

## From Cabin to Big House Is Senator Kerr's Story

By ROSE McKEE  
Washington—From a one-room cabin without windows to a house, that—with carpet—rambles 321 feet and has towering glass walls . . . That's the housing story of Senator Robert S. Kerr (D) Okla.

The new home of Senator and Mrs. Kerr is nearing completion on a bluff overlooking the picturesque Poteau river valley in southeast Oklahoma, near the city of Poteau. It is 115 miles from the log cabin in which the Senator was born.

The long, comparatively narrow house has two wings, one for the Kerrs' children and one for guests. The living room is 40 by 24 feet.

The center—and truly the heart of the house—is an all-purpose family room with a fireplace, a family kitchen, dining, and lounging areas. It is the spacious family room that has the high glass walls. Doors lead to a patio that extends 18 feet over the edge of the bluff. From the patio the Kerrs and their guests can look down 200 feet to either side of the Poteau river.

**Started Small**  
The Senator told a staff member of the National Association of Home Builders that when he and his wife started planning the house, they had in mind a relatively small structure. It was to have a bedroom for each and a single guest room. They hadn't reckoned on their four children and nine grandchildren.

"When the children heard about the new house, each of them wanted something added," Kerr grinned. "When we put down what they wanted, we had to eliminate what I wanted and build a larger house."

The Senator now is as excited as any of the grandchildren over the new home even though his "little dream house" got lost along the way. The log cabin in which the Senator was born 62 years ago was made from native Oklahoma oak which his pioneer father cut, peeled and notched.

It is a point of pride with the Senator, a former Oklahoma governor, that his new home carries out this same native spirit wherever possible. Stone for the walls, floors and gardens of the home was cut in local quar-

ries. Oak for the beams and panelling came from nearby. Boulders which have rested on the grounds for generations are being left just where they always were to form a part of the landscaping.

**Typical Oklahoma**  
The Senator wanted his home "to look like it grew out of the ground itself, as ageless in appearance as the surrounding countryside and as typically Oklahoman as the hills around it."

Mrs. Kerr, a professional interior decorator, is having the time of her life furnishing the home, in which the family expects to have Thanksgiving dinner this year. She is using an "Old Mexico" theme to give the family room a southwestern flavor. Various periods of styling will be used in the other rooms and the children's wing.

There was pink dogwood around the log cabin in which the Senator was born. His mother was particularly fond of pink dogwood. There will be native pink dogwood and rosebud around the new home.

The Senator remembers the spring near the old log cabin. Now he will not only have the river close-by but also a heated swimming pool with a glass windbreak. The grandchildren, aged one to eight, will have their own wading pool, play terrace, drinking fountain and a specially cast big bronze turtle on which to climb.

Senator Kerr has a fine reforestation program on land he owns about his home. But his greatest interest is his black Angus cattle. He has 2,000 head of cattle and he said, triumphantly, "There is one pasture for the black Angus that is within easy walking distance of the house."

Father—and grandfather Kerr—it is very clear, "had his way" on the nearness of the pasture.

**Mistletoe Camp Plans Meeting**

Mistletoe camp, Royal Neighbors of America, will be host to members of the juvenile camp at a meeting Thursday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pythian building. Mrs. Carl Pearson, orator, will conduct the meeting.

## Voters' League To Give Skits On Home Rule

First of a series of skits to be given by Medford League of Women Voters for other groups of the county is set for Thursday, September 18, and will be presented for Medford Business and Professional Women's club. The meeting will be held at 7:30 in Girls' Community club and the skit will illustrate the need for county home rule in Oregon.

Written in support of the constitutional amendment which will appear on the ballot in November, the skit features Mrs. H. R. Porto, Mrs. Fred Danielson and Mrs. Thomas Goff. Mrs. Ben Day, county home rule committee chairman for the league, will be present to answer questions on the proposed legislation, and Mrs. Thomas Rutter will present pro and con information to be voted on in the November general election.

Mrs. Day states that League county home rule and voters' service committee members will be available to any church or service group desiring a presentation of information on election issues. Groups interested in such a program are asked to telephone Mrs. Porto, Spring 3-4852.

## Rogue River PTA Plans Reception

Rogue River—Rogue River Parent-Teacher association met last week to plan the annual reception for teachers. The chairman, Mrs. Rolland Jones, announced that the reception will be held September 24 at 8 p.m. at the Rogue River High school gymnasium. The public is invited to attend and meet the new teachers.

