

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Build for the Future, Economically --

Ranch Designed for Careful Home Shopper

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A warm, home-like exterior puts this money-saving ranch house in a class by itself.

While many a home of modest size and cost seems coldly functional, we have one here in which appearances have meant a great deal to the designer, as they will to the owner.

The designer, Rudolph A. Marten, who specializes in small homes, set out deliberately to keep costs down by keeping the size moderate and putting all the space to work.

"My purpose," he says, "was to get a very small, low-cost home. At the same time, the house had to provide the number of bedrooms most needed by the majority of people. This number is three.

"The house also had to provide an interesting exterior and offer an entertainment-living area large enough to dispel any small-house, cramped feeling.

"Beyond that, my purpose was to provide an efficient and comfortable home."

Louvered Closet Doors

A run-down of the plan shows: The habitable area is less than 1,000 square feet.

The three bedrooms all have at least five feet of closet space. Combined, they have 17 feet of closet space — nearly twice the amount required by the FHA.

All closet doors are louvered, and the larger ones are accordion and fold back on themselves. This allows a large closet summing room space.

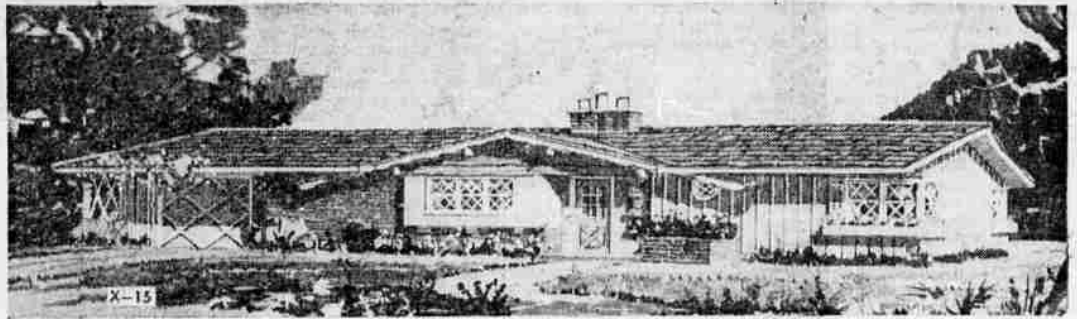
The living and dining areas are end to end to give a "big look" to this one-room arrangement to be opened fully without comment.

The third bedroom, which may

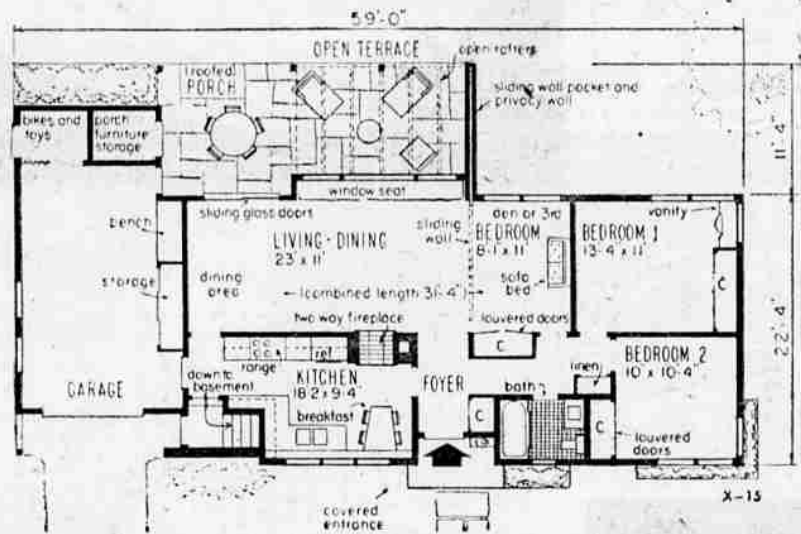
Statistics

There are six rooms, with either two or three bedrooms, and a bath in House of The Week design X-15. Habitable areas total 995 square feet. Add 335 square feet for the garage and 132 square feet for the porch. The overall dimensions of the house are 59 by 33 feet 8 inches. A 75 by 100 foot lot is recommended. There is a full basement under the living areas.

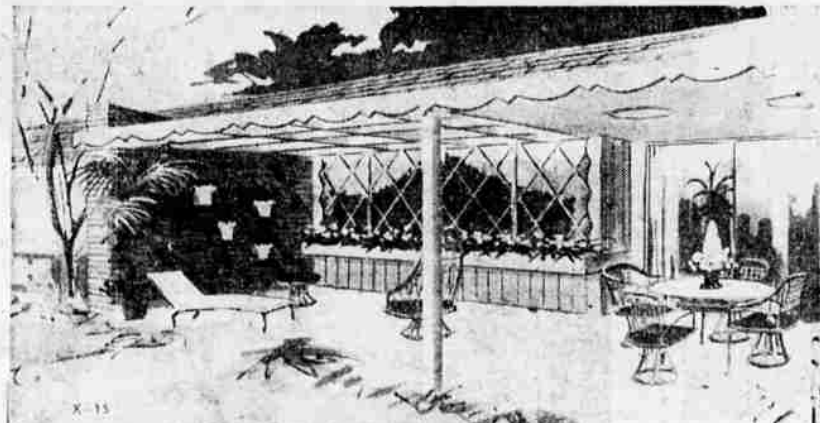
be used instead as a den or study, is separated from the living-dining area by a floor-to-ceiling sliding wall. With the wall pushed back into its pocket, an expanse of more than 31 feet is thrown open. The sliding wall pocket extends outside the house and encloses one side of a rear terrace. The circulation arrangement of the plan creates marked efficiency.



A COTTAGE-LIKE APPEARANCE adds a friendly note to this exterior which makes use of different materials including adzed siding, brick, flush boards and vertical boards and battens. The entrance is recessed.



THIS FLOOR PLAN shows the practical circulation arrangement of House of The Week design X-15. Note the sliding wall at one end of the living-dining area.



THIS IS A VIEW of the covered rear porch and the connecting open terrace. The brick wall at the left provides privacy for the terrace and serves as a pocket for the sliding wall inside the living room.

Between the foyer and living room are louvered doors. These may be left open for decorative purposes or they may be closed to give living room privacy.

The living room, beside the floor-to-ceiling sliding wall, includes a picturesque window seat extending along 13 feet of the rear wall. Aluminum and glass sliding doors open into the rear terrace.

A warm, cottage-like exterior has been achieved through the use of different materials. Adzed siding is used in the front gable and on the porch; flush boards are used on the recessed entrance. The entrance is recessed and has a large breakfast area flooded by natural light on its right. Vertical boards and battening through diamond-paned windows. The chimney is brick with lattice work on top of the flues. Lattice two-way brick fireplace which and thick, butt roof shingles complete the exterior.

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