

House of the Week

Air Conditioning Gives All-Year Comfort

Good Living Insured by Sound Design

By ANDREW C. LANG

To get the most out of an air conditioned house, engineers say you should plan it in advance.

Here is a home designed specifically with air conditioning in mind. And it will interest you to know that this has helped insure a basically sound house—a comfortable home for easy living regardless whether air conditioning actually is included.

It is a three-bedroom two-bath home from the drawing board of architect Herbert Neumann, designated as HW-42 in The House of the Week series.

To help the cooling machinery do its work, HW-42 provides a natural sunshade for all angles of exposure.

The covered porch extending from the front door to the garage supplies an extra overhang against summer sun for the large window area of the living room and veranda and blocks out the low angled rays of the winter sun.

A gently sloping roof insures the necessary attic air space to act as additional insulation against sun heat, and the roof's white surface deflects sun rays also.

The home's simple almost rectangular plan also is an aid to effective air conditioning. And casement windows called for in the plans can be closed tightly with little effort to seal up the place so that the air conditioning machinery can perform at maximum efficiency.

To cool this house, a unit of three to five horsepower would be required. The specific requirements would have to be figured by a local expert on the basis of local climatic conditions, existing shade trees, type of insulation and other materials.

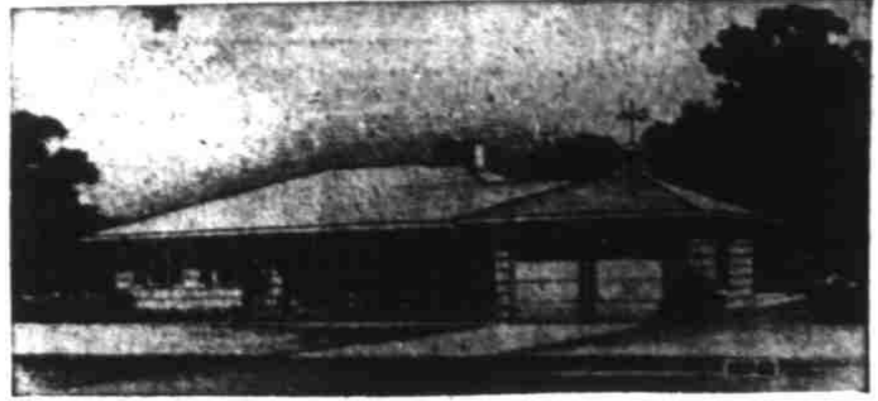
The cost of air conditioning the house is estimated at \$6 to \$9 cents a square foot which run up the expenses in this instance to \$1000 or \$1100.

Basically, an air conditioning system consists of four parts: a coil, a condenser, fan and ducts.

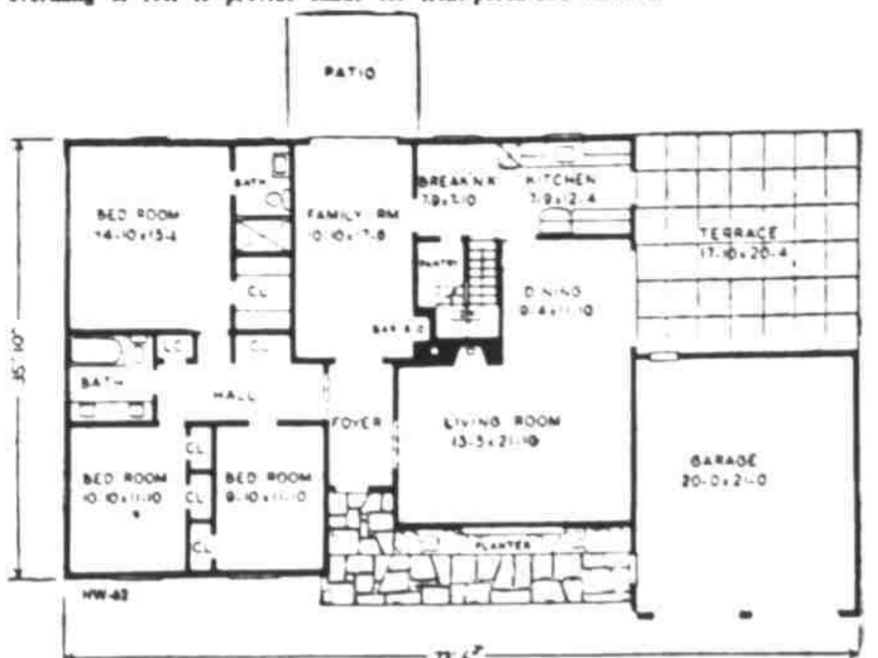
The last two items are a part of most any hot air heating system, so that air conditioning can be installed in a new house more easily if tied to a flexible heating system. It is entirely possible, however, to provide for future air conditioning tied in with the heating system you select now.

