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exchanged for the colonial-type pane windows.

The former breezeway was remodeled into a charming den. complete with Franklin fireplace and barn siding paneling. The room is charmingly accessorized in Early American as is the rest of the house.

Probably the biggest change came in the kitchen and dining area. Don remodeled the work area into a galley-type kitchen. Then, to gain needed eating area, he extended the original kitchen wall six feet. An adjacent porch was enclosed and it became a family room, opening onto the eating area.

He didn't stop there. He also extended the overhead bedroom wall six feet, adding more room plus closet space to what then became the master bedroom.

The tricky part was in the construction of an upstairs hallway that didn't exist before the remodeling.

Most of the downtairs plumbing had to be changed and a

cracked furnace bowl gave the couple some anxious moments.

"Right in the middle of a housewarming party in November, the gas company came in and turned the gas off," the Wests recall.

FORTUNATELY, A 10-YEAR guarantee on the furnace still had a year to go and the furnace company picked up the tab for the repair work

The finishing touch is the main entrance that opens directly into the den. Don built a brick terraced patio-type porch, complete with split rail fence. A wrought iron deacon's bench, cauldron and an "antiqued" milk can are charming complements.

Neighbors marvel at the transformation.

So does Mrs. West.

"I don't know where he learned to do all the things he did. He lived in an apartment most of his life."

Don just smiles. Now he'd like to try his hand at building a new house.

A FRANKLIN STOVE is just one of many charming Early American accessories that lend a cozy atmosphere to the breezeway the Wests converted into a den.









