



## Mt. Hermon Accents Old Charm Plus New In Tour of Homes

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The charm of old, remodeled cottages, and new dwellings with a rustic flavor will be much in evidence during the second Heritage House Tour and Tea at Mt. Hermon Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Mt. Hermon Auxiliary is sponsoring the two tours as a fund-raising project.

The first tour yesterday brought many a visitor who had heard about the Mt. Hermon community, but never seen the actual dwellings.

Others, who had been friends of Mt. Hermon for years, came to see the creative restorations and refurbishings which new occupants have wrought in the structures.

Next Saturday's tour, tickets for which may be purchased at the administration office or at the recreational cottage now belongs to the Robert Quists.

The story goes, the dwelling was built by John Segsworth as a labor of love. He had a young lady in mind, but waited until the house was finished before he proposed. When he went to her house to "pop the question", he found to his sorrow that it was her wedding day—she was marrying someone else.

Two sisters live in adjacent houses — one old, and one newer. Mr. and Mrs. George Gilchrist, former missionaries to Chili, live in the old

Sanborne cottage, which belonged to Mrs. Gilchrist's family. Her sister, Mrs. James Kahl, had a house built next door in 1958.

Hidden by foliage and flowers, the Dunbar Keith home is known as the garden cottage of Mt. Hermon.

A complex of three cottages belonged to Mrs. Henry Goddard, prominent at Mt. Hermon in the days of the Federate School of Missions.

One was built for the use of missionaries. Another, smaller cottage sits between the "missionary cottage" and the larger house, which was remodeled by Elvin Nickerson and is now occupied by the Earl Chamberlains.

The James Stirlings live in the old "Fortin Bungalow", built in 1907. This structure retains much of its old charm, with a minimum of remodeling.

The Cecil Kettles have remodeled their summer cabin into a year-round home. Artist Kay Kettle has her studio there. The Kettles have a productive, organically grown, vegetable garden.

A number of other homes will be on view.

Proceeds from the tour will go toward furnishing the girls' staff house.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quist, above, are ready to greet guests at the door of their home, the oldest dwelling in the Mt. Hermon complex.



Elvin Nickerson, owner of the three Goddard Cottages has extensively remodeled the dwellings. The larger, above, boasts a sweeping, view from the high back porch. The interior, greatly enlarged, accommodates large groups of young people, who often gather there for religious discussions. Mrs. Earl Chamberlain, right, resides there with her family.

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