

Grand house on north Broad Street lends 'air' to the end of the town

A grand house with an orange tile roof on the north end of Broad Street across from Merrill Park elicits its near-universal admiration, and has a history that has touched many of Grinnell's most eminent enterprises.

This house, known as the "Fellows house" after its builder, is surrounded by a spacious landscaped lawn, anchoring one end of the block between Tenth and

Eleventh Avenues. Speaking to an earlier time of gracious living, it sits to the north of another large home with classic appearance, this one designed by the eminent Walter Burley Griffin of the Prairie School of architecture.

The Fellows house at 1527 Broad St., with its charcoal gray stucco, gray shutters and classic tile roof, lends a distinct air to the "end of the town" before Merrill Park

Circle, and emphasis in the last few years on the design of its grounds has called attention to the grandeur of the property.

Paneled billiard room

A fabled feature of the stucco house, now home to Mark and Regina Bjorndal, is a paneled billiard room on the second floor in the best manner of English country houses.

The house has filled a number of interesting functions, and at one time was under consideration as a



The so-called Fellows house was built from 1914 to 1918 by Jesse and Maude Fellows.

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possible location for the Iowa Peace Institute.

It was built by Jesse Fellows, a graduate of Grinnell College and a principal partner in the Grinnell Washing Machine Company, and his wife, Maude. Construction of the home began in 1914 and was completed in 1918.

The house is characterized by

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