HOME OF THE WEEK

Old, Modern **Ideas Mixed**

By Janet Tugman Stone
Capital Journal Writer
Old ideas in houses are making news today.
Plenty of space, closets, a hallway and entrance, double fireplaces and even more than one bathroom are becoming popular again. According to a local realter, would be a stone of the stone of

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one-story houses are about 8 per cent more popular than 1½ story homes—the expansion attic, dormer window style—and fully 24 per cent more popular than two-tens dualities.

When the women held their housing congress in Washington last pring, they set off a little bombshell among architects and builders. The 103 housewives said, among other things, they preferred one-story houses with front living rooms and rear kitchens. Apparently that congress represented a fair cross-section of opinion.

Analysis of the 383,260 newshaper readers' inquiries shows in the third home visited, pine

Analysis of the 383,200 news-paper readers' inquiries shows front living rooms are 20.7 per cent more popular than rear living rooms. Preferences are not so alrong when it comes to kitchen lo-

casy to work. Is there enough air space under the house to keep out dry rot and termites and is the land solid—not still setting. Check the grade of the humber all and solid—not still setting. Check the grade of the humber all expectations. This type called for more land, more foundation, more roof and more heat than the two—story home. It could boast of eliminating stair-climbing seems to be making a comeback in split-levels. And in many sections of the country two—story homes are gaining in favor.

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places and even more than one bathroom are becoming popular again. According to a local realtor, the two things that sell a house are it's bathrooms and kitchen.

Remember the old days when there was more than one floor and a bathroom on each? And then came the small, square, one floor homes with one bathroom stuck someplace in the middle, and finally the "ranch house"—spread all over the place with the bathroom still in the middle.

This made the housewife mad—so she let her voice ring through the land and —lo and hehold—we have reached the one and or two have reached the one and the house when a two look.

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The most popular type of house is something worth knowing about whether you plan to build, buy or sell. For many years the onestory, so-called ranch style has been way out in front of the more economical two-story house. Today split-level structures stand virtually side-by-side with onestory ranchers.

Then you could go downstairs and find a family room, extra bedroom and story low increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light and space in the whole house, as the limit would allow.

Another old-new innovation is the step-up hearth—good for sitting-down-on.

The you could go downstairs and find a family room, extra bedroom and bath and storage room.

On the main level the architect had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance hall, now increasingly in demand. There were two fire-places, one up and one down, and as much light had included the old-fashioned entrance had included the old-fashioned entrance had included the old-fashioned entrance had

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Just about the same number of
people show interest in split-levels as in ranch houses. The difference in popularity is only three
in 1,000 in favor of the one-story
home.

This is based on an anlysis of
383,260 inquiries to newspapers
about house plans within the past
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year-a very impressive response com. Wired to each room in the when you compare it with a year's house, the homemaker could keep track of any member of her family and they can keep track of her.

The same analysis shows that

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per cent more popular than twostory dwellings.

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types. All types are being built in
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stories you like, you are not out
of step with everybody.

Little Bombshell

When the women sheld their house.

The family room is taking
the place of the den. Usually it is
owns the second fireplace in the
house. The one we visited was al-

atrong when it comes to kitchen location. House plans with kitchens at the back of the house showed only 7½ per cent more popularity than plans with kitchens facing the front yard.

The fact that these differences in popularity are not greater, indicates that everybody does not agree, by a long shot. Also none of these studies takes into consideration individual site characteristics. People building on city lots may be more or less obliged to choose front living vary and the windows. Perhaps the

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Appreciation Grows
A growing appreciation of the importance of orienting a house-turning it at a slight angle from sun or wind-obviously will bring further changes in opinion regarding front vs. rear living rooms and kitchens. When you know what big sums you can cut off your heating, you are not apt to plan a casily and saugly in their casemand, unless archaic codes compel it.

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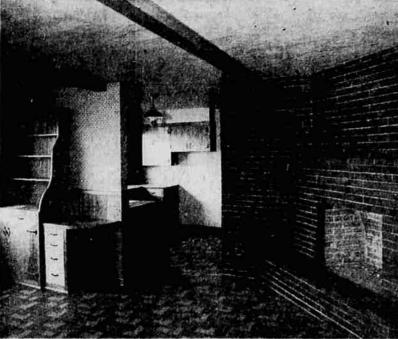
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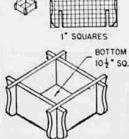
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many sections of the country two-story homes are gaining in favor.

However, for every 760 two-story houses built, there apparently will be 1,000 new ranch houses, 997 split levels and 920 Cape Codders or other 1½ story models.

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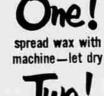
Most kitchen experts advise a thorough cleaning of a wood kitchen once a year. This would L.H.

when the nu rans. What will be the effects of this last freeze on our camellias? Mrs. L.H. include cleansing, application of paste wax and buffing to make the kitchen look as bright and new as the day it was installed. In between times, a lighter

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idea to add some weed-free hu-mus to help hold moisture and keep the roots cool in summer. The problem of your walnuts is of little consequence. The hulls do not always break free on all varieties as they fall having to be hand or machine busked. The only solution is to find a variety in which the busk breaks clear when the nut falls.

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