

Imposing Ranch Features Economy, Air Of Prestige

B-66 Provides Nine Rooms In Small Area

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What constitutes economy in a home?

Architect Rudolph A. Matern provided an answer when he designed this imposing ranch whose sleek, low lines and luxury features impart an air of prestige.

"Nine rooms in less than 1,500 square feet is economy," said Matern, "and that's what House-of-the-Week design B-66 has. Economy means a lot for the money — not necessarily an expensive home."

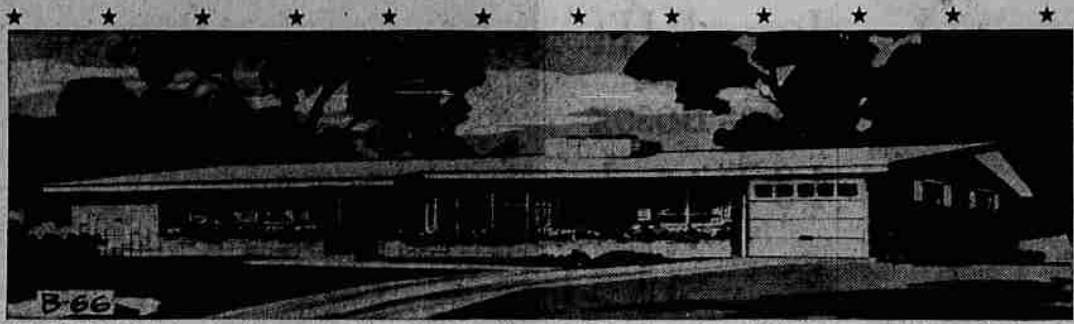
Matern provides more for the money, for instance, by putting back-to-back plumbing in the main bathroom and the bathroom off the master bedroom. Another half-bath (convenient for kids playing outdoors) was added off the mud room at a minimum of expense because it adjoins the plumbing facilities in the laundry, which in turn are in the same general location as the kitchen.

Further economy resulted in the open plan of the kitchen-family room and the living and dining rooms. Vertical separators retain the formality of the latter. A simplified roof design is another money saver.

Matern sacrifices nothing to luxury or livability in any B-66's economy features, however. For example, the home has two fireplaces—a real touch of elegance—but both are served by an all-in-one chimney which also provides for a heater flue.

The 1,495 square foot house has four bedrooms, through one could serve equally well, because of its location, as a music room or den. At 14'4" by 10', bedroom No. 2 can accommodate twin beds adequately, and is equipped with three closets. The master bedroom, 11' by 11'10" and with four closets, has its own personal bath with a shower stall. The main bathroom, which has twin lavatories, has a combination tub and shower.

The house is 27'7" deep and 69'4" wide, requiring a minimum lot width of 100 feet.



SLEEK ELEGANCE — A rich combination of brick with vertical boards and planters which run along the entire length of the house give this economical ranch a long, low look of luxury. House has four bedrooms,

1,495 square feet of living space. It was designed for economy but with a look of prestige by architect Rudolph A. Matern.

"An important item in the economy consideration," said Matern, "is resale value. Subject to neighborhood, this home has top resale potential because of its livability and attractive exterior."

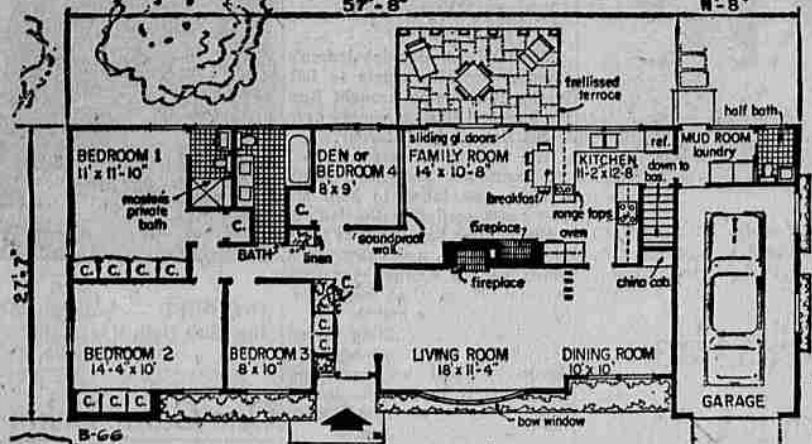
Much of the livability results from the excellent design of the kitchen-family room area. From the well planned 11'2" by 12'8" kitchen, mom has full view of the large 14' by 10'8" family room through sliding glass doors. The kitchen also has ready access to the garage, convenient for grocery shopping, and to the basement stairs and laundry.

The house is clearly zoned for a quiet bedroom area, including a soundproof wall between bedroom No. 4 (or den) and the family room.