All these angles should be figured out by an expert.

AIR CONDITIONED OR NOT, this latest House of the Week is



ARCHITECT NEUMANN visualizes a sturdy looking exterior of wood shingles. Note extra overhang of roof to provide shade for front porch and windows.



THE SIMPLE, rectangular layout, which aids the effectiveness of any air conditioning is also excellently planned for separation of sleeping and living areas.

is packed with characteristics found to be in demand by prospective home owners.

Housewives will delight in the kitchen arrangement. Although the kitchen is more than 30 feet long, the work area is concentrated in one section to save steps and time.

The remainder of the room is taken up by a sizable breakfast nook for the morning meals and snacks. Other meals, informal and formal, can be served conveniently in the family room or the dining room, both of which are adjacent to the kitchen. Notice, too, the large pantry closet off the nook end of the kitchen.

Besides being accessible from the kitchen, which makes it easy for mother to exercise supervision over the children at play, the family room is linked to the patio by sliding glass doors. The vista from the front door through the family

room out to the patio creates an effect of spaciousness immediately on coming through the center hall entrance.

THE L-SHAPED living-dining room is 22 feet across the front of the house and even longer along the side, making an excellent entertainment area. There is a handsome brick fireplace wall in the living room which economically uses the same chimney as the barbecue in the family room.

Sliding glass doors separate—and simultaneously join—the dining room and a large terrace in back of the garage. This terrace might be used by the adults for their own outdoor entertaining, since the patio could be reserved, if desired, for the use of the children. The double garage, by the way, can be entered either from the covered flagstone walk at the front or the terrace at the rear.

The three bedrooms are in a separate wing of the house to the left of the foyer. The private bath for the master bedroom has a stall shower while the family bathroom is at the end of the bedroom hall and has a double sink vanity.

HW-42 covers a square foot area of 1,775, excluding the garage, terrace and patio. Its overall dimensions are 73 feet 6 inches by 39 feet, 10 inches including the garage and terrace.

As a final note, there's closet space to spare in this house. A huge clothes closet with a sliding door is just inside the bedroom hall. The master bedroom has a tremendous walk-in closet with over 30 square feet of storage space. There's a large linen closet in the hall near the bathroom. And there's a wall of large closets serving the two front bedrooms.

Home and Garden . . . Lillie L. Madsen

'English' Garden Beautifies Salem

By LILLIE L. MADSEN, Garden Editor, The Statesman

The precision of the British shipping industry and of the American nursing profession has been carried into at least one charming garden in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson known to their friends as Jack and Billie have a delightful garden at their home at 1356 N. 21st St. The garden lies back of the small, unpretentious home, and my first thought when I stepped from the walk to the rear of the house was of pictures I had seen—not being one of the fortunate ones to have visited the gardens themselves—of English gardens.

Actually the garden isn't small as city gardens go. There is quite a stretch of green in which there are a few small trees. All around the green are flowering borders, outlined with brick. Perhaps it is the brick which reminded me of the English garden pictures. It might have been the amount of bloom and color. Or it could have been the awning-covered rear porch or terrace, with its brick-colored cement flooring and its brightly colored table spread and comfortable chairs.

75 FUCHSIAS BLOOMING

To my left as I entered the garden were the fuchsias, hanging and setting from and on a bleacher arrangement completely covered by bloom. For a little while it looked as if I'd get no farther in my travels about the place. There were 75 fuchsias—all very much in bloom. Seldom does one see better fuchsias in a home garden than I found in the Johnsons. There was I noted a small greenhouse attached to the dwelling, and in this, Mrs. Johnson said, the fuchsias were wintered.

Mrs. Johnson complained of trips having attacked the fuchsias in the past week, but here background of nursing showed up—the plants were getting "shots" of nicotine sulphate every third day—no dilly-dallying—I had a feeling that the "shots" were given at a certain hour each morning. To me the fuchsias looked perfectly healthy and evidently the shots had been telling I found scarcely a thrip on the lot.

From the fuchsia garden, the borders of flowers carried the eye around the garden, past the lath house at the rear, up around the back border of trees, with the front of shrubs and flowers across the lawn from where I stood, back to the border immediately in front of both me and the out-door living space.

BRICK LINES BORDERS

All of the borders were raised and held in place with brick. "We've worked at it for 10 years," Mr. Johnson said. He added that the soil was hard "as brick and about as unfruitful" when they took it over. "We've used everything to build it up—composts, manures, turkey feathers—everything we could lay our hands on."

