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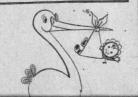
What can you do with one of Santa Cruz's "little old uglies"?

Meaning houses...there are quite a few of these small, undistinguished, neglected dwellings in the older parts of town.





Roll-top desk is perfectly at home in Esther's office. She is a nationally-known photographer; professional name is Esther Henderson.



Esther Abbott's home at 410 Lincoln Street shows perfectly what one woman has done with a "little old ugly." And it is fascinating. And charming. And confortable. And a lot of other things - all good.

Esther's house will be included in the YWCA Homes Tour on Saturday, July 20.

Her house is particulary appropriate for the tour because it is the result of inspiration and work by her husband, the late Chuck Abbott who is remembered as "father of the Pacific Garden Mall" and founder of PROD (Private Rehabilitation of Downtown.) Her small frame house was rescued by Chuck and served as PROD Headquarters until recently. Neat and attractive in its coats of gleaming paint, it is appropriately furnished with Esther's antiques creating an atmosphere of charm and warmth in limited space.

Of particular importance is the fact that the house is convenient to downtown shopping, theaters, restaurants and bus lines.

Best of all, it illustrates perfectly Chuck's philosophy that the "little uglies" could be transformed into something useful - and attractive.

## Ugly Duckling. Into

Small Swan

## An Old House

Esther Abbott's home has been transformed inside and out, as these photographs

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