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Mid-Century Modern Homes in Joliet



Lois Place



William



UNUSUAL WEST SIDE HOME—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skorupa is on a lot designated as 500 William street altho it is facing Taylor street. Mr. Skorupa is endeavoring to have a new number allotted to the property so as to have a Taylor street address. The dwelling, valued at \$28,000, is of cut limestone. Known as a three level ranch type home, it has three rooms and an English basement. The home is heated with a gas-hot water furnace with baseboard radiant heat distribution. The living room has a cut stone fireplace. One of the features of the living room is a glass block octagon window. There are oak floors thruout. The kitchen is finished in plastic tile. There are floor to ceiling all-metal cupboards, a cabinet sink and dishwasher. There are two bedrooms with the bathroom located between them.

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William



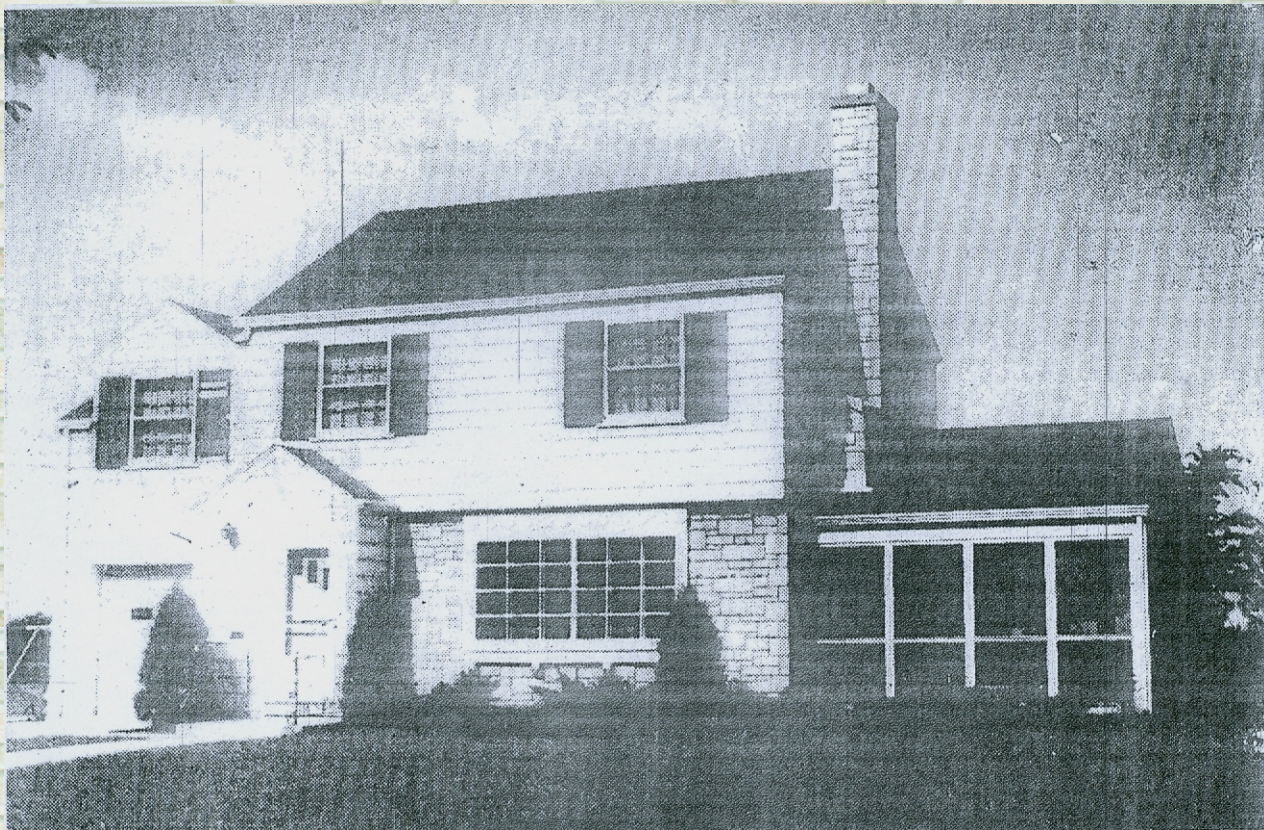
Palladium



Buell



Catherine



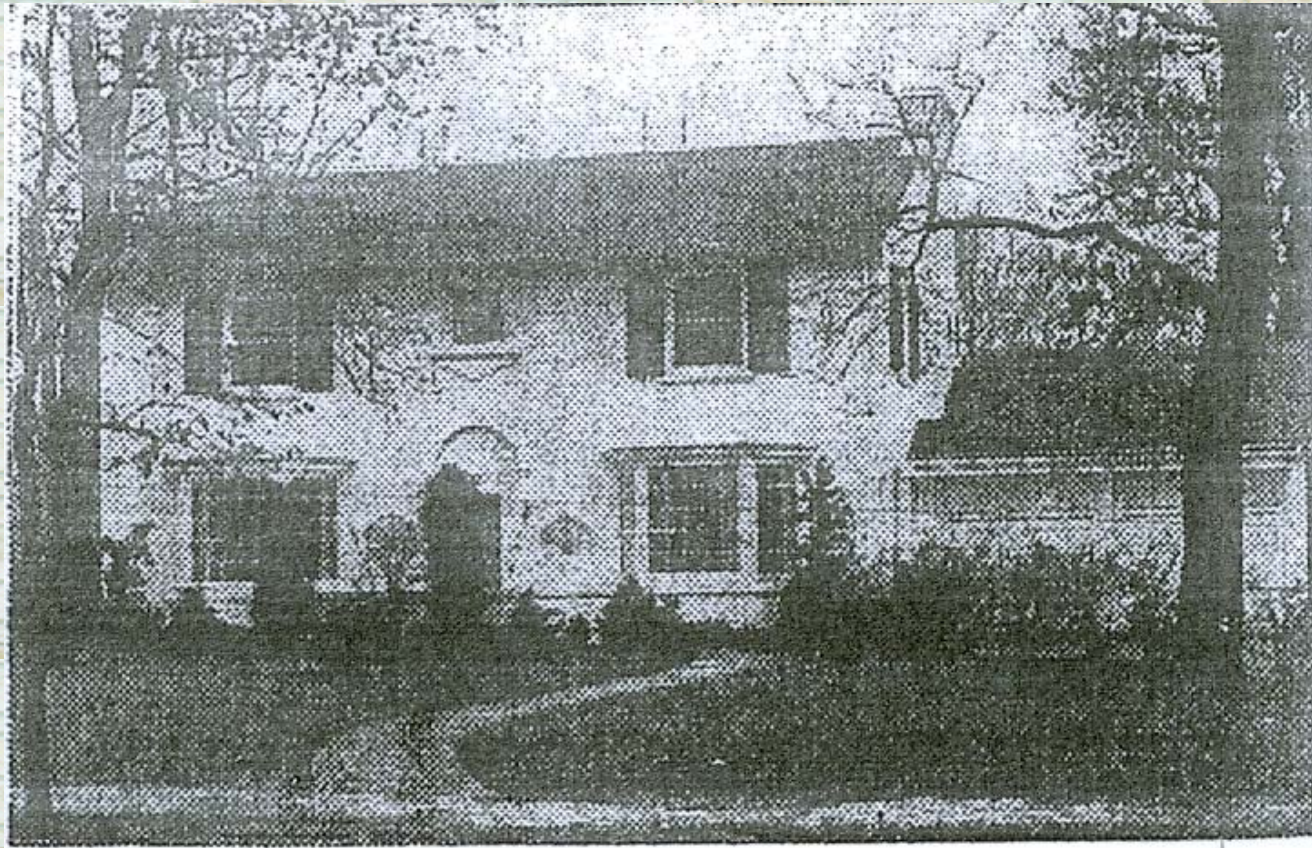
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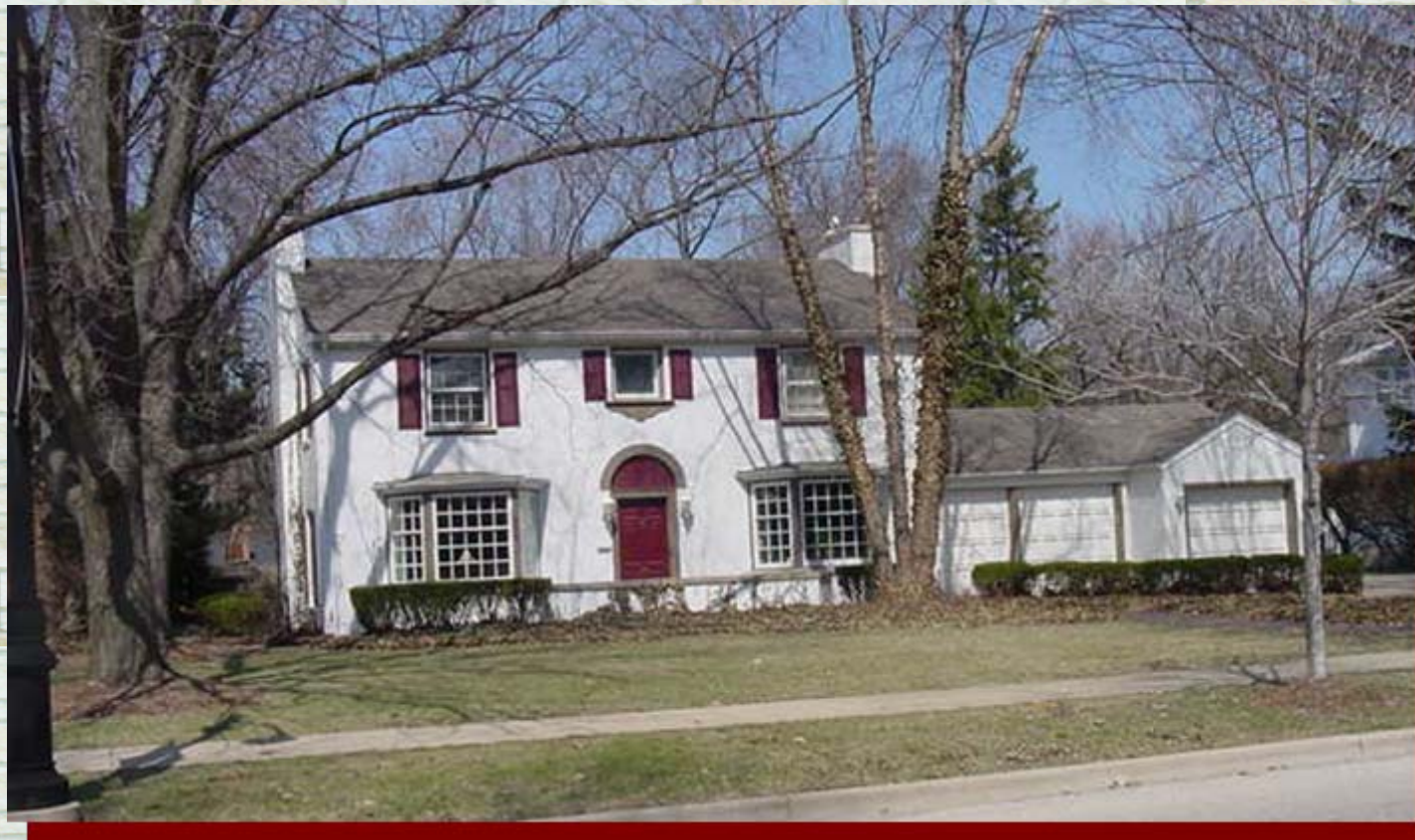
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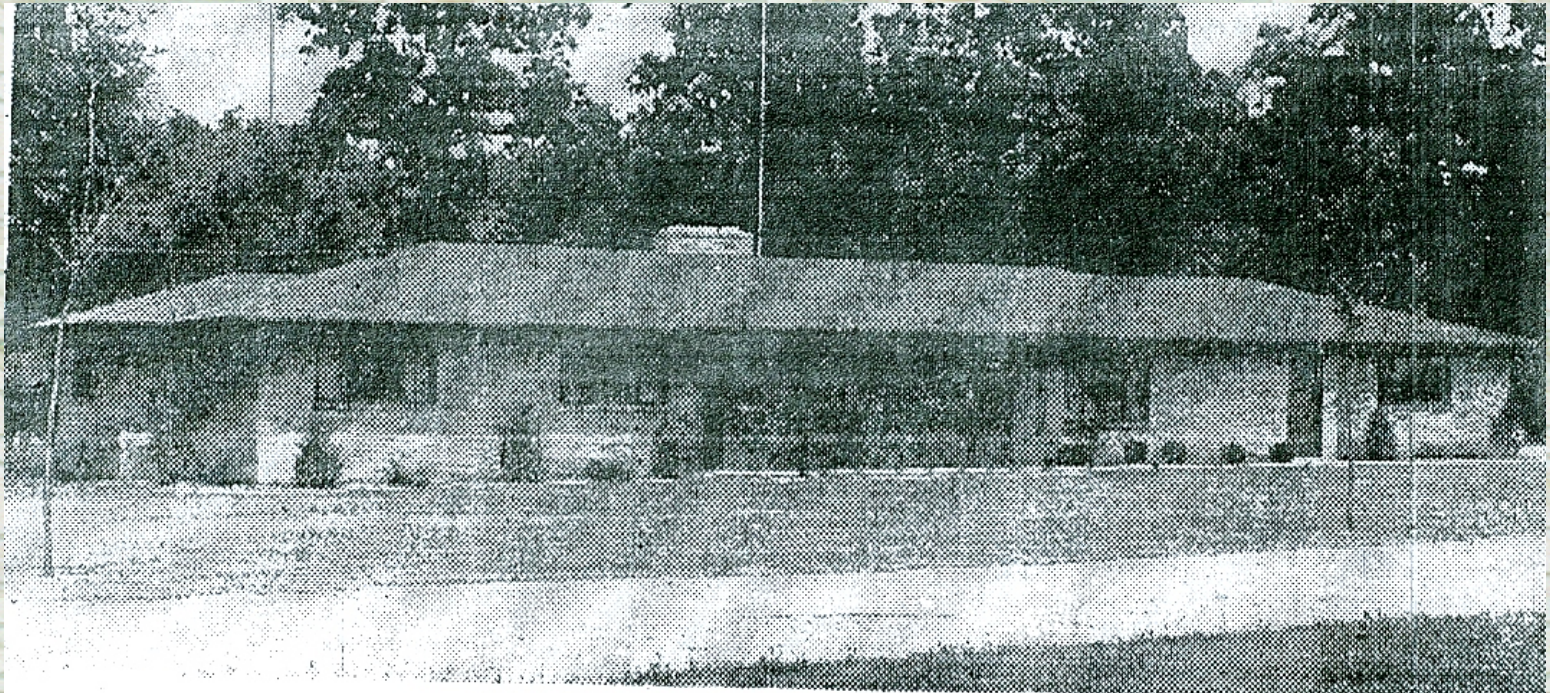
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Marquette Gardens