Success in building up the soil was evident all about. Everything was growing thrifflily. Colors were exceptionally good and strong. As we wandered about, I noted back of the border to our right, as we entered, a compost arrangement, and from this stretched the vegetable garden and the berry "patch." There were blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, a peach plum tree, a cherry tree, and a variety of vegetables. "Especially leeks," Mr. Johnson pointed out. He added that we have thought some of giving up the vegetable garden but if we do we'll always have leeks. You can't always buy them and they must be in good soup. Mrs. Johnson, he said, made "excellent" soup, as he admitted to a "bit of Danish pastry that's pretty good, too."

I wandered about with Mrs. Johnson— inwardly amazed at her memory of the name of every little—or big—flower of the vast variety I found.

The fuchsias, she said, were growing in almost pure compost. Only a little sand was added. They were reotted in January. She pointed to the amount of bloom on the small Countess of Aberdeen. And over here was a Bergamote with dark foliage. And there was the Merinka with the cherry red blooms.

The Johnsons are not aiming for one "peak bloom" period. They like their garden nice and colorful the year around. In the early spring they pointed out, there are Forsythia and crocus and daffodils.

and rhododendrons—35 of the latter, with both early and late blooming. In one bed were a number started from cuttings. Then there are Japanese quince and lilac and roses, veronica and skimmia. The pulmonaria, Mrs. Johnson said, gives a nice touch of blue in the spring. There are columbines, and lilies. And now we found scores of geraniums—including the interesting carnation-flowered varieties—petunias, zinnias, marigolds—almost every flower that lends itself to summer bloom—all neatly and appropriately arranged in the border.

And back of the lathhouse, we found Mrs. Johnson still practicing her profession—she had been industrial nurse for the huge Macy Department store in New York City for 20 years—Here was a "hospital bed" of a different nature—a spot where she put her sick and ailing plants, nursing them back to health and usefulness, or carrying them out dead, to be removed entirely from the garden.

Standing on the terrace, we noted a big picture window—two

in fact . . . so we were invited to see it from the inside out.

One was from a dining area in the kitchen where the Johnsons could admire the garden on cloudy days while they enjoyed their meals. The other was from the colorful little living room—which told more of the life of the Johnsons than they . . . books and encyclopedias, good magazines, a library of fine records, a beautiful piano which Mrs. Johnson admitted to playing, a Swedish fireplace, with ships models on the mantel and a number of beautiful

drawings, paintings and photographs of ships about the walls.

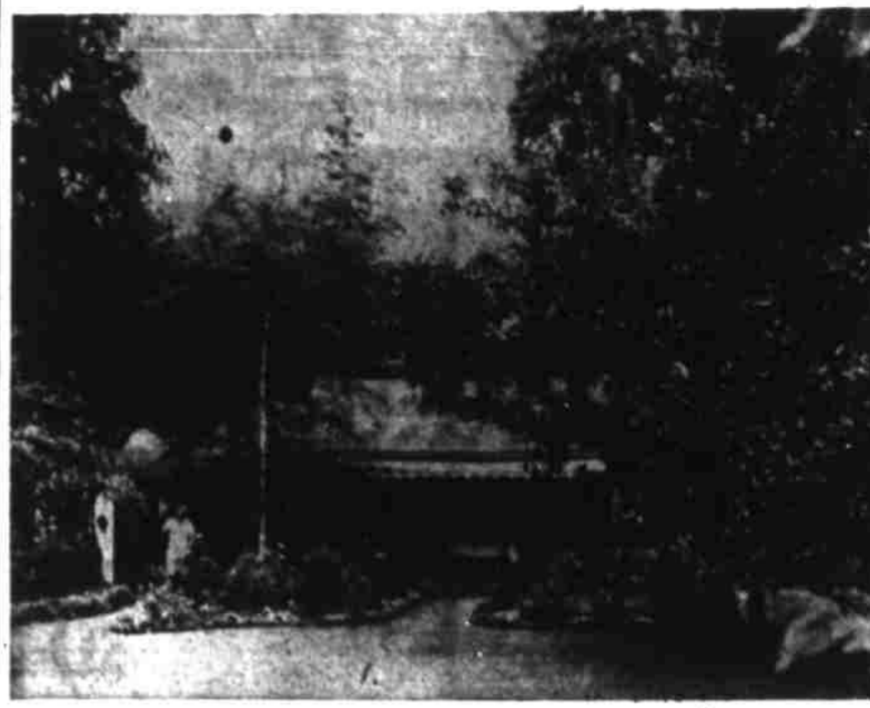
All Years Golden

We stopped in front of one—the Latimer—taken in full sail. This brought out bits of the story . . . It was the first cruiser on which Mr. Johnson had taken a voyage. At the age of six he had accompanied his father, who was in charge of the ship, on a year and half trip . . . going to school in various ports. While his mother frequently sailed with her husband she was not along on this trip. Later years Mr. Johnson followed in his father's footsteps, and for 30 years was an officer on British cruisers.

