

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Western Ranch Is Adaptable to All Regions

Flexible Design
Permits Slab Or
Full Basement

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A true western ranch, this ably designed one-story home truly captures the sweep and verve of the West!

The work of an outstanding western architect, it has, however, a flexibility of design plus interior arrangements which transcend any regional area.

The versatility of its plan qualifies it as a superior home for all Americans.

With only a minor change in its plan, it can be built with a full basement or on a slab base. Depending on the choice of the homeowner, it thus becomes either a six or a seven-room house.

The work of Architect Jerry Gropp, of Seattle, Wash., this plan is an example of home design craftsmanship at its best. Built with a full basement, the square footage of the house is precisely doubled.

Yet the doubled square footage represented by the basement area can be built, according to Gropp's estimates, at perhaps only one tenth the cost of the upstairs living areas.

The interior arches of this three-bedroom house are enhanced by many distinguishing characteristics. The living room, for example, permits a flood of natural light through three large floor-to-ceiling windows.

Additional natural illumination is permitted through a row of small windows along the ridge of the roof over the living room area. Indirect lighting has been built into the same area to achieve the same lighting effect in the darkness of night.

But on a clear starry night, moonlight would filter through the overhead windows and into the living room.

The exterior design of the house, although a true western ranch style in its conception, is accent-



A LONG, LOW MASONRY WALL provides privacy for the two bedrooms at the left and encloses a front entrance courtyard.

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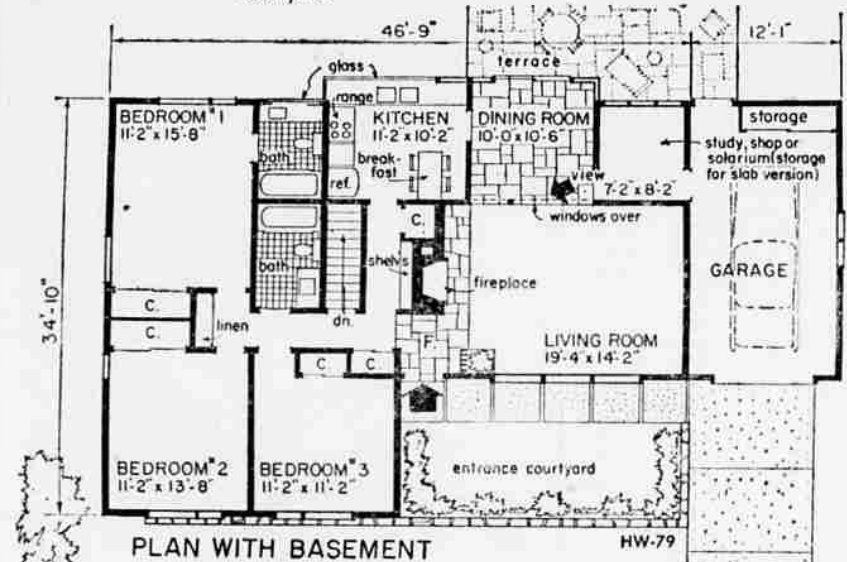
The overall dimensions of The House of The Week HW-79, including the garage, are 58 feet 10 inches by 34 feet 10 inches. The architect estimates that it can be constructed on a 75-foot-wide plot. The square footage of the house, excluding the garage, is 1,403. The square footage of the garage is 276. The square footage of a full basement would be 1,403, exactly the same as the upstairs area exclusive of the garage. The architect estimates that the cost of a full basement, providing doubled space, would be perhaps only one tenth the cost of the upstairs area.

ed by extended gable roofs, exposed roof beams, board and batten finish and a long, low masonry wall which encloses a front entrance courtyard.

The white marble chip roof is decorative but it also will reflect heat away from the house during the summer months. The vertical lines of the cedar boards and batten add an effect of height to the home.

The masonry of the front wall is repeated in the stone of the fireplace chimney and in the scored concrete of the rear terrace. Wood casement windows permit 100 per cent ventilation when desired.

The architect has brought ma-



PLAN WITH BASEMENT

SEVEN ROOMS AND TWO BATHS, including three bedrooms, are included in the plan with a full basement. The area earmarked for a study, shop or a solarium would become storage space with slab construction.

sonry material inside the house as well; the flagstone foyer connects directly with the fireplace hearth. The foyer is partly screened from the living room area by vertical poles and a planter.

The vast expanse of the sloped living room ceiling is finished in wood and the exposed beams extend up beyond the ridge of the roof to the point where the row of small windows is placed.

The dining room has a slate floor and beyond the dining room, seen through sliding glass doors, is the rear terrace.

The bath in the large master bedroom, the kitchen and the dining room are all encased by glass which extends up to the roof overhang. Opaque glass is used in the bathroom.

Glass has been used in a novel way, too, in the kitchen. A solid sheet of glass extends from the kitchen's counter top to the ceiling.

By using a slab construction, the stair location in the center of the house becomes a laundry room; the kitchen closet becomes a heater room; the room shelves back of the fireplace become a utility room, and the room adjacent to the garage—intended as a study, shop or a solarium in the full basement plan—becomes a large storage area.

Otherwise, the house remains identical.

Although a ranch style, the architect estimates that this house can be built on a 75-foot-wide plot, its overall width being less than 59 feet.

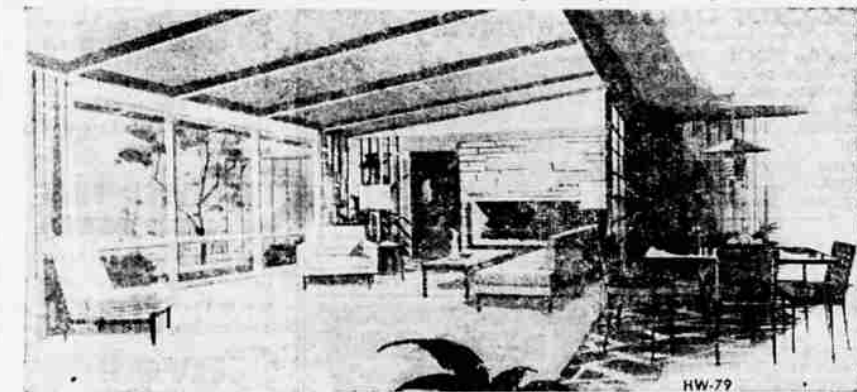
The entrance courtyard, distinctive in itself, is made doubly appealing by the privacy afforded by the front masonry wall. The wall also extends past the windows of both front bedrooms, providing privacy to these rooms as well.

By adopting the full basement plan, the owner would have an area below equal to the entire area above exclusive of the garage.

Exploitation of the basement area could result in any number of space arrangements and auxiliary room areas, depending on the needs and tastes of the owner.

The second bath is located to serve both bedrooms at the front of the house. The second bath is easily reached also from the kitchen and from the living room.

A lavatory could be placed in the basement directly under the two baths upstairs in order to economize on plumbing costs.



THIS INTERIOR VIEW takes in the sloped-ceiling living room and a part of the slate-floored dining room. The front entrance, marked by a planter and verticle poles, is at the left of the fireplace.

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