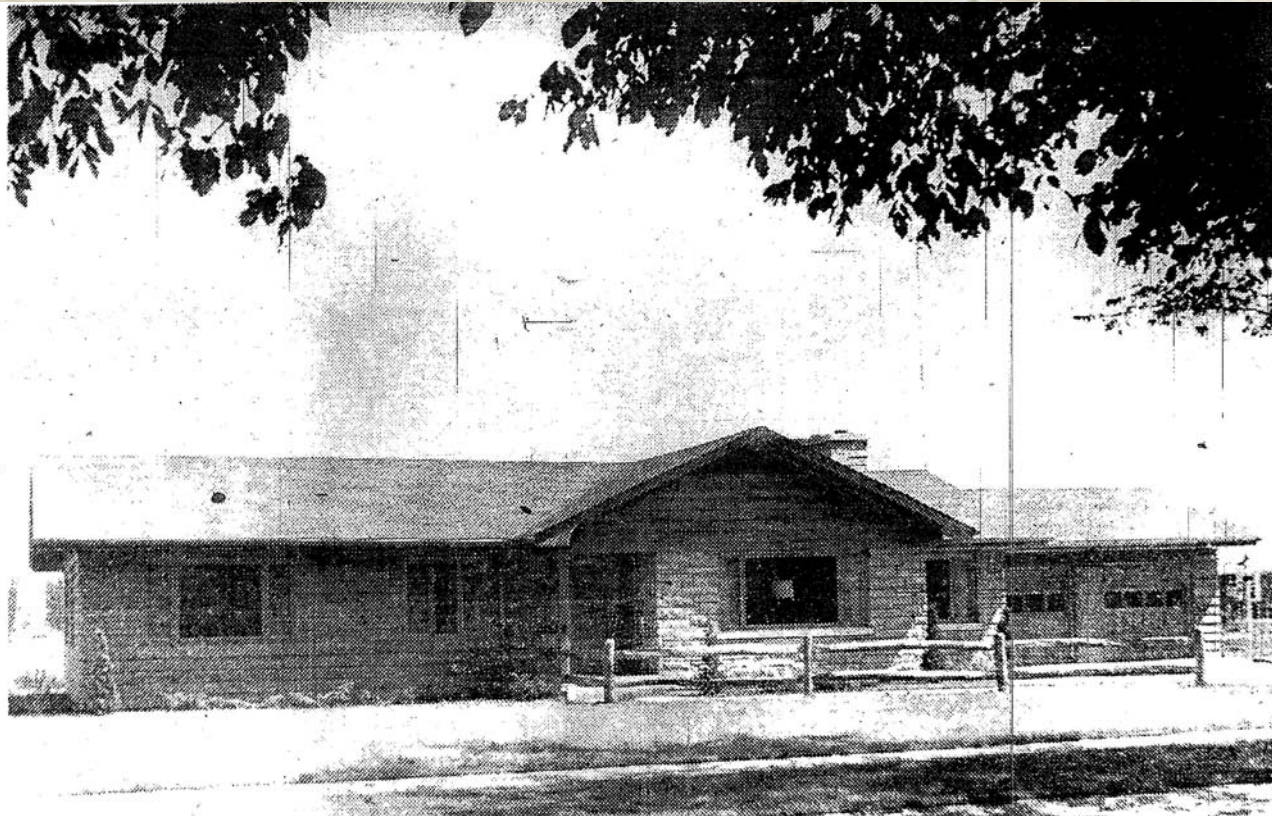
Buell



Mason



Taylor



A HOUSE OF CYPRESS—The beautiful home of the Roy Hendricksens Jr., 1303 Taylor street, has an exterior of natural cypress and stone. Mahogany and cypress woodwork are used thruout the interior with various color schemes used in the six spacious rooms. The home has many unusual features, such as cork flooring in the den, built-in china cabinet and gun room, and a built-in window seat in the den. The home, finished last May, has a full basement, a double garage attached and has oil forced air heat.

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Caton



Caton



Sugar Creek



Caton



Sherwood



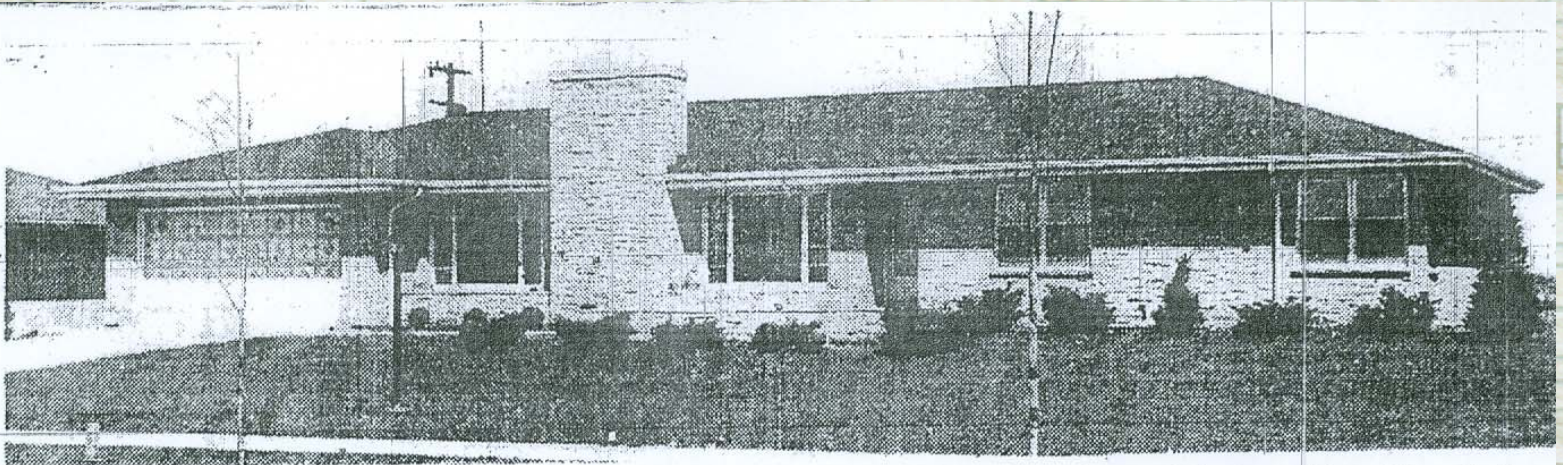
Taylor



Douglas



Mayfield



A JOLIET SHOWPLACE—The home of brothers Frank and Nicholas Murphy and their mother, Mrs. Catherine Murphy, is among the finest in Joliet and was featured in a Chicago Tribune article last winter. The home is finished in Crab Orchard stone. Another unusual feature apparent from the outside is the driveway of green concrete, the color impregnated when the cement was mixed. The home is situated at 1609 Mayfield avenue, in the midst of a subdivision built by the brothers. The chimney serves fireplaces both in the living room and in the basement. The home is a large one, containing an ample living room, a dining room, kitchen and dinette, a den, three bedrooms and a two-car garage. The kitchen is a big room, with a U-shaped work center at one end and a breakfast area at the other. The walls in the living room and dining room are textured plaster. Draperies are alternate widths of green and yellow fabric, with green cornices.

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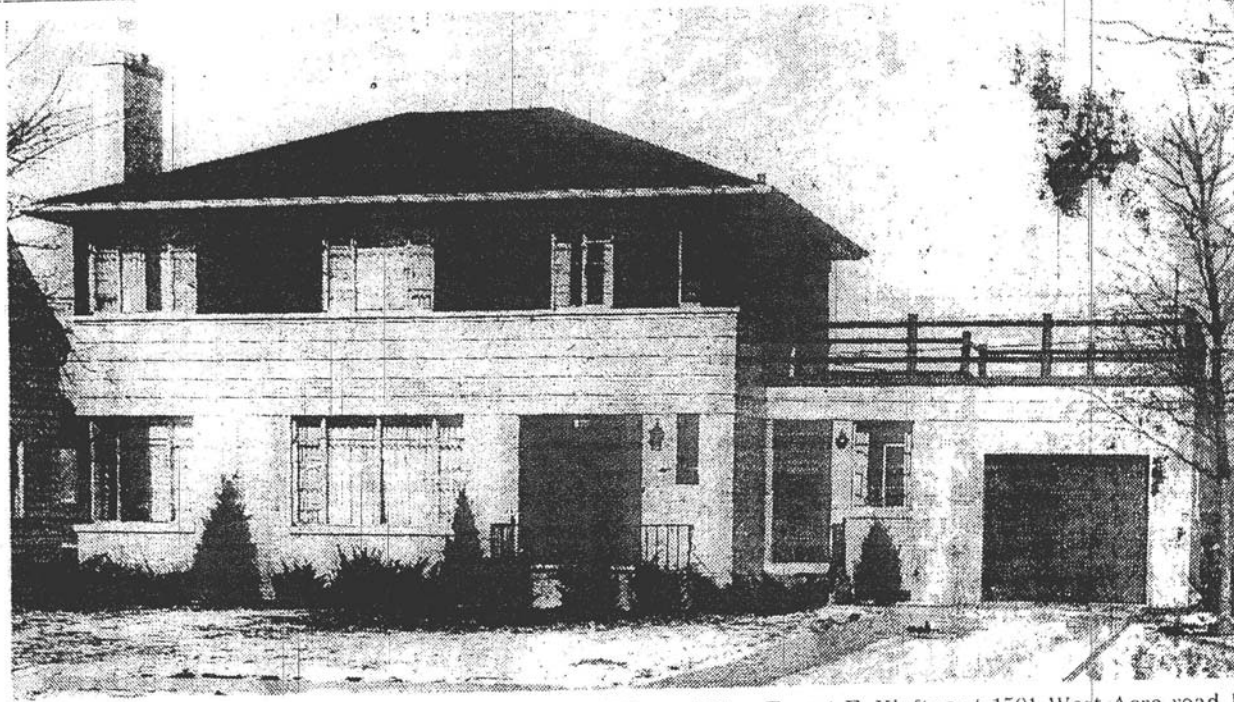
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West-Acres



