

Kaylors In New Home At Manly

(Continued from page 1) played by the Town to help with the work at the station and share the responsibility of keeping it manned at all times.

Worked Five Years

And where are the Kaylors? They are happily established in a fine new house situated on a wooded lot of more than an acre, off old No. 1 highway, north of Manly—a house on which they have been working in their spare time for nearly five years.

While Frank was the town's resident fireman, until his retirement December 15, he and Grace—also a town employee, on a token salary—had one day off a week. That was the time they used to work on the home where they are now living.

Frank, an expert machinist, mechanic and handyman, explained, "We had a builder put up the walls and roof and lay the flooring. Except for just a few odd jobs, we did all the rest ourselves."

Grace—who is something of a handywoman herself—added, "We built the fireplace first. Then, if it was cold, we had a fire to work by. We'd bring our lunch and heat it on the open fire. We're not

quite finished—we still have to do ceramic tiling in the bathroom and a few little things like that."

The part Grace likes best is the full basement of the house, with plenty of storage space, also room for an additional bedroom or two they are planning. The L-shaped house has pine panelling in two rooms and the spacious kitchen has plenty of cabinets, also pine.

Wide Boards

The pine panelling, any one interested in lumber can see at a glance, is no ordinary wood. Most of it is boards 20 inches wide and seven-eighths of an inch thick, sawed from big pines cut, not very far from where the Kaylors' house stands, by W. O. Moss from whom the panelling was acquired. The Kaylors' lot is former Moss land and the house has a pleasant view across a big rolling pasture of Mr. and Mrs. Moss's Mileaway Farm, to a wooded ridge beyond. Pine in the kitchen cabinets is cut from the same big boards.

Best thing about the house, commented Frank, is "It was a pay-as-you-go project. We'd buy what we needed as we went along. If we had to choose between buying groceries and lumber, we'd get the lumber."

Their furniture includes re-upholstered pieces all re-done by Grace. Hooked rugs she made are on the floor. The only new piece of furniture is the comfortable "TV-Lounger" chair given the couple by the volunteer firemen at a recent dinner in their honor.

Still Registrar

While retiring as resident fireman, Frank has continued as fire chief till a new one is elected tonight, and Grace has agreed to keep her job as registrar for the North Southern Pines precinct. She has served as registrar for many years, thus further extending the couple's wide acquaintance in the community.

Asked if he didn't still miss the fire station, Frank said, "Not on your life. Now I can sleep with both eyes and both ears closed!" But Grace isn't quite used to it yet—she still occasionally answers the phone, "Fire station!" Frank says, too, that he hasn't gotten used to being able to go any place he wants to, at any time.

All these 23 years, Mrs. Kaylor recalls, "We could never go out together—One of us always had to stay with the phone. We never went out at night, or to movies, or to parties, or to meetings. We couldn't even go to church together."

To Remain Busy

At some distance from the Kaylors' house is Frank's workshop, 50 by 30 feet in size, built last summer, containing his machinery for metal and wood working, welding equipment and other tools. Big sliding double doors at each end permit large vehicles to drive into the high-ceilinged building. For years, Frank has done metal work, including hand-wrought hardware, which can be found in many styles, as well as homes, in the Sandhills. He says he has plenty of work on hand and hopes that work will continue to be plentiful as "I've still got to earn a living. I'm only retiring from the Fire Department—not from work."

Frank moved to Southern Pines from Raleigh in 1914, at the age of 17, to take a garage job, and five years later married Grace Parsons, who had come to Manly as a baby with her parents, from Quincy, Mass. He went to work as machinist for the Town in 1932, joining the Southern Pines volunteer fire department at the same time. On December 15, 1939, he became resident fireman and they moved to the station with their four children. The oldest, Pete (Frank Kaylor, Jr.) was al-

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Savings Bond sales during November in Moore County were \$34,139, according to L. B. Creath of Pinehurst, Moore County Volunteer Savings Bonds Chairman. For the year through November, bond sales totaled \$437,449, which is 96.3% of the County's quota for 1962.

ready grown and married then.

Their children are Pete who lives in Southern Pines with his family; Mrs. N. A. (Grace) McGill of Aberdeen, Mrs. R. I. (Dorothy) Slarks of Minneapolis, Minn., Richard, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Milton, the youngest, who with his 10-year-old daughter, Debbie, lives with his parents. There are 13 grandchildren in all, and, once those basement rooms are completed, whenever the whole family wants to come to visit, the Kaylors are ready.

Praises Firemen

Leaving the fire station after 23 years, and soon to leave the fire department after 30 years, Frank has words of highest praise for the Southern Pines volunteer firemen: "They're the absolute tops. There's not a one of them wouldn't risk his life for any of the others, and in fact they do it all the time. It's been a privilege working with them."

The Kaylors foresee no idle hours. Frank has his shop work and a unique time-filling hobby, his scale-model railroad, on which nearly every kid in town and many other persons have ridden and which is soon to be set up on their new property. Grace knits and sews, hooks rugs, keeps house, and will have her hands full tending the garden she's already started.

At the regular January meeting of the volunteer firemen, being held tonight (Thursday), Frank is turning in his resignation as both chief and a member of the department with which he has been associated for the past 30 years.

"But I'm going to tell them," he said this week, "that if there is anything I can do to help at any time, I want them to call on me. I'm over 65 now and think it's time that I get off the active list. But I'll always be interested in the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department and in the entire community. I can't think of any town where I'd rather live. Of course, where we are here now, it's only a few minutes into Southern Pines."

For the Kaylors, a grateful community wishes the best of New Years.

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