

Huffstetlers Restore Another Home On Piedmont

It will be interesting to see what role their third home on North Piedmont Avenue will play in their lives, say Doris and Roy Huffstetler Sr.

The restored, cozy bungalow at 204 N. Piedmont resembles only in decor the "Big House" at 100 N. Piedmont they restored over a 12-year period, furnished with exquisite Victorian pieces over 20 years of ownership and vacated nearly five years ago. The old Garrett/Dilling mansion earned the reputation as "one of its own." The Huffstetlers hoped the house would be included in the N.C. Historical Registry.

"We loved what Roy called 'the Big House' but there were 41 stairs in that house," said Doris. "I found the old house easier to clean because we had storage room on three floors. When we first moved, I admit it was hard to adjust to small rooms and low ceilings."

Roy Huffstetler sees their present home as the ideal retirement home. An added bonus is the smaller house is next door to his son and daughter-in-law, Roy and Melba Huffstetler, and their children. "This will be our last stop on Piedmont," said Roy. The couple's first home was a log cabin on Penley's Chapel Road in 1950. After two years, they moved to 1108 N. Piedmont. In 1956 they bought the old Garrett/Dilling house and sold it in 1986.

Now that all the restoration projects are history, Roy can relax after work at Lithium Corporation in the back yard with grandchildren. Swing sets, a ready to build tree house and sliding boards are fun for the kids and the Huffstetler's pets, a white Siamese cat which answers to "Marlic" and a gold Siamese named "Misty."

A retired beautician, Doris' flair for style and love of the Victorian influence is reflected in the home. Good friend Phyllis Dixon made draperies which enhance the mauve theme and Doris uses crocheted bedspreads in the three bedrooms, and comfortable family pieces acquired over 40 years of marriage.

The late L.W. Garrett, Doris' father, helped build the bungalow in the early 1930s. It is painted in Bourbon ivory, the same color the Huffstetlers painted their original Victorian house, with colonial red roof and red shutters.

Unlike the original Victorian house, which had a wrap-around porch, the enclosed front porch doubles for a Florida room. Relaxing with hot punch on white wicker furniture, guests look out at a busy block of N. Piedmont which is dotted with historic homes decked



COZY BUNGALOW-The beautiful mauve living room sets the motif for the home Roy and Doris Huffstetler have restored at 204 N. Piedmont Ave.

out in holiday trim. A conversation piece is the large painting of the Huffstetlers' former home at 100 S. Piedmont.

Holiday decorations abound in the three-bedroom, two story house.

Lace Valentines dating to the 1800s and tiny collectible music boxes decorate the Christmas tree topped by a Victorian doll which came from the tree in the Huffstetlers' former home.

Following family tradition, Doris has used keepsake ornaments the family has enjoyed for 40 Christmases.

"Each of the ornaments have a special meaning," she said. The tree is decorated in the Florida room and passersby slow to admire the tree which can be seen from the street.

Satin finish wallpaper in a lighter shade of mauve form the background in the small living room for a

mauve Duncan-Phyfee sofa with barrel back chairs. Doris bought the sofa in 1946 before her marriage. An angel collection and antique clock are on the mantel. A porcelain doll, a present from Roy, sits on the hearth. Angels, deer and big Christmas poinsettias adorn the foyer. The whole house is designed for comfort and conveniences, is full of family memorabilia.

The master bedroom is enhanced by a high poster bed Doris painted in rose with a mauve chest topped with antique hatbox. The walls in raw silk. The antique gold couch has arms that raise and let down and a head rest that tilts to rest your feet. Lace bedspreads and wallpaper highlight the Victorian theme.

The oak buffet in the mauve and rose dining room is another sentimental piece the Huffstetlers used in their former home at 100 N. Piedmont.

The cozy kitchen is small but designed for convenience.

Stairs lead from a small den to a loft bedroom on the second floor which would be a guest or grandchild's delight.

The Huffstetlers' first bedroom suite, a Jenny Lynn be, centers a 10 foot room where two "fainting" couches and antique cradles are featured in a color theme of mauve and antique white. A chaise, window seats and a low, round table of books decorate the adjoining sitting room a visitor enters from the stairway. "A grandmother's heart is a garden of love" is the needlepoint design on the wall.

A large bath adjoins the suite of rooms. A guest room on the first floor contains a four-piece solid oak bedroom suite complete with high rolled hardboard, dresser, wash stand and full-length mirror.

Known as the Thomasson, padgett and Cooke house, the extensively renovated home at 204 N. Piedmont is now the Huffstetler home. It's their last stop on N. Piedmont Avenue.



THIRD HOME ON PIEDMONT AVENUE-Roy and Doris Huffstetler have restored three homes on North Piedmont Avenue and Roy says the present home will be their retirement home.

The Bulletin Board

THURSDAY:

11:00-Senior Citizens at Depot Center will begin the day's activities with bingo, nutrition class, lunch, shopping from 12 noon until 2 p.m., crocheting and knitting classes from 1 until 4 p.m. and aquatics classes begin at 6:30 p.m. at Natatorium. (Aquatics class also on Tuesday.)

12:00-Kings Mountain Rotary Club at the Country Club.

7:00-American Legion Auxiliary at the American Legion Building.

FRIDAY:

7:30-9:30-Senior Citizen dance at Depot Center. \$2 admission. Call 734-0447 for transportation.

MONDAY:

9:30-11:30-Coupon club meets at Depot Center with Margaret Walker. (This group of senior citizens meets each Monday)

2:00-3:00-AHOY class for senior citizens at Depot Center.

TUESDAY:

11:00- Senior citizens will hold band practice at Depot Center with lunch to follow.

12:00-Walk America kickoff at

Holiday Inn.

WEDNESDAY:

9:30-noon-Ceramics class at Depot Center for senior citizens. (This group meets each Wednesday.)

Answering service for Alcoholics Anonymous: 865-1561, 24-hour help line. List of AA meetings in area.

Rape Crisis or Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling: 867-4357 or 735-4357, 24-hour, 7 days a week.

N.C. NETWORK FOR ANIMALS meets first Wednesday of every month 7 p.m., Room 222 of Admission Building, Belmont Abbey College. Works to include public awareness of animals from animal exploitation and non-violent but strongly committed to animal rights. For information call 865-4788 or write PO Box 3551, Gastonia, 28053. Public invited, no charge.

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Dance Scheduled At Senior Center

Tired of the winter doldrums? Senior Center promoters of Friday night's dance invite other senior citizens to come boogie with them.

"Sweet Ambitions" will provide music for dancing from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Friday night. The \$2 admission price also includes

refreshments.

Senior citizens needing transportation to the Depot Center may call Sharon Eaker or Monty Thornburg at 734-0447 by noon Jan. 18.

Eaker said the first dance of the month attracted 70 senior citizens.

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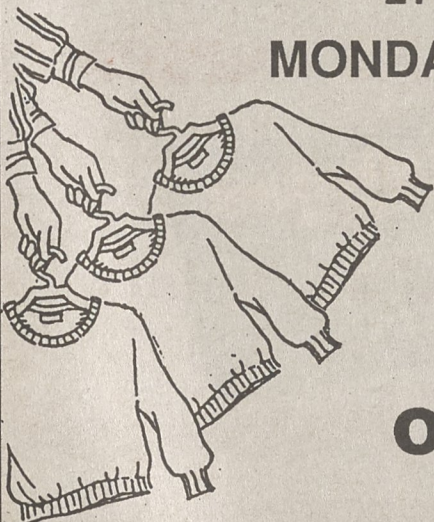
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