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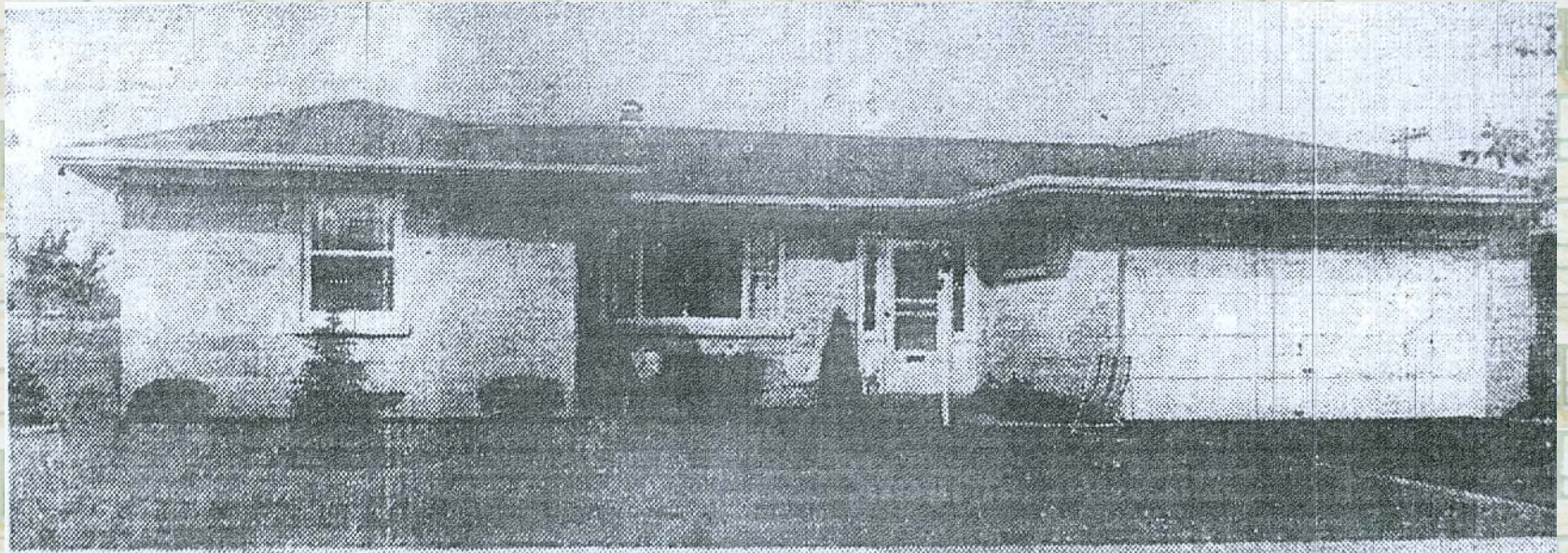
MODERN DESIGN—The new seven room home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Klafter at 1501 West Acre road has several unusual features. Among them are the pearl-gray kitchen, with the sink set in a corner under the windows and with a "food island" in the middle of the room. The roof of the garage serves as a sun deck for the second floor. The interior, with smooth plaster finishes, has a figured turquoise color scheme in the front hall, cocoa brown in the living and dining rooms, mauve and gray in the master bedroom, forest green and cherry red in the second bedroom and red, white and blue in the third bedroom. The fireplace is faced with Italian marble. There is a tufted beige full carpet downstairs and a light effect is gained in the hall by means of ribbed glass insets at the front door. The exterior finish is yellow brick with wooden battens.

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West-Acres



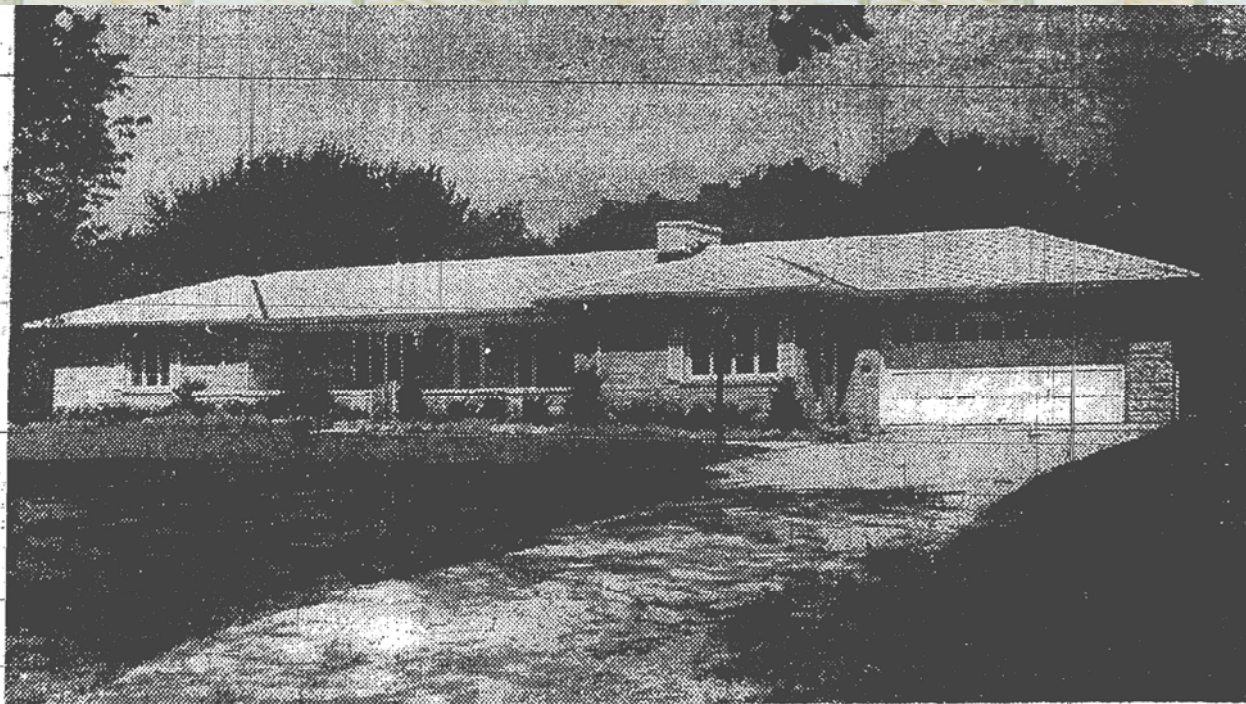
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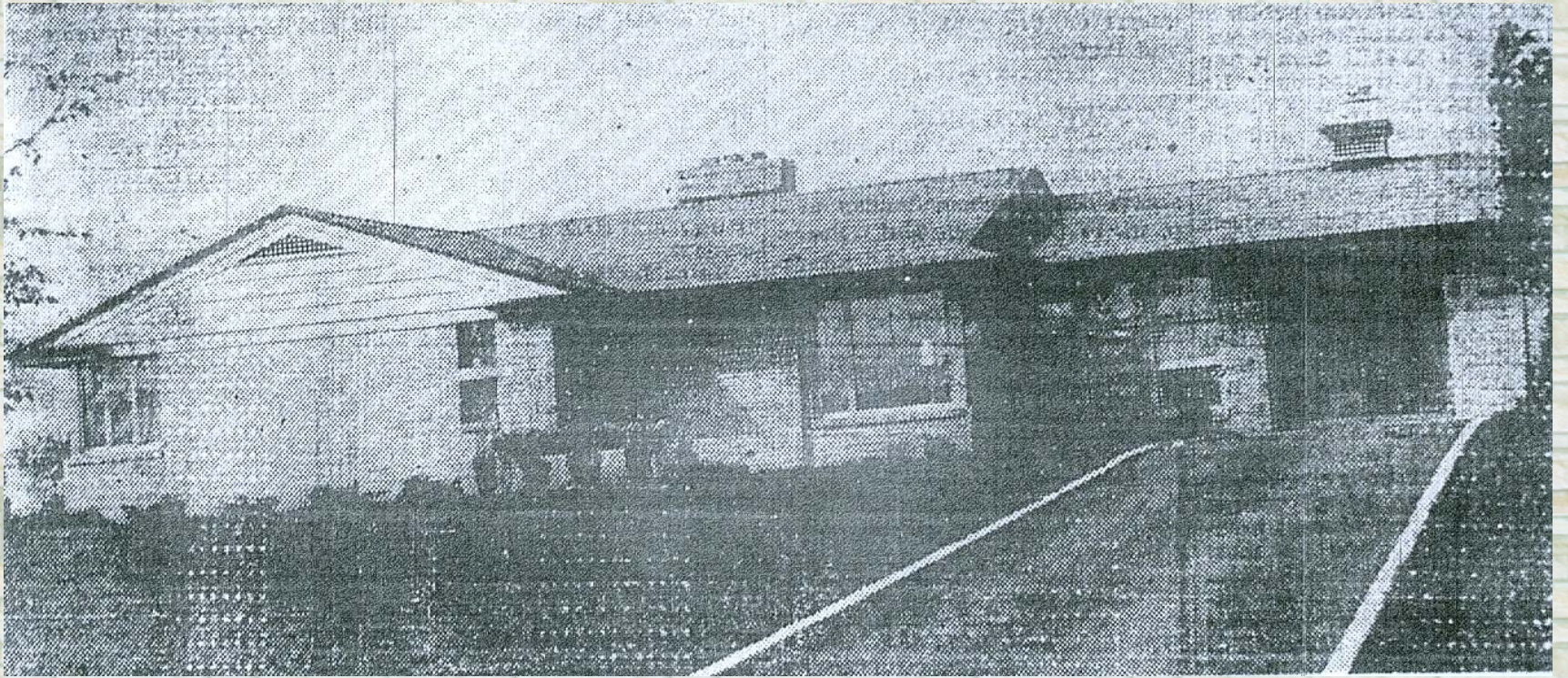
NATIVE STONE—Joliet limestone, long a coveted building material, makes the major part of the luxurious home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mann, 1003 Buell avenue. A two-decker fireplace, opening on the main floor and also in the basement, is a feature of the ranch-type house. The living room offers a full view to the north from an expanse of thermal pane glass. Mrs. Mann designed the kitchen which uses both wallpaper and painted surface as part of its decorative scheme and which has a glass table for breakfasting. The house has two baths on the main floor and one in the basement. Gas forced air is the method of heating.

