

# Came From New Baltimore Home

House for Which Furniture Was Made Was Built 100 Years Ago



The residence of Mr. and Mrs. George C. A. Opp, 20144 Renfrew road. On the first floor are hall, living room, dining room, powder room, breakfast room and kitchen. On the second floor are three bedrooms and two baths.



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This oil painting (executed on an old tin beer sign about the time of the Civil War) shows the old home of Mrs. Opp's parents which was built in New Baltimore about 100 years ago.



The dining room has green carpeting, striped and floral wall paper with green predominating, white ruffled curtains, and all antique furniture.



The northeast bedroom has raisin carpeting with leaf design, gray ground wallpaper with dogwood design in white, gray and yellow. The four-poster bed and cradle to match were brought from Europe many years ago.

## Antique Pieces

Old Quilts Used as Bedspreads

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Most of the furnishings and accessories in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George C. A. Opp, 20144 Renfrew road, Sherwood Forest, are heirlooms, many of which came from Mrs. Opp's old homestead in New Baltimore, and when she has purchased additional pieces it has been with having them harmonious with those which she has cherished for so many years.

The present house has on the first floor, vestibule, hall, living room, library, dining room, powder room, breakfast room and kitchen, and on the second floor there are three bedrooms and two baths.

### LACE CURTAINS

The walls of the living room are covered with cream paper having an indefinite medallion design in white. The woodwork is ivory and the floor covering is green carpeting. At the windows are floor-length, white lace curtains, and the furnishings are Victorian. A large corner cupboard was made from a huge wardrobe and this is filled with antique dishes. The Victorian sofa and chairs are covered with small patterned tapestries.

The floor covering in the dining room is green carpeting to match that in the living room, and the walls, above the dado, are treated with two-tone green striped paper having a floral design in white and beige. The dado and woodwork are ivory, and at the windows are white ruffled organdie curtains. All furnishings are antique and include a drop-leaf table, large china cupboard, chest of drawers with ogee over-mirror, and chairs. The top-most shelf of the cupboard is slotted for the purpose of hanging spoons from it.

### CHESTNUT WALLS

The walls and woodwork of the library are wormy chestnut, and at the windows are traverse curtains of rough textured beige material. The floor covering is a large oval braided rag rug. The furniture, including a large secretary, is antique.

The woodwork, dado and ceiling of the powder room are deep ivory, and the upper walls are treated with silver ground paper having a scattered floral design in gay colors. At the window are white ruffled curtains.

### WOODEN DISHPAN

Tan marbelized linoleum was selected for the floor and counters of the kitchen, and in that of the floor is a red feature strip. The lower walls are yellow tile, and the upper walls, woodwork and ceiling are deep ivory. The curtains are of red and white checked voile. Mrs. Opp uses a huge burl bowl for a dishpan. This belonged to her grandmother and has served as a dishpan for years. The soft surface of the wood prevents breaking of china and glassware and scratching of silver.

The breakfast room floor covering is two-tone raisin carpeting with interlacing leaf design, and the walls are treated with silver and light-blue striped paper. At the windows are white organdie curtains with embroidered ruffles. All furniture is antique and includes spindle bed, washstand with wash bowl and pitcher, dresser with small embroidered fringed dollies, and large desk. The spread is a white quilt with appliqued

### OLD WASHSTAND

The southeast bedroom floor covering is two-tone raisin carpeting with interlacing leaf design, and the walls are treated with silver and light-blue striped paper. At the windows are white organdie curtains with embroidered ruffles. All furniture is antique and includes spindle bed, washstand with wash bowl and pitcher, dresser with small embroidered fringed dollies, and large desk. The spread is a white quilt with appliqued

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### Land Developers Meet

Members of the land developers division of the Detroit Real Estate Board will hold their fall meeting Thursday noon in the Savoyard Club, Buhl Building, C. W. Treadwell, program chairman, announced Saturday. Charles Brown will lead a panel discussion by Arthur F. Bassett, president of the board, B. E. Taylor, Harry F. Menard, Kenneth L. Moore and Joseph F. Ferry. An announcement will be made by Hugo C. Heese, division chairman. William C. McGiverin, vice-chairman, will preside.

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### 26 Solid Masonry Homes Announced by Builders

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have attics sufficiently large to complete another room.

Over-sized furnaces, full-tiled baths, tiled kitchen sinks, partitioned basements, insulation, and large lots are other features. The project has direct bus service downtown and is near defense plants.

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# Demand Increases Here for Homes

Continuing housing shortages plus the additional new population coming in are accelerating the demands for homes in this area, H. H. Robinson, general sales manager of Seldon & Johnson, Inc., said Saturday.

"More renters are buying houses they are now renting than ever before because they realize the difficulties in obtaining a place to live if the property they now live in is sold and they are asked to vacate," Robinson said. "Investment property sales are also increasing."

He said that in only one previous August, that of 1937, were sales of his firm greater than this year. Although August generally is a poor real estate month, sales totaling \$821,000 were made by Seldon & Johnson, including \$106,100 in industrial property sales. Practically all residential properties sold were existing houses, and the average sales price was \$8,700, representing a \$100 raise since July.

The Puritan avenue branch office, managed by Hansel D. Wilson, sold \$265,000 worth of property, and the Gratiot avenue branch, managed by E. R. Wilcox, \$220,000.

## Crumb

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tulip design in rose and green. The table and washstand covers are old linen towels with red borders and netted heading fringed ends.

The carpeting in the northeast bedroom is also a raisin-colored leaf design, and the curtains are white ruffled type. The walls are treated with gray paper having a dogwood design in white, gray and yellow. The woodwork is ivory. The furnishings are antique. The bed is a spindle four-poster and

beside it is a cradle in the same design. The spread is white with red and green rose design applique. The pillow shams are red and white.

The northwest bedroom, which is the only room in the house which has new furniture, has beige carpeting, and at the windows are ruffled curtains of white embroidered organdie. The walls are treated with peach paper having a floral bouquet and stripe in white and beige. The woodwork is ivory. The furniture is mahogany, Eighteenth Century type, and the spreads are of white organdie trimmed with a flounce edged in a ruffle.

The color scheme of the north bath includes Persian tan tile floor and lower walls, Persian tan painted upper walls and ceiling, and for contrast aqua was selected as the color for the shower and window curtains.

The south bath has light blue and white tile floor and lower walls, light blue painted upper walls and ceiling, and ivory woodwork. Dusty rose was selected for the color of the shower and window curtains.

## Open New Office

Opening of a new office at 9965 Gratiot avenue, at Harper avenue, was announced Saturday by Charles L. Erb and Eugene A. Geschwind. Erb has been in the real estate business since 1921 and was employed by the Home Owners Loan Corp. from 1933 to 1941 in the appraisal and property management departments. Recently he has been the real estate brokers' representative in the homes conversion program. He is secretary of the Eastern Detroit Realty Association and a member of the Detroit Real Estate Board. Geschwind has been in the real estate, insurance and building business since 1919. He is a member of the Eastern Detroit Realty Association.