The spacious living-dining room area also has elegant features. Opposite the living room fireplace is a large bow window, attractive as well from the outside, and the dining room is adorned with a built-in china cabinet. Both rooms are viewed from a well-lighted foyer decorated with plantings.

Highlighting the exterior is a brick veneer wall on the bedroom side which flows down into a long planter. Another planter, running the full 28 feet of the living and dining room, further accentuates the long, low lines of the house.

The end view of the attached garage is made attractive with two shuttered windows with flower boxes.



FLOOR PLAN — Note the excellent zoning of this four bedroom ranch. The imposing formal living and dining rooms are by the entrance, the informal private family activity center is toward the rear, and the quiet sleeping area is to the left away from the driveway.

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Trap Replaces Waste Basket

Latest item in the market designed to save wear and tear on housewives is a waste trap that sets into the floor.

The device could relegate the traditional wastebasket to the attic along with Uncle Jim's stereoscopic slides.

In the kitchen the trap presents a neat crackle aluminum door which opens at the touch of a toe. This trap door is surrounded by a flange. Sweepings disappear not under the rug, but right into the trap door. Likewise for bottles, cans and other trash. The door and its metal casing may be removed for washing.

Surface dimensions of the unit are 10 by 10 inches. What happens to the trash after it drops from sight? Does it simply land in a heap on dad's workbench? The manufacturers have thought of everything.

Onto the casing of the trap, in the cellar, is attached a dust-proof canvas chute. Waste is directed neatly into the rubbish barrel.

Installed in the bedroom or guest room, the device could double as a laundry chute.

Lively Hues Taking Over

Home decorators are painting their walls with color from tubes. We don't mean they're making murals, either.

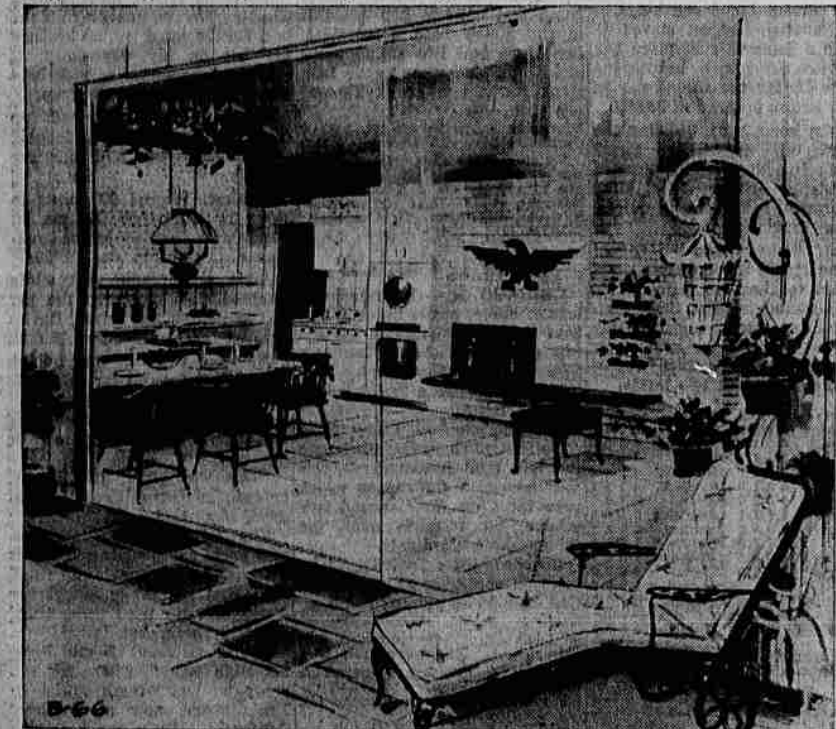
Bright colors are in fashion. The trend of the past few years has been away from drab, neutral tints to more lively hues. To make more shades available to the homeowner, some paint companies now package paint colors in collapsible tubes — much like an artist's tube of paint.

To obtain the exact color desired, the homeowner orders the paint mixed before his eyes. One or more tubes of paint are added to a base liquid paint and stirred on the spot. The number of colors possible from this mixing process runs into the many thousands.

For example, if a soft, warm gray is needed, tubes of black and red colorants are squeezed into a base white paint—following directions on a master color chart. Presto! The soft, warm gray is ready for the do-it-yourselfer's brush or roller.

Wood Paneling

If your bathroom has a cold unfriendly look, try paneling it with wood. Wood paneling will kill the chill and make your bathroom seem warm and cheery. You can seal the pores of the wood against moisture by applying a water-repellent pigmented stain.



SPACIOUS BUT COZY — A fireplace adds a touch of coziness to a spacious family room-kitchen area viewed through sliding glass doors from a trellised terrace. Kitchen also has ready access to basement stairs and attached garage.

Tip Given for Absentee Care

If your family be planning a trip out of town for a few days or a few weeks you can always put King and Mittens in a dog and cat boarding kennel. But what about the house plants?

