

Virginia Better Homes Week Opens Tomorrow

Fairfax and Arlington Counties' Observance is Part of National Campaign

Exhibits are Provided

Carriage House Now Model Home

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(caption: This six-room modern home in Greenway Downs, Va., was once the carriage house of the Trip {Tripp} estate near Falls Church. Redesigned and remodeled, it has been selected for the demonstration house for Fairfax County during Better Homes Week, April 30 to May 6.)

Better Homes Week will be observed in Arlington and Fairfax counties, Va., beginning tomorrow and lasting seven days. The observance will be part of the national campaign carried on by Better Homes in America, of which James Ford is executive director and Constant Southworth, assistant. National headquarters are at 1653 Pennsylvania avenue.

Mrs. Henry Lockwood, of Kirkwood Terrace, Clarendon, Va., is chairman for Arlington and Fairfax counties. The Arlington demonstration house is an attractive five-room structure, with built-in garage, at Kirkwood Terrace. The house will be furnished by the Frank Michelbach Co., of Alexandria, and electric installations will be made by the Virginia Public Service Corporation.

The Fairfax County demonstration house is at Greenway downs, a new suburban development just west of Falls Church on the Lee Highway. This is a six-room and bath stucco house with an interesting history. Residents of Falls Church and of Fairfax County are familiar with the old brick house and the equally old carriage house that sat on the hill of the Tripp estate outside Falls Church, overlooking the surrounding country for miles around.

With the subdivision of this estate for building sites, an architect was called in and then a building crew was put to work with the result that the old brick house in an eight-room and two-bath home, with two fireplaces, and a sleeping porch, while the old carriage house has become the attractive and substantial six-room home selected for demonstration during Better Homes Week. W. B. Moses & Sons, of Washington, are providing the furniture and draperies for the Greenway Downs house and the Virginia Public Service Company the installation of various electric appliances.

Daily programs have been arranged for both the demonstration houses. Experts in various fields will discuss problems of particular interest to home owners and prospective home buyers. John M. Goodwin, president of the Triadic Color Scale Co., will speak Tuesday at both houses on "Color in the Home." In each of the demonstrations local officials and civic organizations have been invited to cooperate with Better Homes in America during the week.

The Tuesday program will be in charge of the Mayor and Council of Falls Church and on Wednesday in charge of Better Homes in America. Constant Southworth will speak. Washington clubs will be asked to send representatives to the Thursday program.

The Parent-Teacher Association will be in charge Friday and the Chambers of Commerce of Arlington and Fairfax Counties Saturday.

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