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There is no "rule" for the size of the entrance hall. It should be remembered, however, that the space should serve as many rooms as possible.

When planning entrance halls, the practical homemaker will give more than a second thought to the back of the house, where youngsters come in from muddy play and the family's gardeners trudge through with dust-laden shoes. A "mud-room" floored in clay tile is the perfect answer to keeping dirt from the kitchen.

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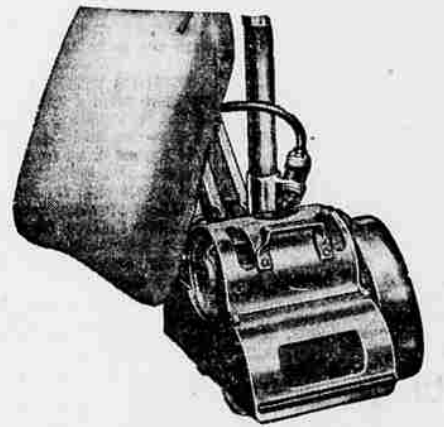
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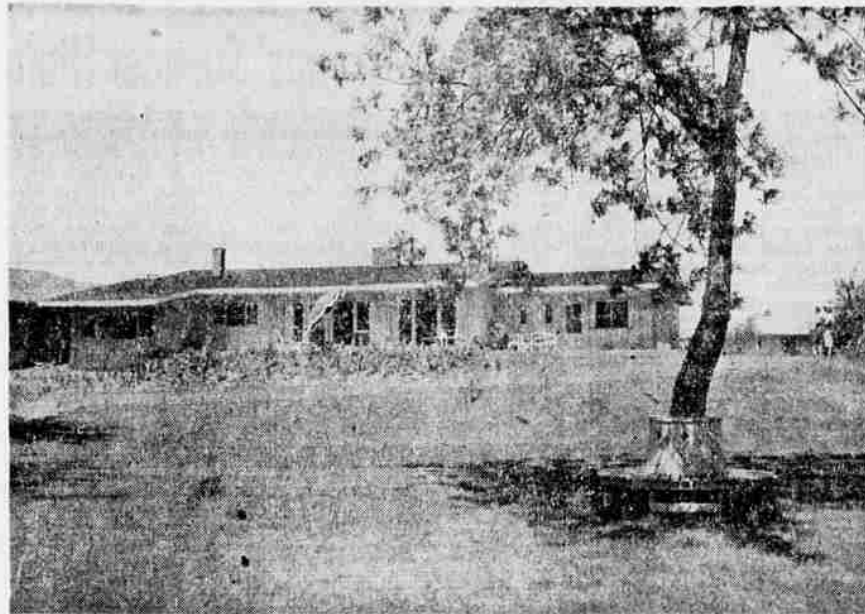
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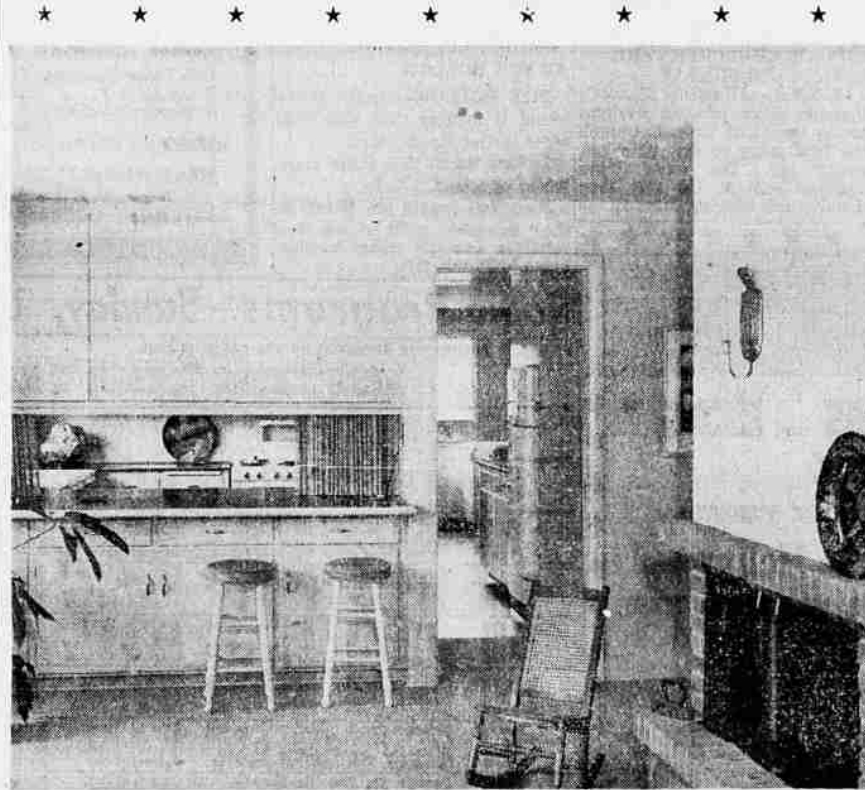
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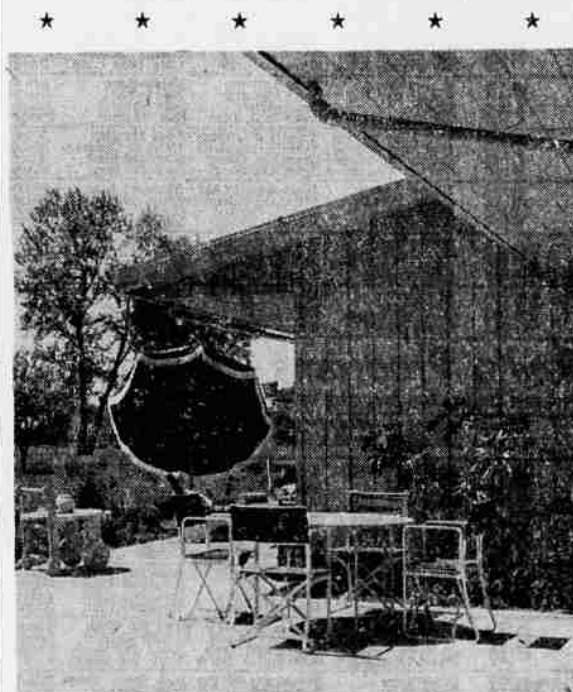
(Reg.-Guard photo, Withshire engraving)