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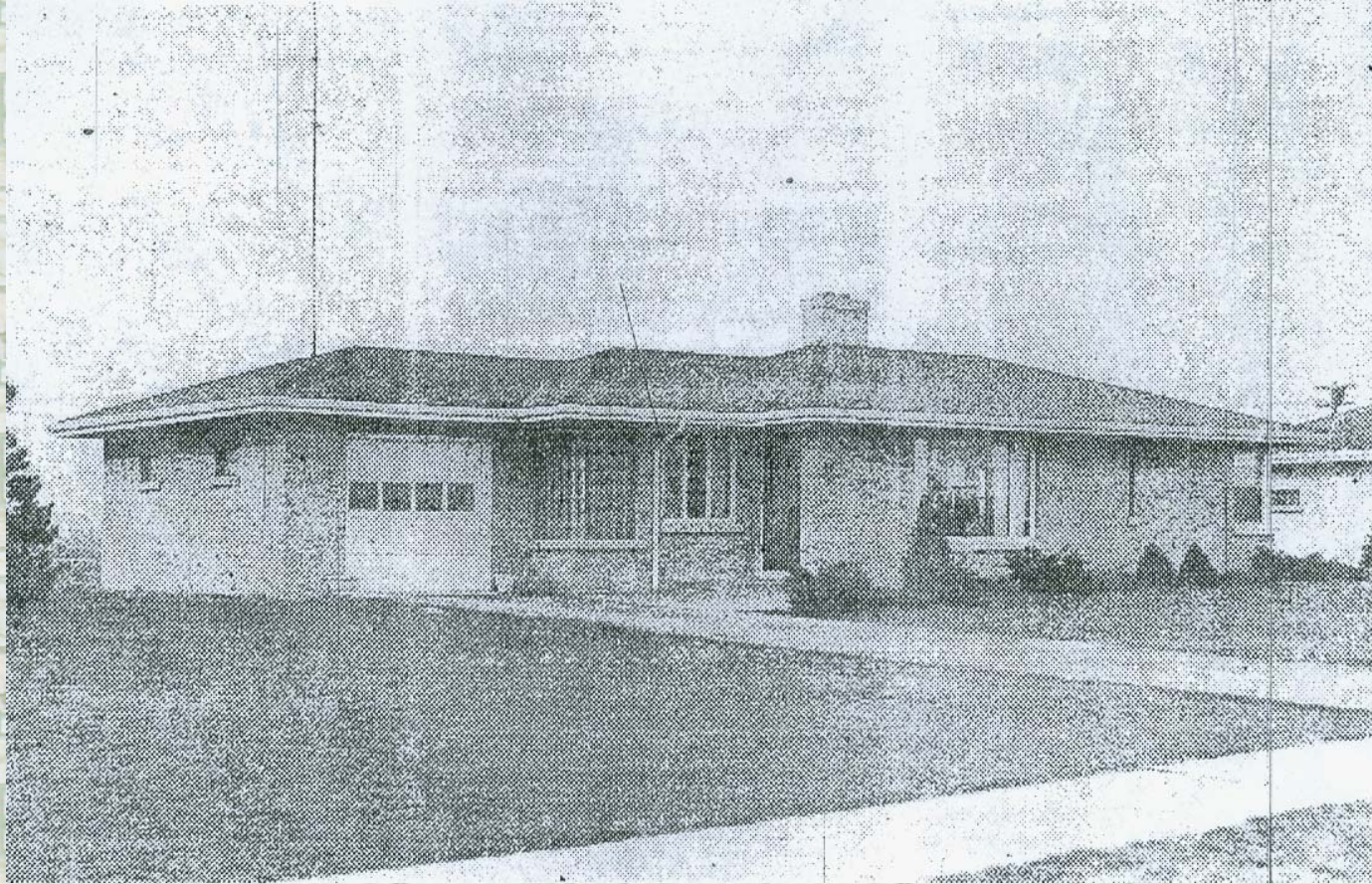
Buell



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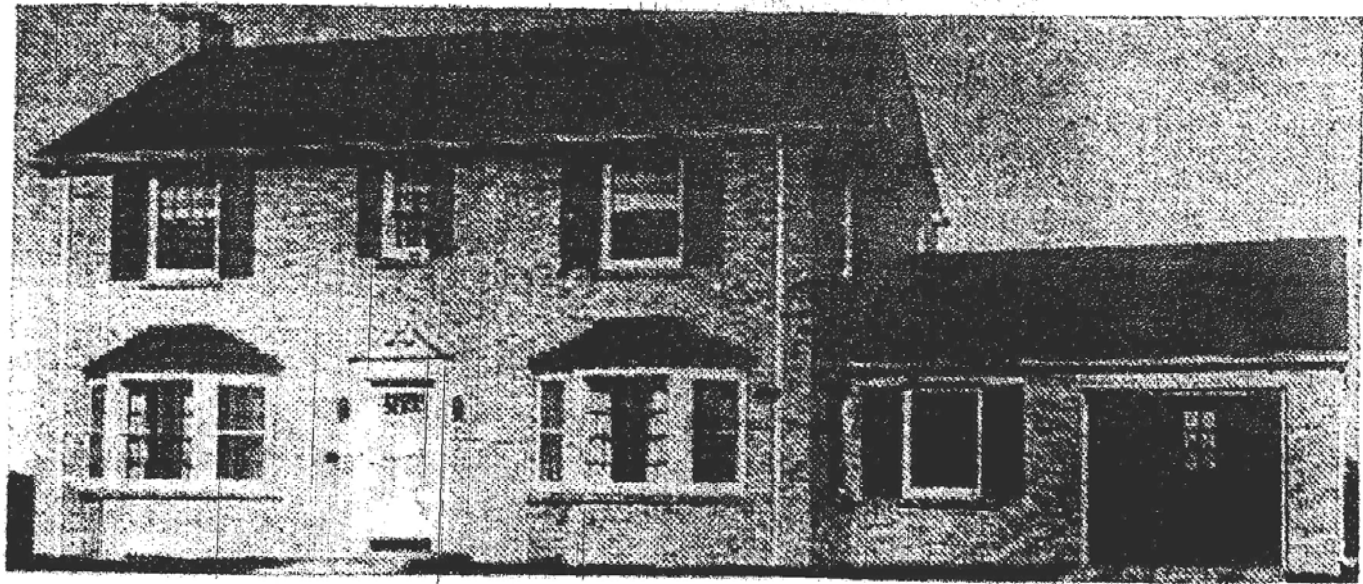
Valley Parkway



Western



West Acres



MR. AND MRS. F. M. PREUCIL bought this attractive, eight room, peach colored brick colonial house at 1405 West Acres road from the Oliver Realty company. With eight rooms, there is ample space for living, and the two bay windows on each side of the house permit a great amount of light.

