

CHECKING BUILDING — John Baldwin, at left, and Norman Walters, both of the San Francisco office of the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, check measurements of the Beekman Bank building in Jacksonville. They are here in conjunction with Jacksonville's application for a \$41,086 federal grant to finance a year-long study of the feasibility of restoring the central area of the city.

Representatives of Federal Agency Surveying Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE — The proposed restoration of the central area of Jacksonville is a unique project—and it poses some unique problems.

This appears to be the consensus of two representatives of the federal government's Urban Renewal Administration who are here looking over the community this week.

The visitors are Norman Walters, engineer, and John Baldwin, code specialist, both of whom are based at the San Francisco regional office of the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, of which the Urban Renewal Administration is a part.

Make Preliminary Study They are here making a preliminary study in connection with Jacksonville's application for a \$41,086 federal grant to finance a year-long study of the cost and feasibility of restoring the central area of the city.

When interviewed Wednesday, the two seemed intrigued by Jacksonville and its possibilities, but expressed concern over some basic problems the project faces.

The preservation of Jacksonville is a project that is unique in the whole western United States, they indicated. Because of this fact, a somewhat original set of standards may have to be set up for it.

involve the demolition of old buildings, Walters explained, while in the case of Jacksonville it is proposed to restore old buildings, many of which fall short of modern building standards. A determination will have to be made as to what building standards in the restoration project would be realistic.

In Better Condition The two men said the appearance of the masonry along California Street was "disheartening" when they first laid eyes on it, but added they had found upon investigation that the foundation structures of many of the buildings "are in a much better condition than we had expected."

"Many of the buildings will take a little shoring up underneath," Walters said, "but that would be a minor expense."

A few of the buildings in the core area, however, "are about as far gone as they could be without collapsing," Baldwin noted.

One problem that concerns both men is what to do about earthquakes. It's something that can't be ignored, they indicated, but on the other hand it would be difficult to make the buildings earthquake proof.

"This will require a policy decision higher up," Baldwin said.

They will report their findings to other federal officials for a final decision on the community's grant application.

The real purpose behind their week-long study, they concluded, is to make sure there is a reasonably good chance that the restoration project can succeed

and do some good for Jacksonville before an expenditure of federal funds is authorized.

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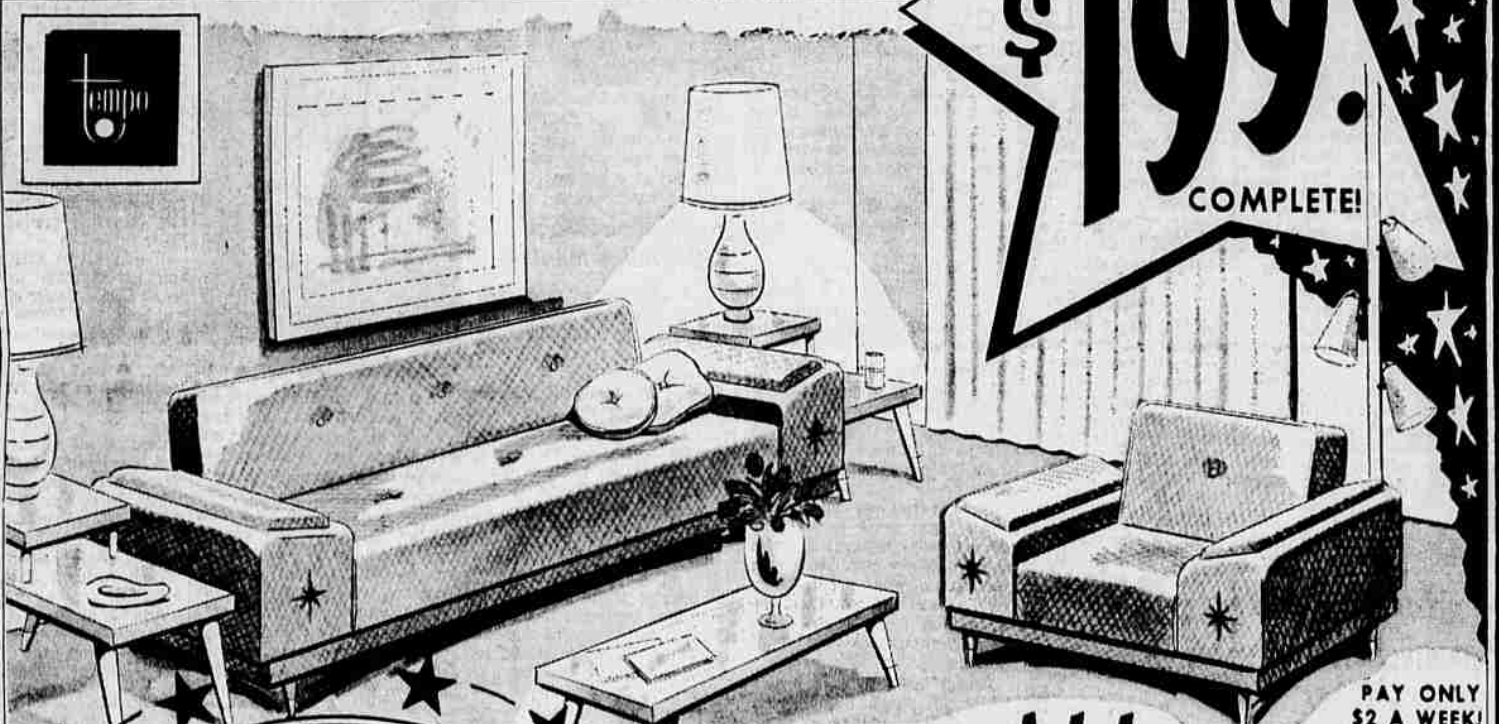
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This Week's House Plan

