

Tour to Benefit School



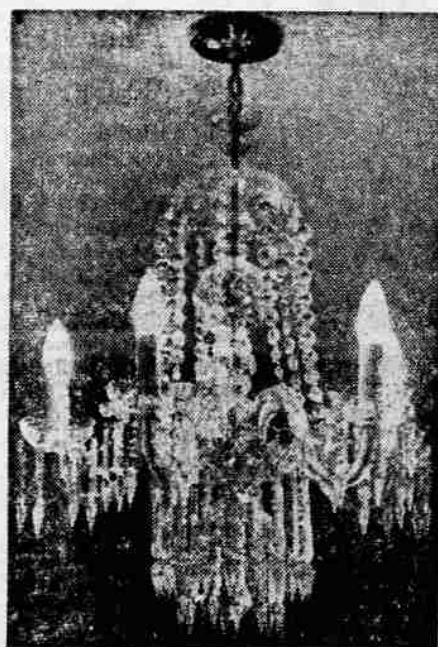
Topsides, country home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter on Old Stage road, is one of five valley homes which will be opened to visitors Tuesday, June 4, in order to raise funds for the kindergarten operated by Medford Junior Service league. Pictured here is a corner of the living room of the home, constructed of exposed brick walls and with a ceiling of massive beams. Oriental rugs and screens, hangings hand woven by East Indian craftsmen and art objects from many parts of the world impart a feeling of warm color and richness to this room. The home, one of the largest in the valley, has many rooms on two stories and the extensive grounds and gardens include terraces, a swimming pool, badminton courts and an outdoor fireplace with grills for cooking. The Carpenters built the home in 1926-27.



One of the newer homes to be included on the Junior Service league's house tour June 4 is that of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Boyle at the corner of Ross lane and the Jacksonville-Central Point road. The Boyle home is of western ranch house architecture with English influence seen in the half stone, half wood exterior with shake roof. The exterior wood is painted a grey-green in a shade which blends well with the large garden, and the same wood and stone combination is repeated for the guest house erected near the home. The living room is dominated by a large fireplace made from native stone brought originally from the old Jacksonville quarry, and the similar exterior stone was brought from a spot in the Umpqua region in Douglas county. The home has many interesting features, one of which is a northeast porch and patio extending into the garden.



