

Model Farm Home Is Cozy



LIGHTS BLAZE a cherry welcome from the windows of this model farm home in the heart of the Illinois farmland. The prefabricated three-bedroom house was a featured attraction at the Farm Progress Show.

FARMER CITY, ILL. (NEA)—A cozy farm home, framed by the autumn-tinged prairie and newly harvested fields, has been busier than Grand Central Station at rush hour.

The home, a prefabricated three-bedroom ranch house, was the prime target for thousands of rural homemakers attending the recent Farm Progress Show on the Frank Simpson farm near here. While their husbands took note of the latest in farm equipment, educational and commercial exhibits, their wives flocked to the model home to see new suggestions for farm home decorating.

What they saw is a home furnished in a comfortable contemporary manner by the design staff of a large mail-order retail firm (Montgomery-Ward), with special emphasis on the practical requirements of rural life.

Ralph Shumaker, chief designer, talked with me about the interior decor. First consideration was given to the pleasant view of the countryside through the wide window wall across one end of the living room and the adjacent family room.

The natural privacy of the home-site eliminates the need for extensive and expensive draw draperies.

The basic color scheme uses quiet beige and earth tones for the broad areas, with small, bright color accents of turquoise and paprika. Walls in the living area are pale antelope beige, the carpet is a tanbark tweed and side drapes are also beige and tweedy. The brighter notes appear in the upholstery of furniture arranged against walls where it doesn't conflict with the exterior view.

A focal point of interest in the living room is a new hi-fi console placed below a big mirror and flanked by turquoise-upholstered side chairs.

Acknowledging that after a day of hard physical work, many men like the solid comfort of a big, relaxing lounge chair, Shumaker included one in the setting. To minimize the bulk of such chairs, he advises selecting upholstery to blend in tone with carpet and wood pieces—in this case a tan tweed with walnut brown leather. Placed at one end of the living room, the chair is balanced by a roomy and convenient walnut lamp table.

In the open floor plan, a low



COMBINATION kitchen-family room is a modern version of the old-fashioned farm kitchen. It is reached by front or back entry.

brick planter is all that separates the living room from the "family" room, which is at one end of the big kitchen. The floor here repeats the same earthy beiges and browns of the carpet in vinyl tile.

In keeping with this are the golden-bronze tubular metal frames used for the dining set. A pulley lamp over the table sheds enough light to make the table useful for study or sewing as well as eating.

A well-bolstered day bed in the corner doubles as a couch and as an inviting spot for an after-dinner nap.

The use of neutral shades and tweedy textures has a double purpose. They are restful and well-

suited to casual country life. And, since they don't show soil readily, they are easy to keep neat.

The bedrooms—grouped along a corridor off the kitchen—are lively with color. The children's room, for example, is papered with a Western-style pattern with liberal touches of green and red on a white background. Tangerine and brown are used in another room, turquoise and white in the third.

Of further interest to the rural homemakers were the moderate price tags on the furnishings. They are readily available in stores or on mail order. And most of the fabrics, including all bedroom furnishings, are machine washable.

New Poultry Law Discussed

Requests from the poultry industry in Oregon and other states for administration of the federal compulsory inspection law through the state departments of agriculture were voiced at the National Association of Marketing Officials meeting held last week in Lexington, Kentucky.

This discussion followed a talk at the NAMO meeting by director Hermon Miller of the poultry division of USDA, on the federal poultry inspection act passed by Paul T. Rowell, chief of the state

department of agriculture's market development division, was Oregon's delegate.

Under the federal plan, inspection for poultry sanitation and wholesomeness will cover all processing plants doing interstate business, plus all poultry plants selling in any metropolitan area designated for inspection by the secretary of agriculture. Plants may come under its provisions by January 1, 1958, upon their application, with full coverage to be in effect by January 1, 1959.

County Agent Reports Farm News Briefed From The County Agent Radio Programs

By RAY O. PETERSEN

Brucellosis or bangs disease testing will be speeded up throughout Oregon during the coming months to meet the requirements of the new brucellosis control certification provisions of the law passed at the last Legislature. This was the information given by Dr. K. J. Peterson, state veterinarian, at a meeting following the Oregon Beef Commission hearing held Monday.

To meet the requirements of the modified certified brucellosis free state program, all cattle in the state will need to be tested within the next year. Beef cattle producers will find it advantageous to arrange with the veterinarian assigned to his area for brucellosis testing, to have his cattle tested as soon as it is convenient to handle the cattle. Sometime this fall will work best for most cattlemen. Most beef producers want to avoid handling cattle near calving time or during the summer months.

The regulations set up under the new law makes it permissible for beef producers to test only 20 per cent of their herd or 25 cows, whichever is the larger, and if no reactors are found in this number, it will not be necessary to test additional animals. If reactors are found, the entire herd must then be tested.

Dairy cows are now tested by the milk ring test, which saves dairymen the work of putting cattle through chutes for drawing blood samples.

All Northern California counties are now working under a modified certified brucellosis free program so any cattle moving into those areas will have to be tested before entering such counties.

Oregon and the Northern California counties are working toward certification at about the same time and when accomplished, cattle may move between the two states without an immediate test.

It is hoped that all beef cattle operators will make plans to do their testing as soon as convenient and it will further speed up the work if neighboring cattlemen will get together and have their herds tested at the same time. This is especially true for cattlemen with small herds and those who wish to take advantage of the 20 per cent testing provisions.

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CASUAL TWEED TEXTURES and earth tones play up countryside view from the farmhouse living room. The hi-fi console is framed by a large mirror and flanking side chairs. All the furniture is moderately priced.