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West-Acres



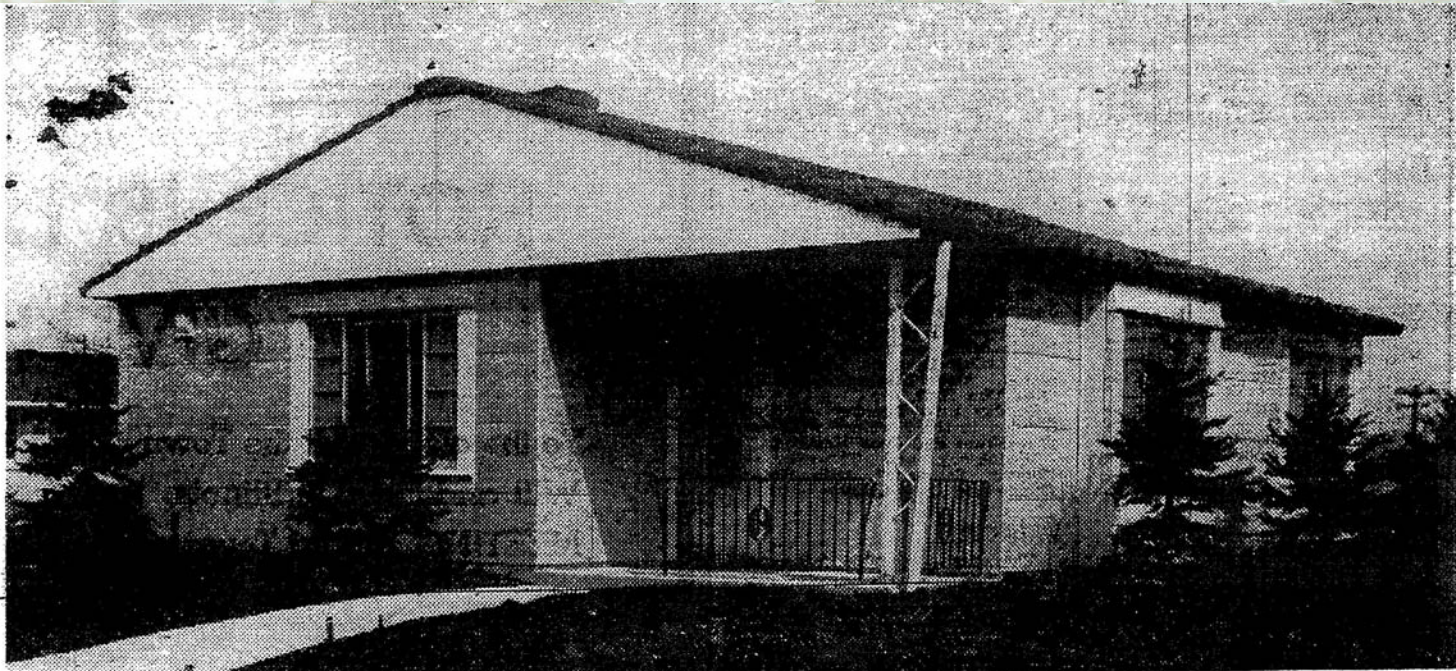
Valley Parkway



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Midland



LUSTRON HOME—This five room all steel home of Commissioner and Mrs. Albert A. Odenthal at Midland avenue and Taylor street is one of four lustron homes in Joliet. It is a completely steel, baked enamel, fireproof home. A large living room, dinette, bedroom, den, kitchen and bathroom make up the interior which is carpeted thruout. The walls are of a soft neutral grey which blend in with furniture schemes of various colors. All the rooms except the kitchen have large picture windows. Many other built-in features including sliding doors make the home unique, practical and comfortable.

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Midland — Lustron



William



Sugar Creek



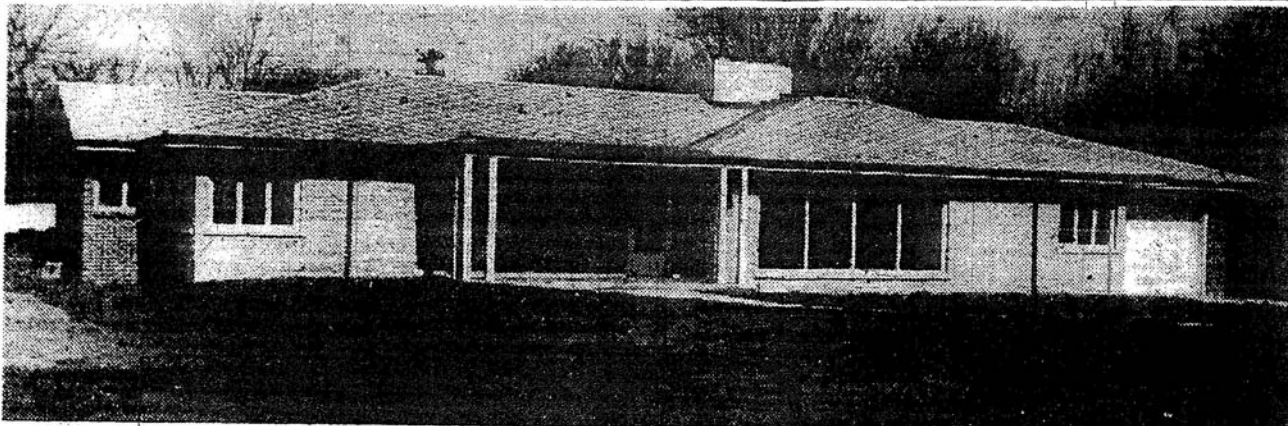
Grand

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REAL ESTATE — BUILDING



TWO "REC" ROOMS—This exquisite ranch-style home is the property of Frank E. Brown, local Cadillac dealer. Located at 809 Grand boulevard, the dwelling contains six regular rooms, three bathrooms and two recreation rooms with fireplaces. Included in the six regular rooms are three bedrooms. The "rec" rooms are located in the full basement and on the ground-level floor. A barbecue fireplace is situated in the "rec" room on the first floor while regular fireplaces are included in the other recreation room and in the living room. The two bathrooms on the ground floor are finished in two-tone tiles, are specially ventilated and contain combination wash basins and dressing tables. The kitchen is entirely electrified and includes an automatic washing machine. Another bathroom with a shower is situated in the basement. Heated by forced hot-air, the home is also completely air-conditioned. A one-car garage is connected to the dwelling which is constructed of Joliet limestone.

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Grand



Buell



THE NINE ROOM BRICK home of Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Wadsworth, 956 Buell avenue, is of the Grecian style and it has all of the latest conveniences. Layout of the residence is such that there are maid's quarters separate from the rest of the house, a roomy study over the two car garage, three tile baths, two powder rooms, and a recreation and work room in the basement. The ceilings and walls are completely insulated. S. A. Hoberg was the contractor and A. J. Kruegel, the architect.

