

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Conservative Plan Saves You Money

Design Blends Economy With Maximum Comfort

PLANNED FOR the conservative homeowner, Design T-603 for The House of The Week combines the best in comfort-planned livability with economical construction.

This is a house that fits both the family budget and modern living habits. With an exterior of brick on all four sides, it is designed for easy maintenance — a minimum of painting in the future, as well as a pleasing appearance.

A. C. Petersen of the Detroit architectural firm of Petersen & Ebbert, who planned this house, calls it "a harmonious neighbor for flamboyant contemporaries or traditional colonials — a certain proof of good taste."

The house comprises three bedrooms, bathroom, extra lavatory, kitchen large enough for table space and a combination living-dining room which is almost 24 feet long. Yet the house proper covers only 1,221 square feet, which puts it in the most popular class costwise. With a full basement, it contains 24,152 cubic feet — another gauge for estimating. Its two-car garage adds 516 square feet, which is figured separately because garage construction runs at a lower rate.

The only variation from a plain rectangular perimeter — a shape that is the most economical for a house — consist of a short wing in front to cover kitchen, entrance vestibule and guest wrap closet as well as to create an attractive facade.

CLEVER PLANNING gives this house a smartly economical substitute for the usually expensive luxury of a private bathroom for every bedroom. The master bedroom is convenient to a complete bathroom strategically located off the hall. This bathroom, including a built-in vanity-type lavatory with linen storage compartments, is convenient to living room, kitchen and just around the corner from the service entry.

A lavatory located between the two other bedrooms and accessible to both by sliding doors completes the "bedroom-with both" convenience for all bedrooms. Modern electric locks have eliminated old objections to a lavatory or bathroom being located between rooms. These locks make it impossible for a person to leave such a bathroom while forgetting to unlock the other door. They also insure privacy by automatically locking both doors as soon as either one is snapped.

Since bathrooms are usually the most expensive room in an entire house, practicable economies of this type figure large in the ultimate cost of your home, yet add greatly to value. The house is not just a one-bathroom house. This is important not only in mortgage appraisal, but also in any future resale.

A TWO-CAR garage is another point where this plan offers sound investment. For immediate economy, this garage could be reduced to one-car size. This would save you about 10 feet in the overall width of the house and a one-car garage might be adequate for many families. But even for a one-car family, a two-car garage is especially appreciated. It provides storage space for perambu-

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lators, bicycle, sleds, lawnmower, fireplace logs, outdoor furniture and even a rowboat.

The difference in cost between a two-car and one-car garage when you build a house is a bargain you'll never match. It is much less than the cost of enlarging a garage later.

By setting this garage back from the front of the house, you gain two advantages. One it allows for a garage door to open into the backyard where the garage creates a sheltering wing providing an appropriate place for a garden patio behind the house. It also clears the way for a side service entrance.

BOTH DOORS to this house open into vestibules. The side service vestibule opens into the kitchen and straight down the cellar stairs as well. This is a sensible arrangement. It makes the large basement accessible for storage. It makes it possible to have a complete laundry in the basement with clothes chutes down from the bedrooms. It facilitates the removal of fireplace ashes without the hazard of sifting them through rooms.

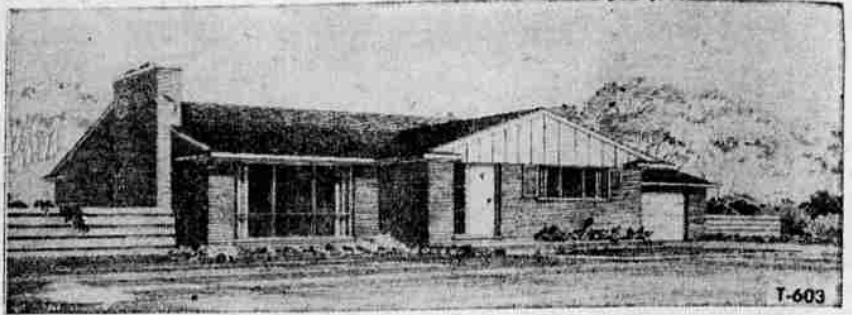
The front entrance vestibule is lighted by floor-to-ceiling sidelight windows adjoining the front door. By projecting this entry and its commodious coat closet, the architect saves space that makes the living room easier to arrange and furnish.