Howard Norwood, PTA president, has announced that all chairmanships have been filled. Officers and chairmen are Lawrence Sheehan, vice-president; Mrs. Rolland Jones, secretary; Mrs. Robert Gail, treasurer; Mrs. Jerald Clyde, publicity chairman; Mrs. Dana McBarron, budget; Mrs. Carl Dick, Mrs. Bill Hunter and Mrs. Warren Bottruff, ways and means; Mrs. Carl Sanden, child guidance; Mrs. Betty Bamforth, health; Mrs. Sheehan, hospitality; Mrs. Howard Norwood, membership; Mrs. Max Killingsworth, parliamentarian; Mrs. Clyde, representative to Community Chest.

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1 1/2 cup catsup  
2-4 tablespoons minced onion  
2 cups cubed left-over or canned roast beef  
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1 16 oz. package Frozen French Fries  
1/2 teaspoon celery salt  
salt and pepper to taste

Combine gravy, catsup and onions in Dutch oven or electric fry pan. Bring to a boil over moderate heat. Add beef and vegetables and season as desired. Mix well. Cover and cook at moderate heat until beef is hot and vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes. Stir at end of 10 minutes cooking. Serves 4.

## Student Enrolls At Temple School

Miss Roxie Ann Sisemore, daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Sisemore, of 1105 Stevens street, today entered the Temple University Hospital School of Nursing.

The 99 new students will undergo six months of pre-clinical training before they are "capped," at which time they become juniors.

Miss Sisemore is a graduate of Medford High school.

## Calendar

**Wednesday:**  
6:30 p.m. — Veterans of World War I barracks and auxiliary, Girls Community club.  
7 p.m. — Jackson county Medical auxiliary, with Mrs. Ray Casterline, 45 South Modoc ave.

7:30 p.m. — International order of Job's Daughters, Bethel 14, Medford Masonic temple.  
8 p.m. — Past Chief's club, Pythian Sisters, home of Mrs. Leroy Cline, 1421 Euclid ave.

8 p.m. — Roxy Ann Home Economics club, home of Mrs. Evelyn Hendricks, 3585 Roberts rd.  
8 p.m. — West Side Mothers' club, home of Mrs. Ervin B. Hogan, Niedermeyer lane.

8 p.m. — Woman's Society of Christian Service circle 10, with Mrs. Eugene Ray, Ross lane.  
**Thursday:**  
1 p.m. — Blue Star Mothers of America, home of Mrs. Mary Note, 32 Hamilton ave.  
1 p.m. — Lone Pine Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Gary Conrad, 1149 Leland ave.

1:30 p.m. — Jacksonville Garden club, Community hall.  
1:30 p.m. — Zion Lutheran circles: Ruth and Esther, home of Mrs. Everett Lasher, 2517 Sandy terrace.  
2 p.m. — WCTU, Girls Community club.

## Practical Nurses In Portland for State Convention

Representatives of the local group of Licensed Practical Nurses' association are in Portland today and tomorrow for the annual convention, being held at the Imperial hotel.

Attending from this area are Mrs. Roberta Cummings, president; Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, Mrs. Grace Crawford, Mrs. Vida Morse and Mrs. Hazel Maxin.

Reports of the convention will be given at a meeting of the association September 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the social room of the Sacred Heart hospital.

## Organ Society To Hold Picnic

The Hammond Organ society of Southern Oregon has planned a picnic for Sunday, September 21 at 3 p.m. It will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lowry, route 3, box 218C, Fern Valley road.

Bill Ryan, an accomplished organist from the Yreka Inn, Yreka, Calif., will provide an interesting program.

Those attending are asked to bring either a hot dish or salad and table service, the club will furnish the desert and beverage.

## Bulbs Discussed For Little Club

The Little Garden club of Medford met September 10 at the home of Mrs. G. O. Bradley, 720 Alder street. Mrs. H. R. Vallee was co-hostess.

A discussion on the care and planting of bulbs was led by Mrs. C. T. Bascom and Mrs. G. O. Bradley. Several packages of bulbs prepared by the hostesses were prizes.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bascom at which time the care and planting of shrubs will be studied.

## Group Attends State Meeting

The annual state planning session for Delta Kappa Gamma was held September 13 in the courtroom of the Deschutes county courthouse, Bend, with Miss Mathilda Gilles, state president of Salem, presiding.

Reports from the international convention held in Minneapolis in August were given as well as reports of interim committees. Plans were outlined for the work of the society for the coming year.

