

# New Housing Chief Buys Dream House of His Own

By ROSE McKEE  
Washington - The Government's new housing chief is himself the proud owner of a new home which has every right to be called a dream house.

Norman P. Mason, appointed by President Eisenhower as administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency this year, is the man who coordinates Federal activities aimed at Americans have homes of their own.

The 62-year-old HHFA chief told the National Association of Home Builders that he and his wife stumbled on their house one Sunday afternoon when they parked their car on a secluded side street in the historic Georgetown section of Washington and saw an "Open House" sign.

They inspected the house, which was brand new, and liked it at once. Back in their apartment that evening, they decided that while the house was small, it was also compact and just what they needed now that their two children had homes of their own. The next morning, the Masons bought the house.

Although Mason was in the lumber business before he left New England to come to Washington, their home is of brick. Built on a concrete slab it has a living room, kitchen and powder room downstairs, two bedrooms with an adjoining bath on the second floor, and a studio-type room with a skylight on the third floor. There is a garage with a side door into the house.

Undoubtedly every homeowner wants his home to give a guest a pleasing first impression. The Masons have achieved this. The effect from their doorway is one of lightness, cheerfulness, and charm.

The living room, with a gold rug of nylon, off-white walls and modern furniture in scale with the size of the room, is in full view from the small foyer. Contributing to the pleasing impression are sliding glass panels which form the wall at the far end of the room and carry a guest's eye to the grassed patio beyond.

The fireplace was built without a mantle. The Masons believe this gives the fire-

place a modernistic effect in line with the furniture they chose and helps the room look more spacious.

The Masons have a long, narrow and completely modern kitchen in turquoise. The housing chief proudly demonstrated that the top cabinets open at the touch of a finger on their surface. A below-the-counter cabinet for soap powder and other cleaning supplies opens at the touch of a knee. Mason said this was handy because "maybe you have both hands wet when you reach for supplies."

He pointed out, too, that the "house has what all women and some of us men appreciate, lots of closet space." He and his wife each have a clothes closet with double-sliding doors in their room. The guest room has a big, walk-in closet.

Photography is Mason's hobby and he has his equipment in the third floor studio-room. The air conditioning and heating equipment are also on the third floor.

The garage walls are lined with pegboard, from which hang various tools. There is a place for everything - and everything is in its place. Stored there too is an electric lawn mower, which Mason said "is my choice possession." He added: "I get kidded a lot for having an electric lawn mower for such a small patio."

Among Mrs. Mason's cherished possessions are old deeds to land in Massachusetts that her ancestors acquired in Colonial days. One deed was granted by the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1738. She has the old deeds framed and they hang in the dining area of the living room.

Mason said: "My job is to serve home-owners. Two-thirds of the families of America now own their own homes and I encourage people to get homes of their own. I think you can rightly say that I practice what I preach."

In addition to their new home in Washington, the Masons have a home in Chelmsford, Mass., where he formerly was in business, a summer home on Cape Cod and a log cabin at Dunstable, Mass., a town founded by Mrs. Mason's ancestors.

# PTA Holds Open House

Eagle Point - At its final meeting of the current year, the Eagle Point High School Parent-Teacher-Student association held open house at the high school. On exhibit in the gymnasium were projects of the wood and metal working shops, with awards being presented by instructor Don McGovern to James Vanderlip, Roy Knoebel, Carte Wood, Jack Spain, Richard Hertager, and Terry Dufour.

Exhibited in the physics classroom were special projects made and demonstrated by Larry Meyer and Marion Flowers, under the direction of Victor Hay. All biology students had exhibits in the biology classroom and Arthur Machovec and Kenneth Jorde has special chemistry projects on exhibition in the chemistry laboratory. Vern Stewart is the biology-chemistry instructor.

Fifty-five girls, including members of all four grades, modeled dresses and sports outfits which they had made in Mrs. Stewart Hopper's home economics class. Miss Yetta Olson was accompanist for the style show, Miss Georgia Weidman was narrator, and Miss Barbara Matthews was usher.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Charles McClure, president, who called upon Mrs. John Benson to install the officers for the coming year. Mrs. John Huffman, president; Mrs. Donald DeHaven and Mrs. Stewart Hopper, vice-presidents; Miss JoAnn Nolan, secretary; Miss Aedene Jensen, treasurer; and Miss Lana McGraw, historian; took office. Mrs. Huffman and Miss Jensen reported on their activities at the annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers in Corvallis.

A past president's pin was presented to Mrs. McClure.

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# Republican Club Changes Session

Jackson County Republican Women's club will hold the next meeting Monday, June 22, instead of June 19 as was previously announced. Guests will bring a sack lunch and coffee and dessert will be available. A baby sitter for the children will be available.

