

Planning New Home Said Absorbing Experience

By ROSE McKEE

Washington—If you want to give your family an absorbing common interest, make the members partners in planning and saving for a new home.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D) Minn., who did it, happily reported that "there's no experience like it—we had a lot of good arguments and I lost them all."

The home of the Senator, his wife, Muriel, their three sons and daughter, Nancy, is on Lake Waverly, about 40 miles west of Minneapolis. Completed last year, it is one-story except for a dormitory over the kitchen. It is of natural redwood with a front of glass facing the lake.

Above the 10-foot high glass are heavy plywood panels in various soft colors, blue, yellow white and brown. The effect from the lake is one of dashing color. The house was built for year-round living and each of its rooms is paneled in a different wood.

Wife Has Ideas

The Humphreys' home could well be called "the house that Muriel built" for the Senator said it was his wife who thought up all its unusual features. The family decided to build in 1953. An economy wave was the first step.

The children banked exactly half of their allowances. Mrs. Humphrey, who has been having regular help, got along with a once-a-week cleaning woman and put the difference into the home building fund.

The Humphreys chose their site partly because of the picturesque view across the lake of the little town of Waverly, with its high church spire and trees. Mrs. Humphrey worked with the architect on the blueprint and the Senator told the National Association of Home Builders that due to her figuring, "we can see the lake from every room in the house."

They have four bedrooms, two to a side with a bathroom and dressing room between them. The boys can come in from a swim to their side of the house through French doors. They need never shout for a forgotten towel. Their mother had a towel door cut from their bathroom into the linen closet.

The oldest boy, Hubert, 16, has a room paneled in cherry. Robert, 14, and Douglas, 10, share a room in light walnut. Nancy, 19, whose room is on the other side of the house next to that of her parents, has butternut panelling in a soft, neutral tone. The senior Humphreys have a room in light oak. All the bedrooms

have built-in bookcases, desks and chests.

Central Fireplace

A central fireplace divides the elmwood-paneled living room and kitchen. One end of the dining room table is built into the brick of the fireplace. The leg at the other end goes down through the floor to give the table rock-like stability. The living room has a vaulted ceiling.

Mrs. Humphrey had her kitchen cabinets designed so that they open by a touch of a finger anywhere on the surface of their doors. They close the same way. There are no knobs.

Back of the kitchen is a screened-in breezeway with a picnic and a table tennis table. The children take their record player out there and make a play area of it. Behind the breezeway is a cinder block carport which provides storage space and houses a deep freeze as well as a tool table.

The dormitory over the kitchen, reached by pull-down stairs, is one big room with cots. It is a favorite room of the boys and their guests.

The Senator said there is hardly a day in summer when each of the children doesn't have at least one guest and his wife "feeds eight to 12 children." The children, who were "consulted" on all the details during the two years the house was being built, are responsible for their own rooms.

The Senator explained that the "furniture is limited—we didn't pay fancy prices for it." The kitchen equipment, including a dishwasher, was bought at a "substantial saving" because it had been on display for a year in a Minneapolis store. All the floors are covered with vinyl.

The Senator said the house "is the greatest thing that ever happened to us and we love it."

An old oatmeal box filled with baking soda makes a handy fire extinguisher for the kitchen. When fat flares in the skillet, dump soda on the flames.

Crater Auxiliary Makes Plans for Christmas Party

Plans for the Crater Lions auxiliary Christmas party, to be held December 17 at the home of Mrs. Tom Shoop, at a business meeting last week.

Visitors at the meeting from the Medford Lions Auxiliary were Mrs. Eston Humphrey, Mrs. Lee Mellish, Mrs. W. E. Ashton and Mrs. John Dziarmaga, and a guest, Mrs. Robert Castle.

Members of the local auxiliary recently visited the Jacksonville auxiliary. Attending were Mrs. Clifford McGinty, Mrs. Earl Richardson, Mrs. Willard Mattson, Mrs. Dan Dwyer and Mrs. Jack Ingram.

A joint dinner of the Prospect and Crater Lions club and auxiliaries was held at Becky's cafe, Union Creek. Local members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer and Mrs. Kay Kohler.

The next regular meeting of the group will be held December 3 at the home of Mrs. Ingram.

Retired Teachers To Meet Monday

The November meeting of Jackson County Retired Teachers' association is to be held in Girls' Community club, Monday, November 10.

Mrs. Robert B. Duncan will show slides delineating the process of law-making in the state legislature in Salem. Music is planned.