Latest suggestion on absentee care of plants comes from the Potted Plant Information Center. Here is what it says:

Before you leave on your trip, scrub your porous red clay pots in clear water so the breathing pores of their walls are kept open. The white coating removed by the scrub brush is composed of soluble salts that have leached out of the porous pot after watering.

After scrubbing, place the potted plant in water over the

top rim of the clay pot. When bubbles stop rising, remove the pot and allow surplus water to drain.

Then place the freshly scrubbed and watered clay pot in a plastic bag and secure the plastic around the base of the plant with a cord of twistable tape. This will meet the plant's humidity needs for at least two weeks.

For longer vacations use this method: Enclose the entire plant, pot, stem and all in a plastic bag loosely tied at the top.

And remember not to leave the plants in direct sunlight or near drafts and radiators in your absence.

Youth, 23, Enters Plea of Guilty

Dennis Goodin, 23, of no known permanent address, pleaded guilty in Lane County Circuit Court Friday to issuing a forged \$100 money order.

Goodin is accused of passing the money order at a Safeway Store on Highway 99 north of Eugene on Jan. 24. According to statements made in court by Deputy Dist. Atty. Robert McCrea, the money order passed by Goodin was one of a number of money orders stolen from a Portland pharmacy. McCrea said, however, that Goodin was not suspected of participating in the actual theft of the order forms.

Judge Fort set Monday for sentencing of Goodin.

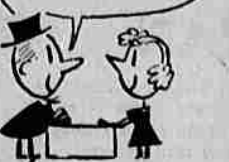
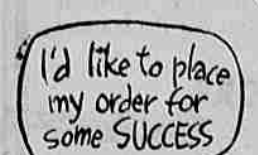
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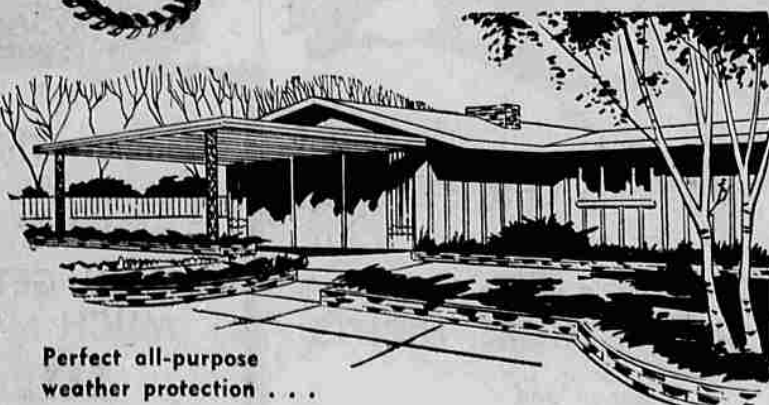


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Plant Health Always Starts With the Soil

OREGON STATE University — The health and vigor of the plants grown in your yard are a measure of your gardening ability. And the place to start in keeping plants healthy is with the soil, says an Oregon State University landscape architect.

Before planting any shrubs or trees or seeding new lawn, the soil should be worked to a depth equal to or greater than the root systems, according to George Fredeen. This means at least 6 inches deep for lawns, 18 inches for shrubs, and 2 feet for trees.

Fertility of the soil can, and in most cases should, be improved by addition of manures, straw, compost, sawdust, peat moss, or leaves. These organic materials provide food for the soil micro-organisms, increase the water-holding capacity of the soil, and stimulate plant root development, Fredeen explains. The plants, in turn, respond by good strong, vigorous growth and with an increased immunity toward certain diseases.

At times, it may be advisable to add some commercial fertilizers to the organic matter, the landscape architect noted. These add supplemental food for the plants and are usually good to help break down some organic matter. They also restore certain elements to the soil which have been depleted through the breakdown of organic compounds into plant food.

The three main elements in fertilizers are the key to which elements and how much of each to use, Fredeen says. Nitrogen, in amounts from 1 to 35 percent, is the chief growth promoter, makes green leaves, and tender grass.

Phosphorus is the element used to promote root development and stimulate flowers, fruits, and seed development. Super phosphate used on flower beds will bring startling results from increased size of blooms.

Potassium, the third main element, provides general vigor to the plant.

Most plants used in home landscaping thrive in slightly acid soils. The acid pH level in soil reaction is instrumental in growing plants such as rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas, Kalmia and heathers. More acid-loving plants are found in regions of heavy rainfall than in drier areas where alkaline-tolerating plants such as junipers and pines thrive.

You can alter the soil pH, Fredeen points out, by adding acid-type fertilizer with a moderate to high available percentage of nitrogen. To neutralize the soil pH, use wood ashes or agricultural lime, a particular delight to lilacs, roses and some perennials.

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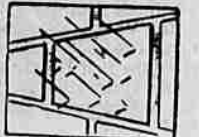
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