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The living room and dining room in the Begley home at 1440 Kentucky mix color and comfort. The Craftsman bungalow was no ordinary find for Phil and Monica Begley. Built in 1918, it showcased the most charming features of the Craftsman style.

Something OLD, Something NEW

Combination of convenience and history draws couple to Craftsman bungalow

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Something old and something new combine to make the ideal home for Phil and Monica Begley of Quincy.

When the couple first toured the Craftsman bungalow at 1440 Kentucky, they weren't in the market for an older home. Although they admired historic structures, they had already spent significant time on remodeling an earlier residence, and they were ready for a more convenient lifestyle.

The Oliver and Myrtle Pieper house was no ordinary find, however. Built in 1918, it showcased the most charming features of the Craftsman style, and its move-in condition was impossible to resist.

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The home's exterior is highlighted by an unusual window in the front gable comprised of five rectangular panes stepped back from the façade by three tiers.

Elaborate brackets decorate the eaves; ionic columns and elaborate brickwork embellish the large front porch. The doorway is accented by sidelights that cast a warm light into the foyer.

The living room features a large fireplace of multicolor brick topped by a stout Craftsman mantle. Other features of the style are on display throughout the home, including heavily beamed ceilings and a large buffet built into an alcove in the dining room.

The kitchen retains a cheerful, old-fashioned look, with wainscoting and tall cabinets. A butler's pantry provides valuable floor-to-ceiling storage.

The Begleys are fond of the extensive woodwork in the home, which has been maintained in gleaming condition. They located and restored to their

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