

# Bing Crosby Picks San Francisco Area As Home for Family

HILLSBOROUGH, Calif. (UPI)—A 24-room Tudor-style mansion, shaded by fine old oak trees and overgrown with ivy, is to be the next home of the Bing Crosby family.

Leaving Southern California and their West Los Angeles mansion behind, the singer is expected to move his wife, Kathy, and their three young children to this exclusive San Francisco suburb sometime after the first of the year.

The cost of the house is \$175,000. The reason for the move, Crosby says, is that they have a lot of friends around here.

Another reason, according to some, is that the Crosbys want

to raise their children well away from the Hollywood hustle and bustle.

All's Quiet

If it's quiet and seclusion that they want, they should find it in Hillsborough. The community is one of the wealthiest suburbs of San Francisco. It rests in patrician isolation among the steep wooded hills of the San Francisco Peninsula skyline 18 miles south of the city.

The house Crosby has arranged to buy is at 101 Robin Road in Hillsborough's Crolands section. It is situated on six acres of land reached by driving down a road lined with white picket fences. The house

itself is almost hidden from the road by tall trees and shrubs. It has three stories and an ivy-covered white brick exterior, with a sloping slate roof and old-fashioned leaded windows. The garage, which can house

six cars, has a patio of its own, a sitting room and two bedrooms.

Beamed Ceilings

There is a large foyer inside the entrance to the house, with Spanish-style wrought iron lighting fixtures. To the right of the foyer is an oak-paneled library and an enormous drawing room with beamed ceilings and fireplaces.

A curved wooden staircase

leads to the upper floor and the bedrooms.

Crosby bought the place from the estate of the late Mrs. Phoebe Carter Alexander, widow of Douglas C. Alexander, a stockbroker.

In choosing the San Francisco Peninsula for his home, Crosby joins two other famous former Hollywood residents—Mrs. Shirley Temple Black, who lives at nearby Woodside, and Tennessee Ernie Ford, who moved his family to Portola Valley, another community near here.

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1. Tell the salesperson the height and weight of the person for whom the chair is intended. Older persons lose the ability to adapt to furniture that is not scaled for their dimensions. The proportions of the chair should permit the user to have adequate support for feet, back and neck without strain.
2. The chair should be styled to be gotten in and out of easily. Low sling loungers or molded plywood shells should be avoided as being too difficult to negotiate. It should be high enough off the ground to be slipped into without a sudden drop. And the seat should be no deeper than 21 or 22 inches. Arms should be high enough and forward enough for good leverage in rising.
3. Cushioning should give the user buoyant support without impeding circulation. Latex foam rubber cushions are recommended by many medical

4. The back should be high enough for comfortable dozing and forward enough at the top for relaxed TV viewing. A small toss cushion to fill in with extra spine support is often a welcome addition to women's lounge chairs.
5. The chair must be stable in weight yet mobile enough to be easily moved for cleaning. A chair with casters that make it roll away at a touch is not to be recommended for the elderly who often lean on furniture when standing or walking.
6. A matching hassock or built-in foot rest is needed for maximum relaxation. A retractable foot rest does not become a stumbling block in a main traffic area and is therefore preferable to an oversize ottoman that sticks out into a room.

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