THE RAMBLING RANCH-STYLE home of the Carleton Spencers on Pioneer Pike is the scene of the Register-Guard's home tour for this week. Their home was designed by Architect John E. Stafford for gracious and informal living by a couple with hobbies . . . and a grown family. The result, as pictured from the rear, is a house surrounded by spacious grounds for gardening (one of the hobbies), and with a workshop on the far left for other projects. The glass-backed terrace, forming the wall of the dining-den area, makes the garden a part of the interior scheme. Married children were figured into the plan by provision for ample storage space (such as the six deep wardrobe closets) for their left-behind and overflow articles and equipment. Bedrooms comprise the right wing of the house, looking from this direction.



(Reg.-Guard photo, Withshire engraving)

DINING AREA in the Spencer home is linked to the kitchen with the informal breakfast bar. The raised hearth fireplace backs the larger paneled one in the living room. Attractive interior decorating was done by Mrs. Spencer with help from Mrs. B. R. Wagner. Soft greyed aqua carpeting covers the floors, with the tone perfectly matched in the walls and ceiling. Draperies are plain white with simple fringed edging. Highlights are pink, varying from delicate shell shades to deep rose. One of the features of the house is the closed-end laundry, on the far side of the kitchen, which allows chores to be performed without traffic interference. In fact, Mrs. Spencer liked the isolated spot so much that she had her desk built in there, where she could work undisturbed.



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CORNER PATIO of Spencer home is sheltered from breezes, direct sun. House is grey board and batten, with yellow-lined eaves forming the only trim.

Seal Coils with Borax

It's downright frustrating when a wire coil snaps in some heating element—either hot plate, heater, toaster, or iron. Maybe—it's just maybe—you can pull off a quick, costless repair. A home magazine suggests this: Hook the broken ends of the coil together, turn on the juice, then drop a bit of powdered borax on the joint. As you probably know, the loose connection will cause a hot spot. Often the borax will act as a flux to weld the end together.

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Contrasts New In Wood Veneer

Contrasting woods are a new style note in furniture. In many case pieces—a chest of drawers, for example—the frame will be of a dark, warm-colored wood while drawer fronts and panels will be lighter and more delicate.

When more than one species of wood is used the quality of the wood becomes more noticeable and plays a more prominent part in room decoration. Designers make subtle use of wood grain figures to make two types of wood complement each other.

The greatest variety of wood grain figures is provided by hardwood veneers. Many of the most attractive veneers are cut from parts of a tree, such as the stump, which do not yield solid wood.

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LAST DAY FOR ROSE SHOW

Today, the first day of June, closes Eugene's Seventh Annual Rose Show, at the Garden Club, 1645 High St. Sunday hours are from 11:30 to 6 p.m. Entries have reached a new high this year, and scores of prizes have been awarded by local merchants and nurserymen.

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