Hostess for the afternoon is Mrs. I. D. Murray. Her assistant hostesses are Mrs. Sara Hardy, Mrs. Marie D'Albini, Miss Amy Harding and Mrs. H. F. Cope.

Here's a reminder about the way way to prepare an avocado: first be sure it is ready to eat. It must be soft enough to yield to gentle pressure when cupped between the palms of your hands. Then cut the avocado into halves and pull off the skin in strips with a knife starting at the narrow end of the fruit. The avocado is then ready to be sliced, diced, cubed or mashed.

Four Units To Meet

Four home extension units have scheduled meetings this week. Project topic will be "improving yourself as a hostess."

The Medford unit will meet Wednesday, November 12, at the county courthouse auditorium at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Otto A. Ewaldsen will be guest speaker.

Luncheon committee will be Mrs. Carrie Milnes, Mrs. Ethel Haertle, Mrs. E. F. Archer, Mrs. H. W. Morrow and Mrs. Charles Hobbs.

Members of the Derby unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Truman Collins, Thursday, November 13, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Elbert Hifley will give the project lesson.

A potluck dinner will be served.

The group met October 23 for a workshop on tin can craft.

A Thursday, November 13, meeting is also planned at 10:30 a.m. by the Howard group. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Lydiard, 2390 Crater Lake highway. Mrs. Henry Friesen and Mrs. Henry Ernst will give the project lesson and Mrs. Howard Lind will review pickling.

Mrs. Nick Gier will display tin-craft items she has made.

Mrs. S. B. Sanburg and Mrs. G. W. Kellington will be project leaders for the Thursday, November 13, meeting of the Oak Grove club. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Zachariassen, 725 South Keeneway drive. Mrs. Mildred Schmidt will assist.

Mrs. E. G. Trowbridge, Mrs. Allen Flynn and Mrs. Roy Elmgren will prepare the luncheon.

Persons needing child care are asked to contact Mrs. Ben Belknap, SPRING 2-4435, by Wednesday noon.

The meeting date has been changed due to Veterans day on Tuesday.

Dried Apple Subject Of Studies

Corvallis—Recipes using dried or evaporated apples in apple pies, apple fritters, apple cobbler, upside-down cake, bread and muffins are being developed as part of a study now underway at Oregon State college.

Research is being conducted by the food and dairy technology department with a \$10,000 grant from the Valley Evaporating company, Yakima, Wash.

Purpose of the study is to improve evaporated apple products already on the market and develop other new uses for them, according to Mrs. Lois Sather, food technologist, who heads up the project. Along with recipe development, flavor and storage tests will also be conducted.

Other recipes that may be investigated in OSC tests include use of dried apples in sherbet, Bavarian cream dessert, relish, puddings, dumplings, taffy, puddings, tarts, various casseroles and "snack" items.

A major part of the college study will be aimed at increasing the speed and convenience of reconstitution of the dried apples. According to Mrs. Sather, only a small percentage of the dried apples

constituted immediately and added to pie shells.

U.S. production of evaporated apples is centered mainly in the West. About half of the annual pack comes from the Northwest and the rest

from California. About 3 million bushels of apples a year are processed in the Northwest into evaporated apples. These are used by processors in mince, prepared mixes for turnovers, pies and pre-

pared apple rings. Apple chops, another dried product, are used to make apple butter and flg newtons.

Jack Matches, research assistant, is working with Mrs. Sather on the study.

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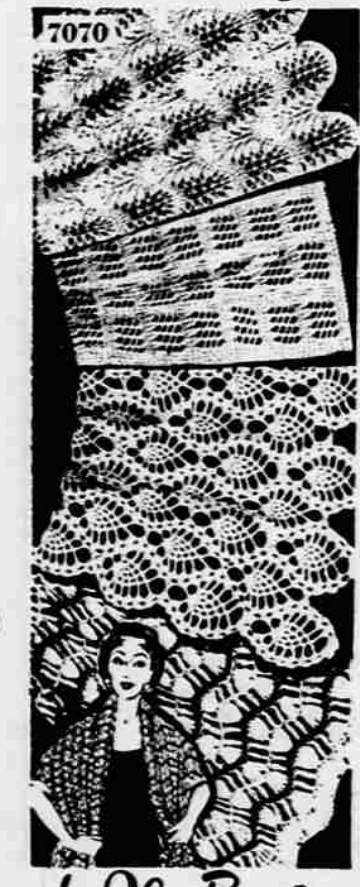
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