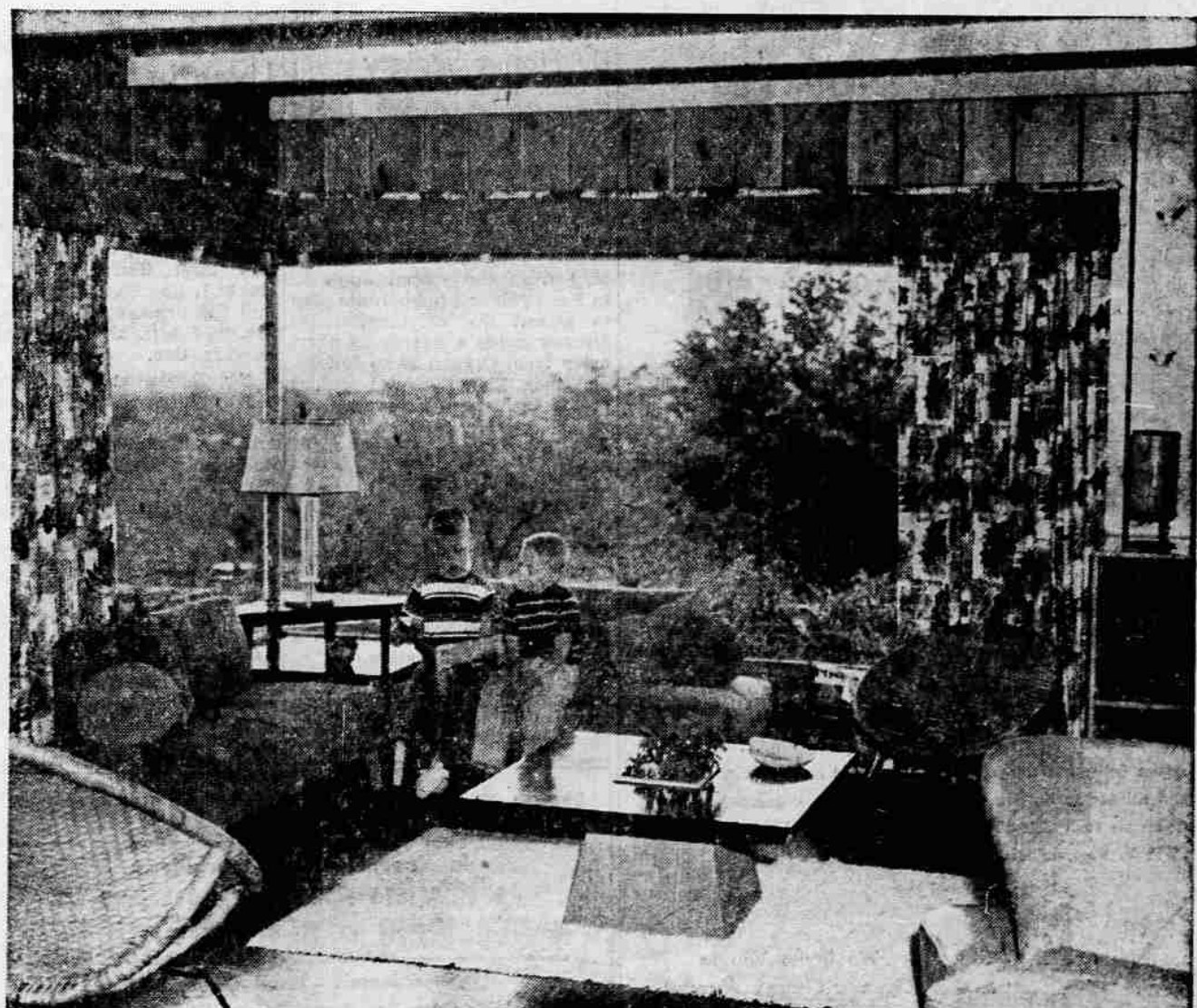
The home of Mrs. Floyd Hart, Grant road, one of those to be open for the Junior Service league's benefit tour, is a white colonial-type house with twin stairways opening off the front hall. Pictured here is a portion of the living room showing the large red brick fireplace hung with antique brass, copper and iron objects dating back to the colonial period in United States history. The home, owned by the Hart family for more than 20 years, is located on the former Merritt property near Central Point and in the olden days the county fairgrounds and race track adjoined the land. Still earlier, the spot was said to be a favorite camping grounds for the Indians.



Completed only last summer and with the grounds still in the process of planting, the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skinner on Hillside drive is the newest one included on the coming Junior Service league tour. The red brick ranch type house commands a fine view of the valley and surrounding hills and the interior is contemporary in both design and furnishings. Of particular beauty is the living room fireplace of muted green and pink Georgia marble combined with redwood planking; louvred doors divide the living and dining areas and the floor covering is a carpet of rose-beige over foam rubber. The dining room chandelier is shown at left.



The Junior Service league house tour will raise funds for the kindergarten for hard-of-hearing children which the league organized in February of 1953. Mrs. B. Brandt Bartels, league president, (at piano) first interested the group in the project since she is a graduate of Central Institute of the Deaf, Washington university, St. Louis, and she spends a part of every school day at the kindergarten. Now attending the school are (left to right) Tommy Evensizer, Janet Bauder, Debra Frick, Jeanne DeVore, Karen Dalbec and Jimmy Gault; one more child has been enrolled since picture was made. Mrs. Norman Jahn (at right), the teacher, was trained at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Michigan; here children learn about sound vibration from piano. League members take turns assisting with children and Mrs. Donald E. Herried is shown at left.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graff's home, also on Hillside drive, was chosen for the tour because it is a "family" home—the Graffs have six sons. As the size of the family increased, the Graffs added rooms or rebuilt the home to meet their changing needs. Shown here is the "family room" with big windows overlooking the valley and hills; it is floored with rubber tile and furnished with comfortable couches and chairs for lounging and reading or for radio and television pleasure. Greg and Jeff, the two pre-schoolers, are shown here with a book, but a short time before they had been down watching workmen at the swimming pool. For one expansion project the Graffs connected the guest house to the main building with a breezeway and converted it into living quarters for their oldest son, Walter, senior in Medford High school.