It was on a "postman's holiday" to Bermuda, where Mrs. Johnson was vacationing from Macy's, that the two met.

At Salem, Mr. Johnson was with the state in the employment division, until he retired. Besides the garden, the two have one other big interest, the 16-foot cabin cruiser "The Lorraine."

How to fill the "golden years"—just around the corner for the Johnsons—has been something which they have not yet given much thought—so far they've been too busy. All years have been a "golden" to them, they say—and we might add that quite a bit of that "gold" is spread out over the paths of those who walk, even a briefly, at their side. The enthusiasm, the interest, and the just "gracious living"—there are no other words for it—are delightfully contagious.



A terrace such as this, shaded by an awning and built to the rear of the house, is a good place for a spot of tea and a bit of rest of an afternoon when working in the Gardens, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, owners, will tell you. (Statesman Garden Photo)



This view is from the rear terrace, at the rear of the John Johnson's home, toward the lath house at the other end of the garden. All flower beds are raised and bordered with brick. (Statesman Garden Photo)

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Garden Gabbing

By GARDEN GADDER

POLES DO VACATION—In spite of all the talk about "how most awfully busy we are," we found this week, in making the rounds that folk still had time to go on vacations. This interested us. So we asked them what they did to get their house in order for this one precious time of the year. Some did a lot. Some didn't do anything—not even turn the key in the lock. Some didn't even have a key.

IF THERE'S NO HELP—Many of the gardeners we talked to, said that vacation was the most serious threat to the garden. Getting someone to care for the property while they were away isn't always easy. If the vacation lasts only two weeks, it's not so drastic. In a month, however, the lawn should be mowed, dead flowers should be removed, dusting and spraying could be needed.

PLANNING HELPS—A certain amount of planning and preparation will help keep the garden in form—if not top form, at least in a form that can be brought promptly to top upon return.

Plants require water for all their vital growing process. The most practical way to supply this need, is to water many hours at a stretch just before leaving, and then much. It is, of course, economical to use materials that are already available in the home owner's own location.

Peat moss is popular and easily obtainable in almost all situations. However, it can run into money if a large garden is to be protected. Sawdust, while not available all over, does come cheaper. If after the heavy watering—the garden should have been mowed first—then place around two to three inches of mulch. Spread evenly. Then water the top—gently so as not to wash away the mulch.

START IN TIME—Don't try to get the garden ready while you are packing the car. The wise vacationer will begin his chores far enough ahead so they can be carried out without heated arguments between the members of the family planning the vacation. The property should be left in tip-top condition as an example to the gardener—if there is one—or to the friendly neighbor, who might not mind "looking a little after the place" while the vacationer is vacationing. If the garden is left in a mess, no neighbor will be interested in giving it much of a watchful eye—and even at best, don't expect the neighbor to give the garden the same care he does his own. . . . very seldom a hired person will give it that attention, no matter how much he is paid.

MORE MULCH—Be sure that the couple of blueberry plants, the azaleas, the rhododendrons are all well mulched. If the soil about them becomes too dry, they may lose their buds—they would even die. Any newly planted deciduous trees and shrubs should be thoroughly soaked and mulched.

THE VACATIONER'S LAWN—If you have an interim gardener, ask him to soak the lawn thoroughly once or twice when you are gone. This is easy if you have a sprinkler system. It may not be so easy if hose is to be laid out. The best type of watering equipment—aside from the automatic sprinkler system—is the plastic multiple-perforated hose. This can be spread

out flat and will distribute a fine spray that soaks into the soil without surface washing. It can be left in one spot for hours—if the water bill is not an objectionable item—without injury.

STAKES NEEDED—Sometimes in late July and August there are pretty strong winds. The taller annuals and perennials should be well staked so that they are kept in good order for the colorful autumn bloom—one of the nicest times in the Willamette Valley gardens.

BE GENEROUS—If you have vegetables maturing while on vacation, ask the Friendly Neighbor to help himself. This not only avoids waste, but helps keep the garden neat and free from additional pests.

FINAL ADVICE—Is not to worry about the garden while you are gone. It doesn't help and it only spoils the time which should be pleasant and restful. Just remember that in the Willamette Valley, a little watering and care soon brings the garden back to most of its former beauty.

Rose Group to Attend Picnic

Members of Salem's Rose Society plan to attend the July 28 picnic at the Fred Edmund Jr. River Ranch Garden at Wilsonville. The garden lies one-half mile east of the Baldock Freeway at Wilsonville cut off.

A no-host picnic will be held at noon with a visit to the rose gardens during the afternoon. Edmunds, former curator of the International Test Gardens in Portland, has many new varieties which will be on display.

Those who wish to go are asked to meet at the YMCA, Salem, or get in touch with Gordon Bateman, by noon on July 28.

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