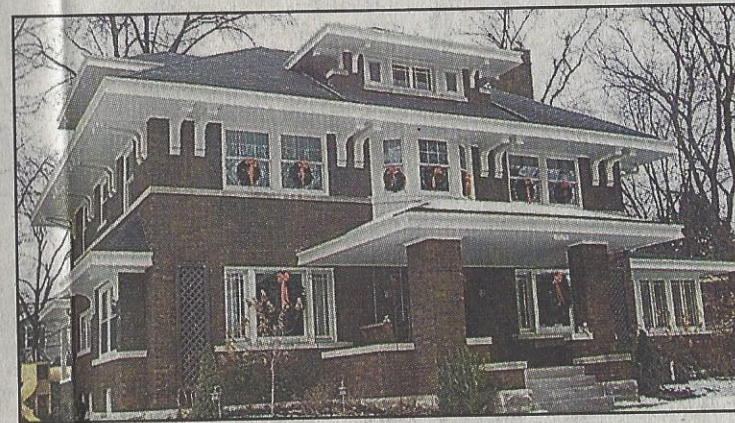


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## Back to the Future



George Crickard III has fond memories of his boyhood home — and now he's raising his family in the house at 2220 York

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To George Crickard III, the Prairie style home at 2220 York was a great home when he was a child and it is a great family home today.

When George and Maureen Crickard returned to Quincy a few years ago, they didn't plan to buy his boyhood home. George knew it was a great house, but he had no intention of talking Maureen into living there — unless she really wanted to.

But Maureen liked almost everything about the home in which George grew up.

"I liked the large yard. It is open and

When George and Maureen were looking at the house, George's parents cautioned him about buying an old house — even one that was well cared for.

"They said, 'It's work, work, work, work, work,'" George said.

And they were right



### Sensible Homes

By James Dulley



## Solar heating offers options

**Q:** I want to try to heat my house partially with solar to lower my utility bills and to protect the environment for my kids. What simple options do I have and is solar only effective in cold climates? — Ken F.

**A:** It is a common misconception that solar heating is only suited to cold, northern climates. Using solar can also be effective in warmer climates. In many cases it can actually be more effective in the south because winter days are longer and the outdoor temperatures are higher.

There are many simple methods to incorporate solar heating into your home with minimal expense in materials and labor. If you are an average do-it-yourselfer, you should be able to build many solar projects for less than \$100 in materials. It would be a good idea to have your children help.

Passive solar projects are the simplest to design and build yourself. These