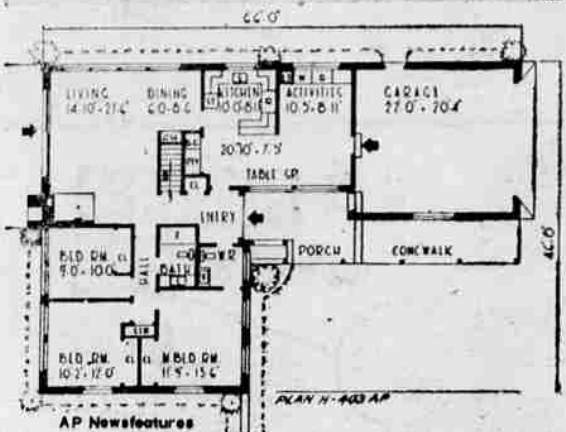
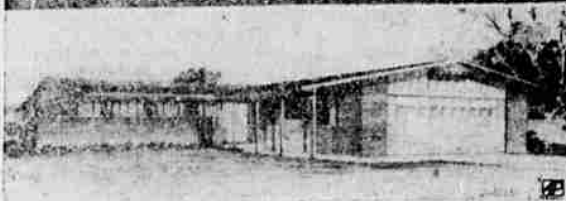


HOMES FOR AMERICANS



IDEAL CIRCULATION is featured in this plan, every part of the house being directly accessible from the entrance hall without passage through other rooms. The living room has a studio ceiling and double glass doors, each 7 feet wide, leading to a garden terrace with barbecue fireplace. This is plan H-403AP by the Homograf Co., 11711 East Eight Mile Rd., East Detroit, Mich. The house covers 1,573 square feet, contains 28,884 cubic feet, and garage adds 502 square feet.

A house plan that is both compact and contemporary, without sacrificing comfort, beauty or convenience, can be called modern.

To win that designation, a house does not have to be freakish or look like a public lobby. But it does have to be easy to live in. No house can be considered modern if it is not completely livable.

Described is a house designed to illustrate a maximum of the latest ideas in architectural planning. Interior bathrooms, skylights, a paved entrance foyer that carries the red quarry tile or varicolored slate flags of the patio indoors, a broad window wall facing the rear garden and opportunity for the use of glass block partitions are among features of this plan.

Room arrangement has the advantage of private sleeping, living and work areas; yet all rooms are convenient to one another to afford a smooth flow of indoor traffic. The paved entrance foyer has a guest closet and provides access to either sleeping, living or work areas. There is a sliding door between this entry and the bedroom bath. This is a distinct advantage for those who like to get their sleep while young people enjoy their party.

A large brick fireplace in the living room provides for a hearth which can carry the foyer tile or slate pavement into that room. In addition to the wall of windows, there is a door from the living room to the patio. Open trellis work

over the patio can be covered with corrugated plastic panels of fiber glass for protection against the rain.

Since the living room has switched from the busy street front to the quiet garden rear of the house, the kitchen in turn takes its place in front to give the housewife more convenient access to the front door. This kitchen has a built-in range and oven and a window over the sink. There is a broom closet and plenty of counter and cabinet space. A separate nook or dinette is made by sliding doors.

A feature of this area is a floating cabinet between breakfast nook and living area. This sets about 6 inches above the floor and is attached to the sidewalls.

An ample laundry-utility area eliminates need for a basement. It provides space for a food freezer, ironer, washer, dryer, with lots of window area. Heating facilities are tucked away to the rear of the laundry.

A convenient lavatory is adjacent to the laundry and side door from carport. This is an advantage for families with children.

This lavatory, like the main bathroom, is an interior room with a skylight and mechanical ventilation. The arrangement of both the lavatory and the main bathroom illustrate some of the advantages offered by modern interior rooms when it comes to planning the remainder of a house.

Modern Bath Plans Used In US Homes

Interior bathrooms with no windows are scheduled to be one of the main features of homes of tomorrow.

They can be better ventilated than bathrooms with windows. They can be warmer in winter and cooler in summer. They can give you a better planned house with more outside walls for windows and light in the rooms you use the most. They open the way for a wider range of ideas in remodeling a house. And, the FHA has now approved of them.

Don't say you wouldn't like an interior bathroom. A window in a bathroom, when the wind is blowing toward that window, ventilates only through the rest of the house. On the other hand, interior bathrooms are mechanically ventilated, drawing air from the house and exhausting it out of doors.

People accept interior bathrooms as a matter of course in the most modern hotels and office buildings. It seems strange that home planners have missed the advantages of the idea for so long.

The development of new building materials and new architectural designs make it possible for an interior bathroom to have daylight even without windows. Plastic sky domes and prismatic glass blocks for skylights are among the materials. Butterfly roofs and low-pitched trussed roofs are among the new designs.

One of the biggest boosts for in-

terior bathrooms in the one-story house has been the development of heat controlling glass blocks for skylights. These contain reflective prisms, which keep out the heat in summer when the sun is high, and admit the heat in winter when the sun is low in the sky. Filtered light is admitted at all times.

Mechanical ventilation in the form of blower type exhaust fans, now used in many modern exterior bathrooms, insures ventilation, especially through the roof where winds can be controlled.

An interior bathroom can be easier to heat, because it draws warmth from the rooms around it. The elimination of a window has various advantages. In the small bathroom, where the tub is inevitably under a window, there is a draft on the bather. Eliminate the window and you have no draft.

The bathroom window always is a decorating problem. You might tile the wall all around the window, but still there is the wooden or metal frame vulnerable to damage by water or steam.

The elimination of windows in an interior bathroom leaves additional space for shallow built-ins, such as medicine cabinets and attractive glass shelves.

Even without a skylight, an interior bathroom can be bright, cheerful and sanitary. Modern lighting fixtures can provide better illumination than can be obtained from a window. They make the

lack of daylighting unimportant because artificial lighting is always needed anyway for shaving and making up.

With more than 200 shades of clay tile now available and with bathroom fixtures made in colors to match or harmonize with colored tiles a wide range of interior decoration is possible. Even bathroom ceilings can be tiled successfully, the same as ceilings in shower stalls have been tiled.

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