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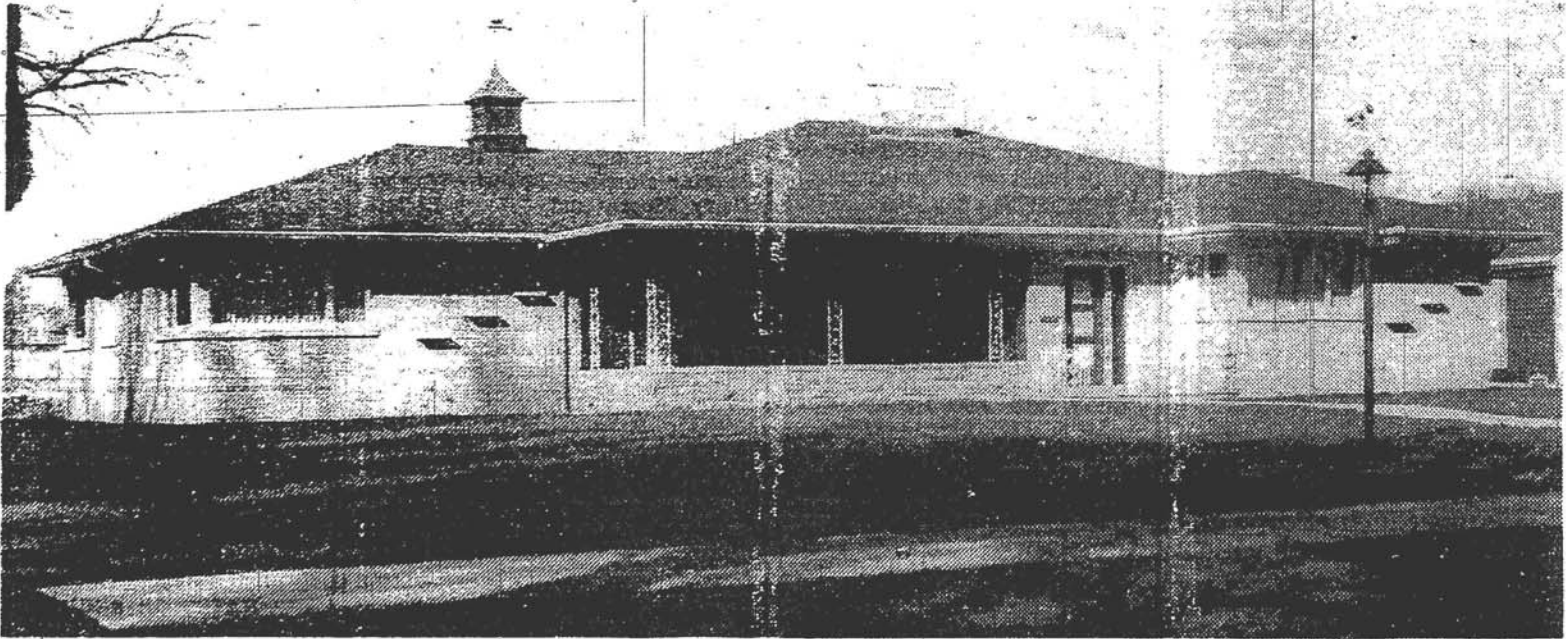
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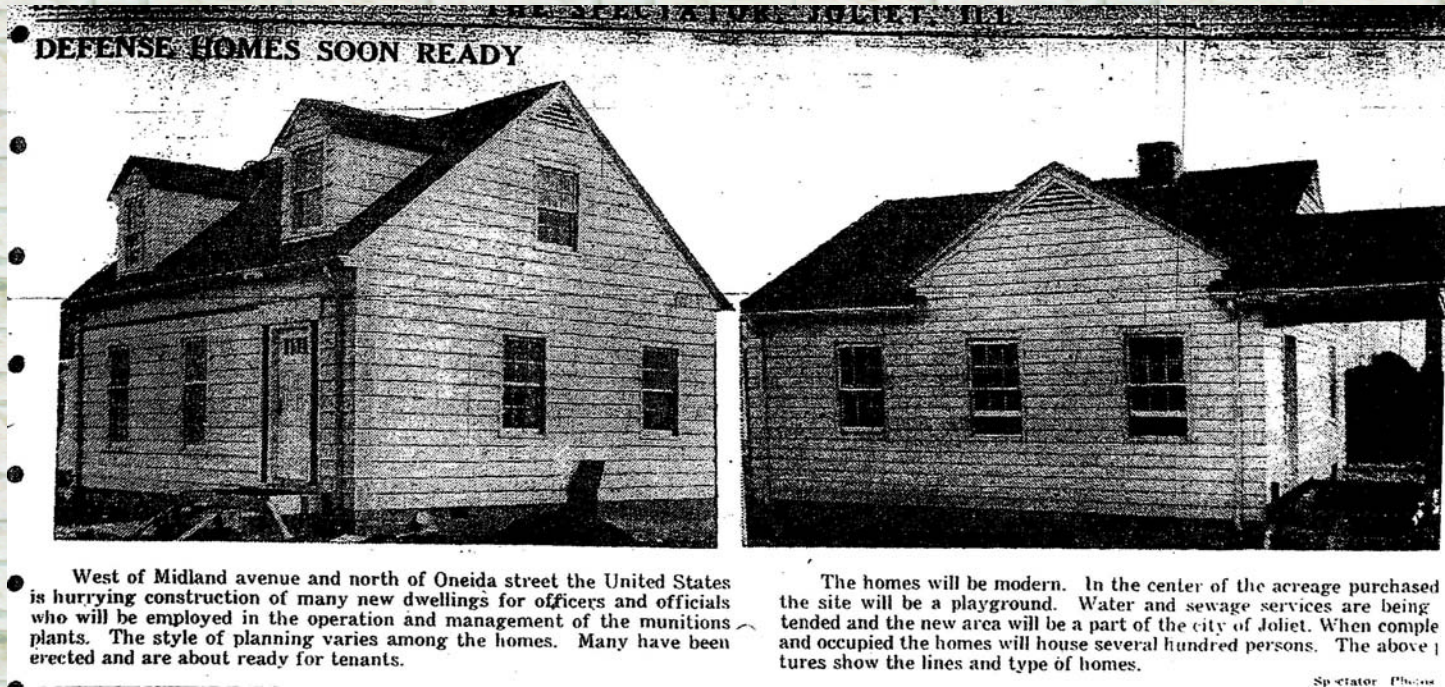
BUILT FOR LASTING BEAUTY—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Saper are the owners of this seven room ranch style home located at the corner of Western avenue and Reed street. With the exterior in sunny yellow brick, the home has a roomy entrance hall and a guest wardrobe closet. The living room is a step up from the hall. Other features are a complete modern kitchen and kitchenette combination in gray with yellow and green touches for the floor, drapes and wallpaper, and a den with mahogany paneled walls, a Parkay floor and an acoustic block ceiling. The bath and powder rooms have pastel ceramic walls and floors.

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Western



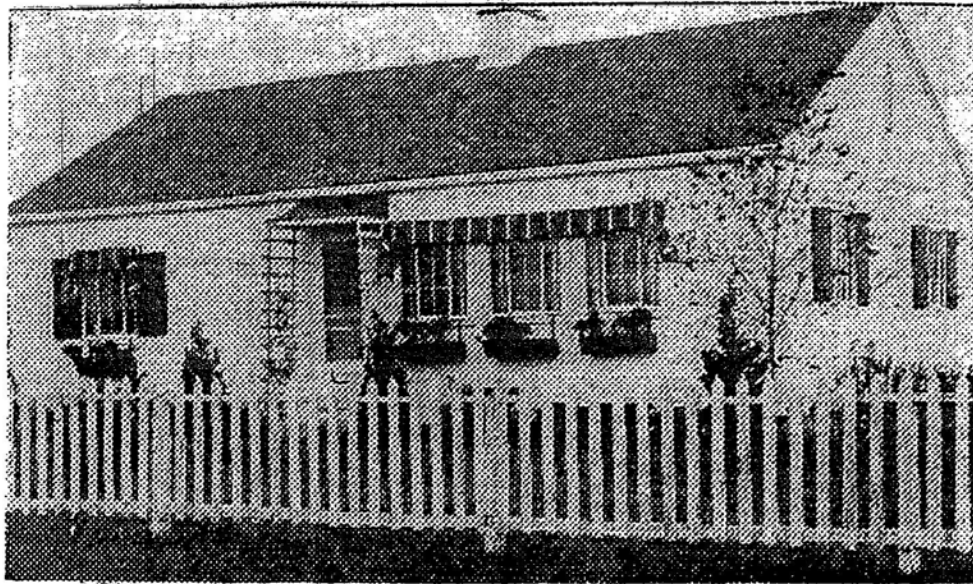
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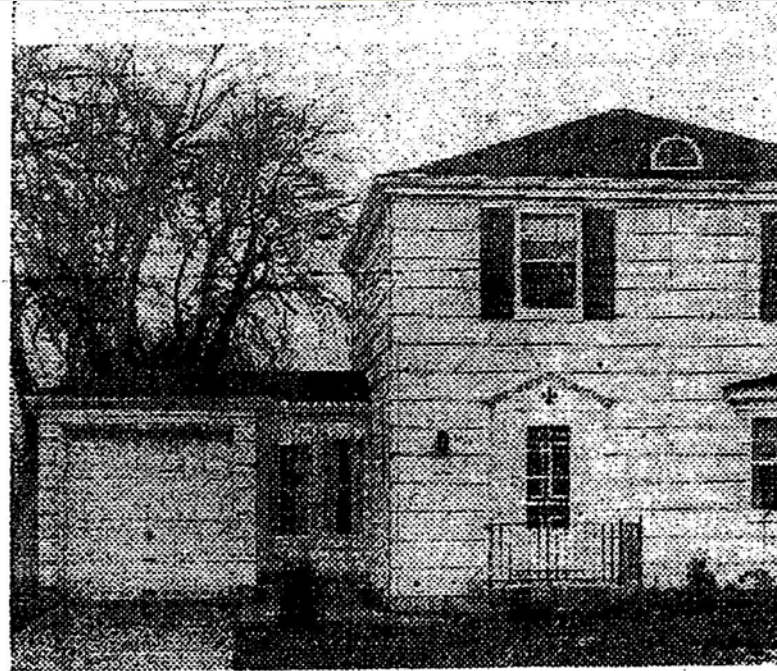
THIS IS THE colonial type home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson of 1430 N. May street. There are five rooms and all are completely panelled in walnut except the kitchen and bathroom. A breezeway connects the one-car garage with the house. The home is constructed of prefabricated material and was erected and sold by the Adam Groth company.

