time or possibly before, a porch may be added as construction expansion No. 1.
5. With increased family size, a laundry and a family room would help to make life easier. This can be accomplished by enclosing the porch as construction expansion No. 2 and the original dining room becomes a family room.
6. With increased income and a new car, a garage may be the next step and this is construction expansion No. 3. An option would be to make the garage the first expansion, separated from the house by a breezeway which could later be enclosed for the new dining room and laundry.
7. With an additional member

8. A home with four bedrooms occupied requires more than one bathroom. The upstairs bath meets this need. Water, waste and heat lines should be installed when the house is built to avoid disturbing finished work on the main floor.
9. The fifth bedroom is the last to be finished. If a fifth bedroom is never required, this attic space provides a fine secluded study, or a children's play area.

## Let's Decorate

Yesterday, in a window, we saw an arrangement of ragged parrot tulips in heavenly shades of pink, mauve, blue, yellow, and even cream with green veining. Having just discovered the new green sprouts of hyacinths and daffodils pushing their way through their blanket of leaves in the garden, our hearts were lifted and new things to get spring and new things to get spring.

In the studio a like emotion was felt as we read the reports on new color trends as well as those on home furnishings as given by our National Associations.

Color predictors say that oyster white will be way at the top of colors. This neutral tint, once considered a mere backdrop for other colors, is now in a class by itself.

Turquoise is also a top color and will be seen more and more in paints, wallpapers, automobiles and home furnishings, as will the whole family of blues, from turquoise to true blues to the purplish periwinkle blue. The great green era is on the wane. Deep greens have gone, to be replaced by cool light shades, mellow fern greens and most popular—the avocado—olive—gold shades.

Pink, though still good, will shift to peach. Grays, though still remaining strong, will pronounce edly turn to warmer variations of taupe, and beiges in light or dark tones will still be high fashion in color during 1957 and '58.

Taking our new color cues from these reports, let's decorate that drab, little-used bedroom at the end of the hall, using it for a small sitting room where we might do our slippers at the end of the day and in relaxed comfort enjoy viewing the TV or reading a new book.

Let's paint the walls and ceiling oyster white and on the floor lay our lovely oyster white nylon carpeting. We will block out the small window by draping the entire wall in a semi-sheer fabric of 36" strips sewn together in alternating colors of peach and oyster white. Against this, but to one side we will place our TV, but painted oyster white.

Now against a side wall let's set our small hide-a-bed sofa with its peach linen covering, flanking it with two white corded floor lamps with brass trim on the small table, and metallic gold frames. In front of our sofa a small fruitwood table with creamy marble top would be nice and across the room let's use a low comfortable chair with matching footstool in the same peach linen as the sofa. To one side we'll place the small oyster white cigarette table with painted top which we show in our studio and behind it on a white pedestal let's place a large bouquet of—yes—artificial flowers in shades of peach and white.

Bye till later, EM

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**Beards to Welcome Duke**

LISBON, Jan. 12—Many Portuguese will welcome the Duke of Edinburgh with luxurious beards when he visits here next month. The beards have appeared since it was reported the husband of Queen Elizabeth II had grown a beard during his jaunt to Antarctica.

**Seattle Duo Dies in Gas**

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## Increasing Jury Awards in Accident Cases Far Outstrip Rise in Nation's Cost of Living

By CYNTHIA LOWRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 12—When a railroad machinist lost his right foot in an accident 34 years ago, he settled his claim against the company for \$1,875.

Five years ago the same machinist lost his other foot in a similar accident. This time, with the aid of an attorney, he received \$38,500.

Obviously, a man with no feet is more handicapped than a fellow with one. Just the same, Thomas McDermitt's feet serve as a dramatic illustration of a trend that has jumped the cost of liability insurance 55 per cent in recent years—and is adding gray hairs to the heads of insurance men.

Up 230 Per Cent

Since 1940 the cost of living has increased by 91 per cent. A recent survey in the New York Supreme Court shows jury awards have increased during the same period by 230 per cent. Throughout the country the story is pretty much the same.

The result is a controversial situation.

On one side are the insurance companies which absorb about 90 per cent of personal injury claims and awards. They say they are frankly worried by "excessive awards based more on emotion than the facts." They annually are paying out some 200 million dollars on automobile injury claims alone and say they are afraid the situation will result in such high premiums that such protective insurance will become too expensive for the average car or home owner.

On the other side are attorneys who specialize in representing injured claimants. Since these attorneys usually receive up to half of a settlement or award (and often nothing if the claim falls) they hail the mushrooming size of personal injury damages. It is arrival of the "adequate award," they say, the dawning of the day

when the victim of a mishap is finally likely to be compensated "realistically" for his loss.

**John Doe in Middle**

In the middle, as usual, are John and Harriet Doe, merely two of millions of men and women irked by the mounting size of liability insurance bills, totaling around six billion dollars a year. Tomorrow John or Harriet suddenly may become an unhappy statistic—"one in 18 of us will be seriously injured before the 365 days of this calendar year have passed." And suddenly they will feel that \$100,000 or \$250,000 is little enough recompense for the loss of a leg, an arm, a husband or a livelihood.

Insurance statistics indicate that in 15 years the average cost of settling a personal injury claim has shot up from less than \$400 to almost \$8,500. But that figure is not the one over which the hula-balloos are raised. It's the occasional big jury verdict—now from \$100,000 to more than \$400,000—which causes the uproar.

Six figure jury awards, numerically, are more rare than the whooping crane and when they come, the injured parties are likely to be dreadfully injured and frightfully crippled.

**\$400,000 Highest**

For instance, when a New York jury five years ago returned an award of \$400,000 in the case of a 45-year-old waiter injured in a railroad crash, it was at that time the highest jury award on record.

Later the court chopped the award to two thirds that amount. The victim had suffered serious injuries ranging from a skull fracture with brain injuries to critical internal injuries and broken legs.

Experience has shown that, for some reason, one big jury award can start an epidemic: that if one plaintiff can crack a jury for a big award, others are more than likely to start expanding at the financial seams.

Generous juries, however, are not entirely responsible for the knotty situation. Other more readily measurable items have increased in price too. Medical costs, for instance. A recent survey showed that hospital charges in New York have zoomed from \$3 a day for a semiprivate room in 1940 to around \$17.50 today—about 500 per cent. In another, less urban state nearby they have gone from \$5 to a top of almost \$30—a rise of 500 per cent.

Wages have gone up—for both nurses and their patients. A jury, whether estimating the cost of a victim's nursing care or seeking to recompense him for his lost income, must include much larger figures in their award.

Statistically, the No. 1 enemy of

the insurance companies and the insurance-buying public is the automobile. Today it is responsible for 75 per cent of all personal injury claims and actions. Automobile cases are largely responsible for clogging so many of the nation's courts that some harassed judges and attorneys, seeking to get cases into court within reasonable time have seriously suggested dispensing with jury trials to speed up due process.

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Arthur Miller, a Rockport, Tex., shrimp boat operator, swam 75 yards to reach the lighted marker.

**The Dead:**

H. M. Norris, about 42, of Rockport and his son, Leslie, about 12, and Thomas Fanning of Tulsa, Okla.

Miller, in his 30s, was rescued by a tug which found him near collapse from exposure.

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The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ringer, both about 70. They were found dead in chairs before their television set.

Police said Ringer apparently had accidentally left his automobile motor running and the carbon monoxide had entered the living room through a furnace duct.