As you step into the living room from the front vestibule, you have a dramatic view of the entire length of the room, past its floor-to-ceiling picture window to a log burning fireplace at the far end of the room.

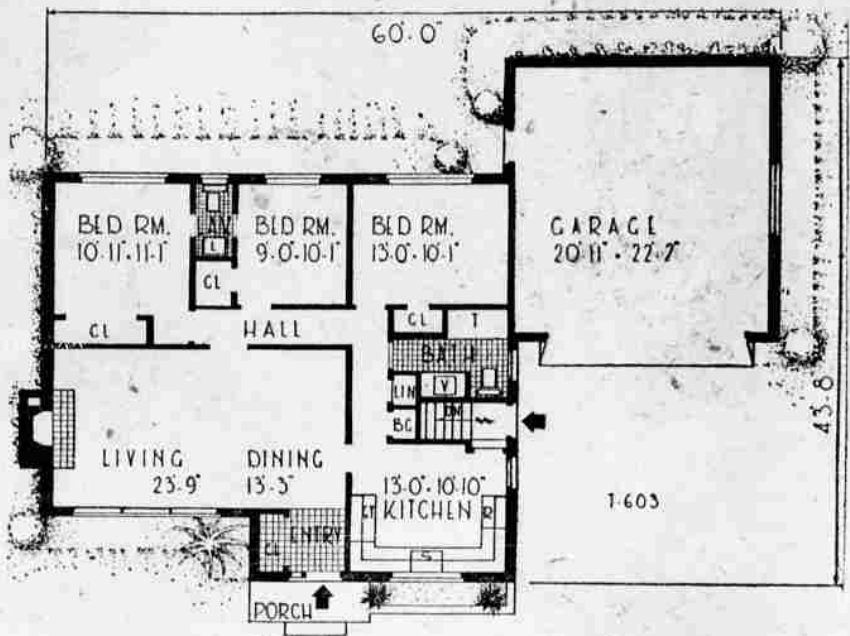
You'll undoubtedly say this is a house for champagne taste on a budget.

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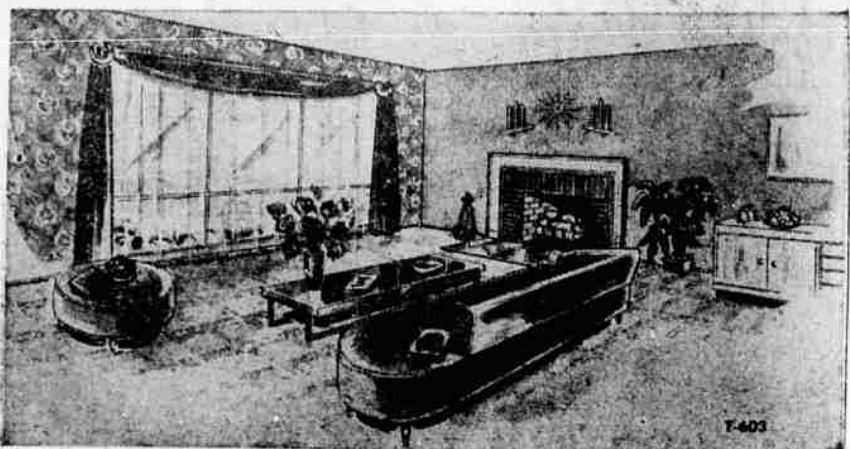
The cover picture on this week's Herald and News tabloid section is of Starla Bridge, 6-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bridge, 625 Martin Street. Starla is a first grader at Mills School. Herald and News staff photographer Don Kettler took Starla's picture with a Rolliflex camera using Tri-X film, natural light and a setting of F6.3 at a 100th of a second.



SMART BRICK VENEER house for conservative homeowner — comfortable, economical.



EXCELLENT CIRCULATION features this plan with rooms compactly arranged.



FLOOR-TO-CEILING picture window and log burning fireplace feature living room.

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