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Oneida



THE MODERN WHITE FRAME colonial type house of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Delzell, 1009 Oneida street. The house is air conditioned and the walls and ceilings are fully insulated, keeping the house warm in winter and cool in the summer. A recreation room is under construction in the basement. A notable feature is the fully enclosed breezeway between the one-story garage and the house. Paul O'Neal of Lockport was the contractor for this attractive home.

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Marion



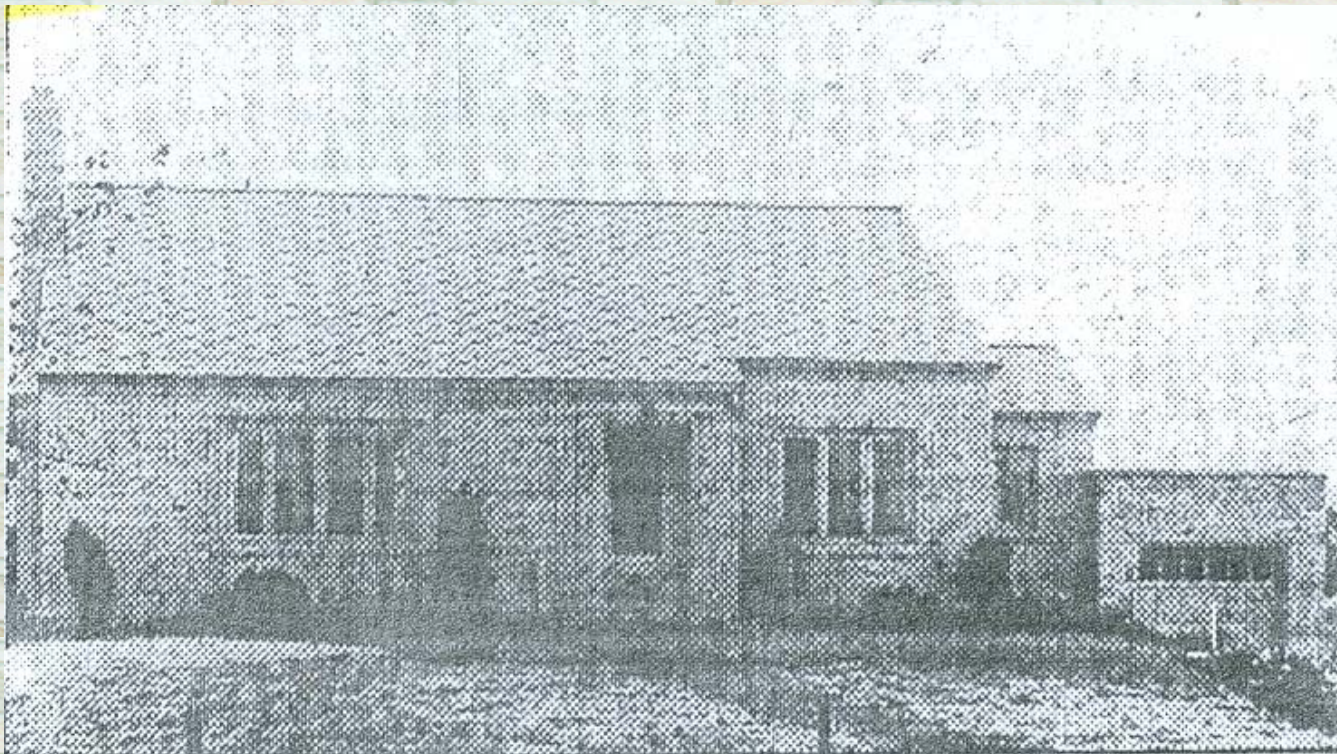
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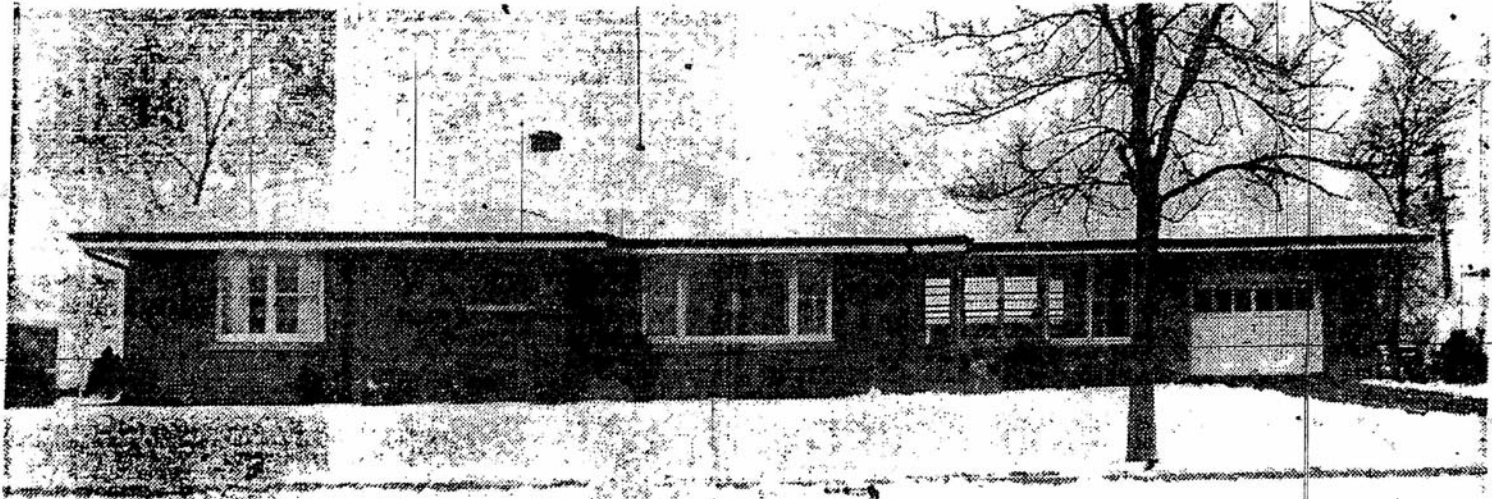
Valley Parkway



Briargate



Westshire



RANCH HOME IN MODERN FASHION—A far cry from the ranch buildings after which it takes its name, the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ziech, 717 Westshire drive, is a truly fine example of modern home planning. Oak-bark brick makes its attractive exterior with glassed-in breezeway furnishing extra living space in what is called a four-room home. Baseboard heating is another up-to-date feature. The interior combines colors like two shades of cinnamon brown with gray carpeting for the living room, dusty rose and gray for one bedroom and blue in the other while suntan and burgundy are the colors in the bathroom and gray and aquamarine blue decorate the kitchen. The kitchen has French windows while the living room boasts a picture window. A food bar extends from kitchen cabinets to set off dining area. A. J. Krings was the contractor.

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Douglas Road Cherry Hill

