

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

More Space for Family Living ---

Open Planning Turns Kitchen Into Showplace

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The welcome theme of this architect-designed House of the Week is "open planning," a concept of space arrangement responsible for turning the once ugly-duckling kitchen into a showplace.

In this plan, designated X-19 in the specially-selected House of the Week series, the kitchen is no longer just an area for the preparation of food. It becomes an attractive family center and an integral part of the living area.

There is solid reason for the rapidly growing popularity throughout America of open-planned kitchens, of which this is an outstanding example.

They simplify housekeeping. They lower the cost of new home construction. And they reflect the spirit of family living and casual entertaining so dominant in today's homes.

Open-planned kitchens have been described by designers as "one of the most desirable areas in the home." Such a kitchen generally has no wall partition between it and the dining or living areas, although low dividers are retained to provide separation between the cooking area and the area where food is served.

Wood Paneled Dividers

In Design X-19, Architect Herman H. York has placed the separating walls between the kitchen and the foyer, and between the kitchen and living room, at wainscot height. They are paneled in wood, and have divider columns of wood, equally spaced along the angular wall area.

This arrangement permits more light and air in the kitchen; it also gives the housewife a view of the rear gardens through the window-walled living room from the vantage point of the front-located kitchen.

The wainscot paneled wall section in the living room has built-in book cabinets five feet above floor level. The floor-to-ceiling sep-



ALL EXTERIOR WALLS of this ranch are of brick veneer. Vertical boards are used on the front gable over the two-car garage. Three bedrooms and two baths are in the wing at the left of the entrance.

arating wall between the living and dining rooms joins the wainscot wall section and is paneled in matching wood.

Executed on one level in ranch style, York's plan has a three-bedroom wing at the left, the living-dining-kitchen area in the center, and a sunken recreation room and garage at the right.

The rear garden area includes a children's play area, and a lounging dining terrace with outdoor grille. The formal dining room has an eight-foot, floor-length bow window which overlooks the garden area.

The 23-foot-long recreation room, two steps below the dining room level, is window walled at the rear. The recreation room also has a fireplace which extends into the outdoor grille.

A Service Vestibule

Ample table space is provided within the kitchen area; and just to the right, two steps down, is a handy vestibule or service hall. This vestibule gives access from the recreation room to the garage, to the basement stairway, a lavatory and the dinette-kitchen area.

The dining space within the kitchen is windowed and separated from the working area by a cook-top island.

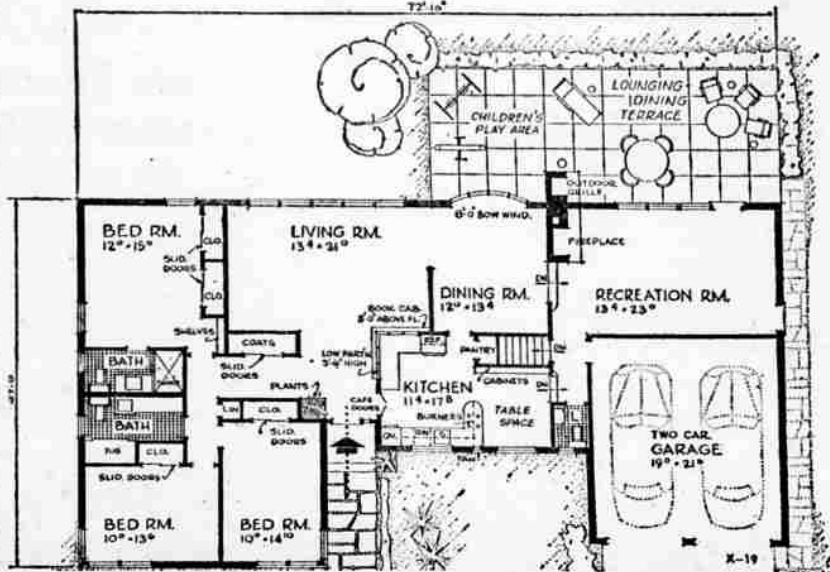
The three bedrooms and two baths are reached through a hall off the entrance foyer. The master bedroom, 12 by 15 feet, has twin sliding door closets, built-in shelving and a private bath with vanity and stall shower.

All bedrooms are cross ventilated. The hall bath has a five-foot plastic top vanity and make-up table and a similar-sized, mirrored medicine cabinet.

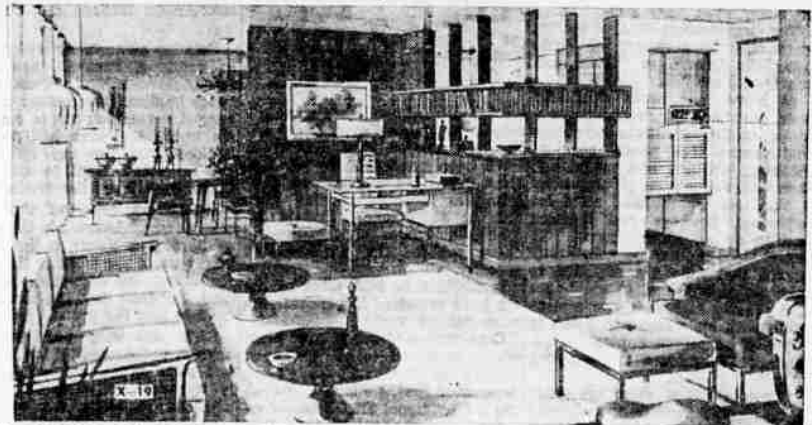
Throughout the house there is a total of more than 23 linear feet of coat-hanging closets.

A full basement under the living areas has space for laundry and heating facilities. The recreation room is designed for slab construction; it is connected to the outside dining terrace by a door.

All exterior walls are of brick veneer. There are vertical boards on the front gable over the garage.



ALL ON ONE LEVEL, this is the floor plan of Design X-19, a House of the Week plan featuring an open-planned kitchen. The sunken recreation room is two steps below the dining room level.



A CLASSIC OF "OPEN PLANNING" this interior view looks across the living room toward the kitchen, entered through the cafe doors at the right. Separating the kitchen and the living room are wainscot-high, wood paneled dividers. The dining room is partially visible in the background at the left.

Statistics

House of the Week design X-19, with overall dimensions of 39 by 72 feet 10 inches, will fit a 90 by 100 foot lot. It has three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, recreation room, and two baths and one lavatory. The main living areas have 1,663 square feet. The recreation room, on slab construction, has 319 square feet; the garage has 425 square feet. There is a full basement under the main living areas.

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