# Military Order Plans Meeting on Tuesday

Plans for the coming state convention will be discussed at a business meeting of the Military Order of Lady Bugs, Tuesday, June 9 at 8 p.m. in the VFW hall, 42 North Front st. The convention will be June 26 in Eugene. Members who attended the

# Memorial day service at Camp

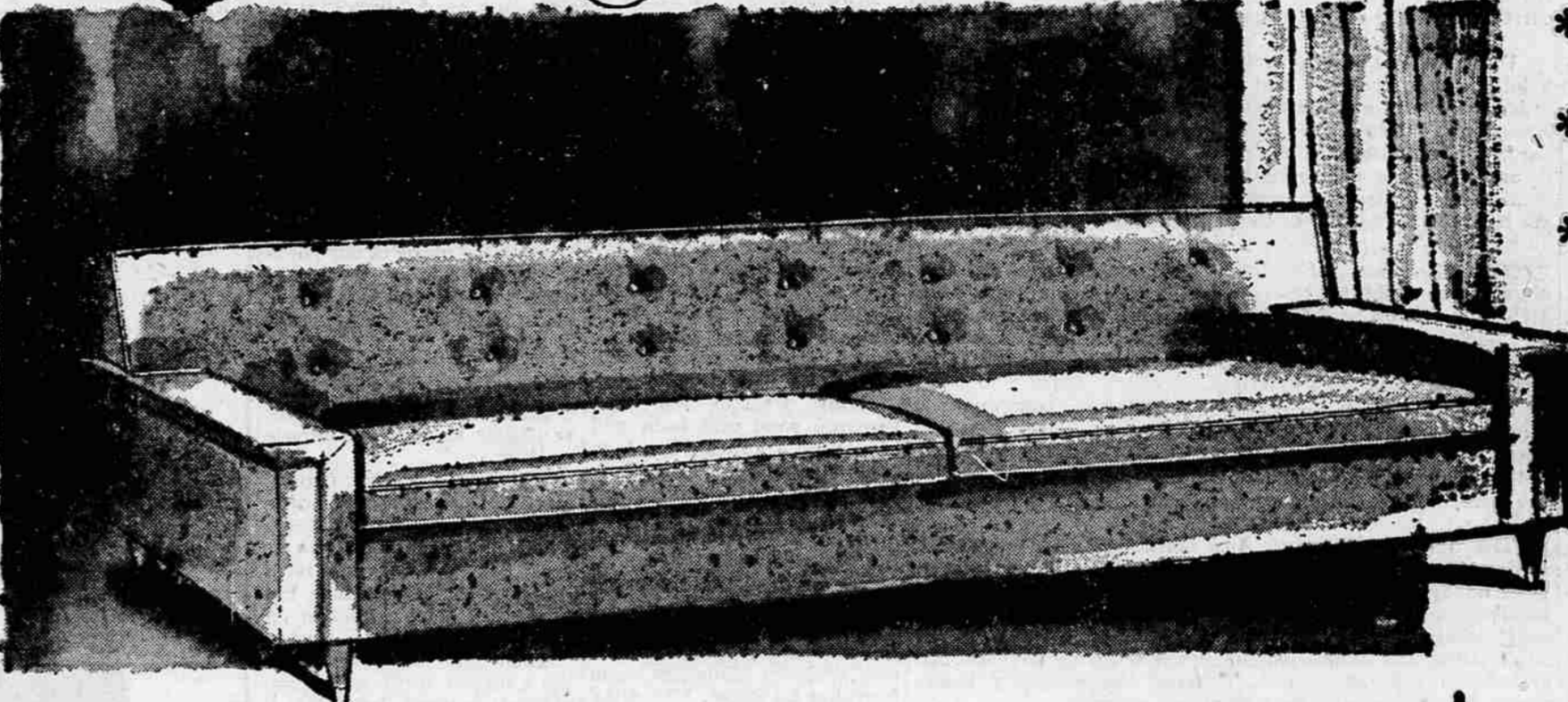
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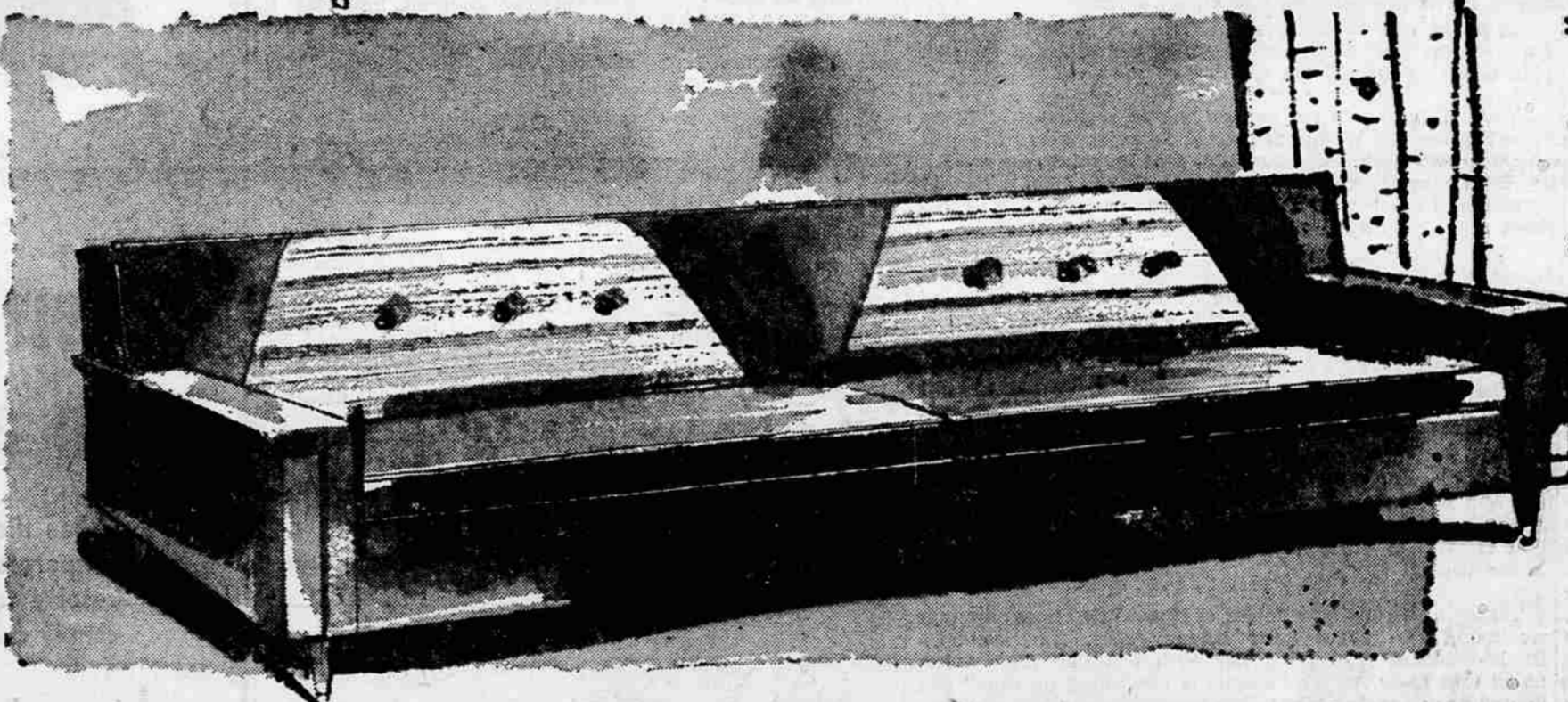
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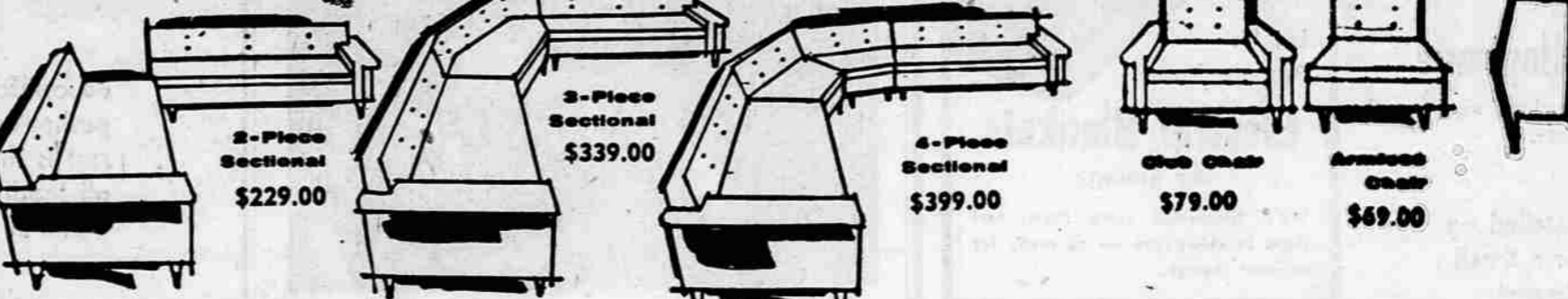
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