Attending from Epsilon chapter were Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, Misses Delie Whisenant, Ruth Nye, Anna Laura Honts, president, Medford; Mrs. Mary Andrews, Misses Ruth Esther Hill, Gladys Owen, and Vida Scripser, Ashland.

The local chapter will resume activities Saturday afternoon, September 20, at 12:30 at the Girls Community club, with a dessert luncheon served by the program committee, Miss Gladys Owen, chairman.

## Medford Group Schedules Events

The Welcome Wagon Club of Medford will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 18 at the Girls Community club, North Bartlett street.

The meeting will begin with a "get acquainted" hour with refreshments. The program will include district director of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs.

She will speak on the basic rules of landscaping and shrubbery placement. Her talk will include questions relating to landscaping problems which were submitted by the members. Following her talk there will be a question and answer session.

Following the program there will be a short business meeting.

The next scheduled social event will be the patio dinner dance to be held Saturday, September 20.

At the last meeting 19 women were present. The evening consisted of a social hour with games and sewing and a business session. Mrs. Gaylord Hay received the club gift. The refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Evan Pruit, Mrs. Duane McKenna and Mrs. John C. Sellers.

## Camp White Club Announces Winners

Camp White — Mrs. George B. Dean and Mrs. Fred Purdin scored 82 points, to head winners for the last session of Camp White Veterans Bridge club.

Mrs. Berg Marten and Thomas Randall took second with 81 points, and Paul Hatton and Mr. Marten were in third with 75 points. Mrs. Hat-

## West Side Mothers' Schedule First Fall Meeting Tonight

West Side Mothers' club will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Ervin B. Hogan, Niedermeyer lane. The meeting, the first event of the 1958-1959 school year, will be a get-acquainted affair and teachers will be introduced.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Ralph Brindley, Mrs. Emmett Bullard, and Mrs. Edward Barry.

## Housing Official To Hold Panel

Washington, D.C.—(UPI)—The government's top woman housing official will head up a panel of the editors of the leading shelter magazines at the second annual national executive marketing conference in San Antonio, Texas, to be held on October 2 and 3.

Annabelle Heath, assistant administrator for program policy for the Housing and Home Finance agency, will preside over a panel which will discuss "Consumer Needs and Desires in New Homes," it was announced today by Richard G. Hughes, chairman of the board of trustees of the National Housing center. The Housing center is sponsoring the marketing conference, which is being held coincidentally with the fall meeting of the board of directors of the National Association of Home Builders.

## Redwood Chapter Elects Officers

Cave Junction — Robert Wright, son of Mrs. Theda Wright, Cave Junction, was elected master councilor of Redwood chapter, DeMolay, at the last meeting held in the Masonic temple, Kerby.

Serving with him for the coming term will be Gary Bell, senior councilor; Norman Sowell, junior councilor; Mark Nelson, scribe; John Wurn, senior deacon; Carl Hammer, junior deacon.

Dennis Bittel, senior steward; Michael Burnett, junior steward; Wendell Seat, chaplain; standard bearer, Fred Davis; Philip Kellar, almoner; William Hoskins, marshal and Howard Ollis, sentinel.

Installation, open to friends, will be held in the Masonic Temple at Kerby Thursday evening October 9 at 7:30 p.m.

At the DeMolay Mother's club meeting, money making projects were discussed for the scholarship fund of the Redwood chapter. A candy sale will be scheduled the latter part of October. The mothers also discussed making decorated cone corsages to be on sale at Christmas time.

Next meeting of the DeMolay chapter will be September 25.

ton and Al Gilhousen were in fourth place with 74 points.

## Federated Club In Cave Junction Opens New Year

Cave Junction—The Illinois Valley Federated Women's club held the first meeting of the season Friday afternoon at the home of president, Mrs. Earl Boyd. Mrs. Raymond Heidenreich was hostess.

Plans for the year book were made. Mrs. Wilbur, mother of Mrs. Earl Boyd, was appointed historian, and Mrs. Fred Salvage was appointed publicity chairman and parliamentarian.

At the close of the business meeting Mrs. Wilbur gave a reading.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Salvage October 9. The program will be in charge of the Illinois Valley Mineral Hobby club.

## On Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Pease and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gould are the host committee for the next meeting of Adare chapter, Order of Eastern Star. It will be held Thursday, September 18, at 8 p.m. in the Jacksonville Masonic temple. Visiting members are welcome to attend.

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