

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

'Florida' Ranch Adaptable To All Regions

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Styled after homes in warmer climates, this modern American ranch has been designed for comfortable year-round living in any climate.

The architectural theme of the plan, designated X-17 in the House of The Week series, is set in the "Florida room."

This room is a U-shaped area enclosed on three sides by the living room, family-dining room and master bedroom. It is open at the rear.

The Florida room, because of its space and position, lends itself to any number of flexible arrangements and modifications to suit the needs of the owner.

It could start as an open living area, roofed over only where it is bounded by the living room, family-dining room and master bedroom.

The next development toward a complete Florida room would be to enclose the open area at the rear with a wooden frame work. The walls of that portion jutting out from the main area of the house then could be screened in, and the ceiling could be covered with screening, or with plastic or opaque material.

Radiant Heating Possible

Simple changes would sufficiently protect the room for use throughout the year in colder climates.

One weatherproofing step, suggested by Architect Samuel Paul who created design X-17, would be to have windows or shutters permanently installed in addition to the screening.

Further comfort for the winter months could be provided by installing radiant heating coils in the floor slab at the time the house is built.

There is a swimming pool — for the summer months anywhere in the country and for the year round in the warm, sunny climes.

The pool dimensions are 16 by 12 feet but they could be increased for larger families.

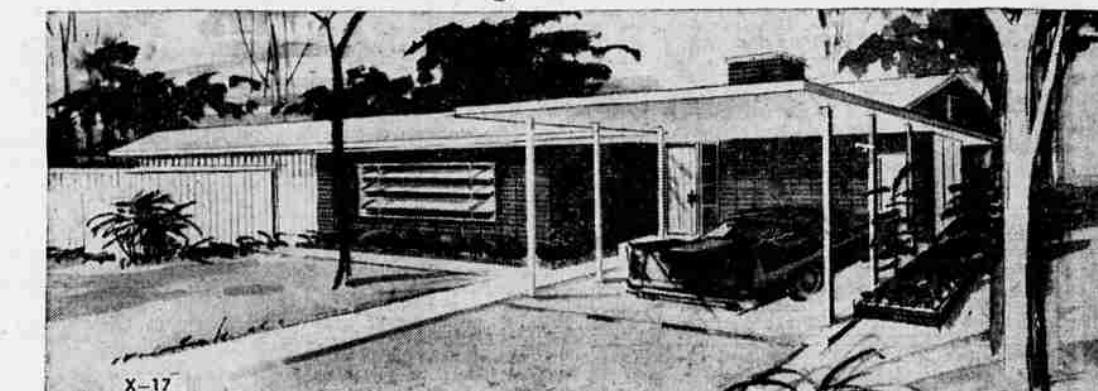
The Florida room, located so it can be seen by guests upon entering the house, is only one feature, though, of this plan:

The family-dining room, separated from the Florida room by a glass wall, has abundant space for informal family living.

Two plastic domes have been placed in the roof over the family-dining room to bring in soft, diffused natural light. Additionally, there is a well-engineered artificial lighting system.

Double-Use Breakfast Bar

The kitchen, which opens into the family-dining room, is



EXTERIOR LINES of this modern ranch are simple and clean. The side walls are of brick and board and batten. The roof can be built up with either a marble chip finish or ceramic tile. The carport could be converted into an enclosed garage.

Statistics

House of The Week design X-17 has three bedrooms, two baths, living room, family-dining room, kitchen, laundry and Florida room. Its overall dimensions are 65 by 48 feet 9 inches and would fit a plot 85 by 100 feet. There are 1,483 square feet in the living area. The Florida room has an area of 598 square feet and can be built at much less cost per square foot than the living area. The plan calls for slab-on-grade construction without a basement. The swimming pool could be a factory-made, one-piece unit.

equipped with the latest conveniences. They include a breakfast bar which can double as a regular bar for the family-dining room, a counter-top range, wall oven, dish washer, double sink and refrigerator.

Located at the front of the house, the kitchen has a large window over the sink which permits a full view of the entrance sidewalk and driveway. Through this window, guests, servicemen and vehicles can be seen before the front door is opened.

The laundry is adjacent to the kitchen but separated from it. There is space in the laundry for a closet, pantry, washing machine and dryer.

For the children, the architect has included a large service and play yard at the front. This area is enclosed by a fence yet it can be supervised from the kitchen.

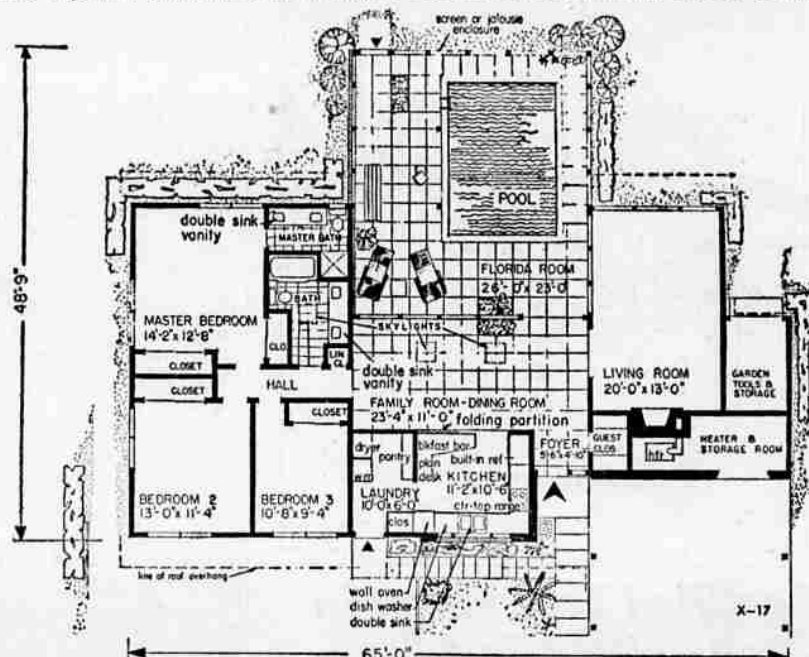
The bedroom wing comprises

three bedrooms and adequate closets. The master bedroom has its own private bath with stall shower, double sink, vanity and water closet.

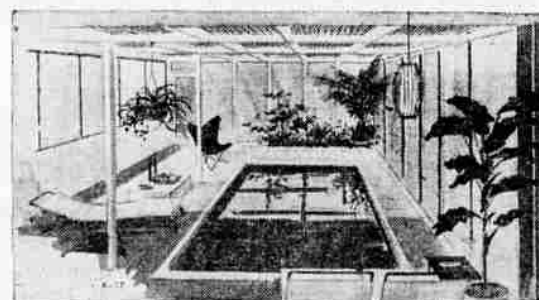
The hall bathroom is equipped with a double sink, vanity, built-in tub and secluded water closet.

The living room is set apart from the rest of the house for more informal entertaining. The living room fireplace could be eliminated in southern areas.

The carport area includes a heater and storage room plus storage space for tools. The carport could be converted into an enclosed garden for colder regions.



AS SHOWN in the floor plan above, there is an unbroken view from the entrance foyer across the family-dining room into the Florida room at the rear. The living room is set apart, at the right, for more formal entertaining.



THIS VIEW looks toward the rear of the Florida room with a 16 by 12 foot swimming pool. In this rendering, the area has been enclosed by a wooden frame work and screening.

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