By HIAWATHA ESTES
With very little effort, one can plan a well designed home for a wide lot. However, as the width of the lot decreases, it becomes increasingly difficult to include all the features which are most desired by today's builders. This is especially true when a larger home is required.

This particular plan can be constructed on a lot of fifty feet or less in width and also offers most of the advantages usually only available in much wider homes.

The prime requirement of a well-designed home today is a center hall. There is direct access from the entry to both the living and dining rooms. From the entry, one hall leads to the kitchen and family room while another short hall serves all the rooms in the bedroom wing.

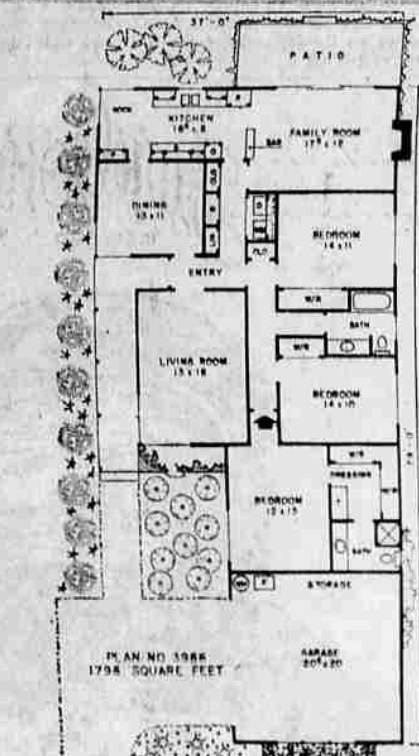
Kitchen-Family Room The kitchen-family room is a place where your family and friends can gather for fun in a charming setting, a feature of your home that you will always be proud of and enjoy. A corner kitchen nook is surrounded by windows. Note the wide pantry which adds to the already ample storage space. Only a bar separate the kitchen and family room. The fireplace has been located in this room as it will be used and enjoyed more in this informal family living area. Sliding glass doors open to the secluded patio.

All bedrooms are generous in size and will accommodate twin beds. The luxurious master bedroom suite consists of a large bedroom, a dressing room with wardrobes along two walls plus a dressing table and a private bath. This bath—as well as the family bath—offers a pullman lavatory and a partially concealed water closet.

A wide view toward the street is available from both the living and dining rooms through the large corner windows.

A distinctive feature of the handsome contemporary exterior is the roofed porch leading to the front entry.

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