

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

This Home Centers on Fun . . .

A Round Room For Family Roundups!

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Nearly half of all homes in the United States lack sufficient space for family activities, a recent nation-wide survey shows. The deficiency is corrected dramatically in the "House of The Week" presented here.

A seven - room ranch designated X-22, it features a circular family center, 15 feet in diameter, which becomes an axis for the family's entire home life.

This ample room is located slightly off center within the perimeter of the house, only a step or two away from all major areas. Its curved contour is broken at the front by the entrance foyer.

And counter clockwise from the foyer, there are openings into the kitchen through folding doors, into a rear children's play terrace through a door edged by a glass wall, and into the center hall of the bedroom wing.

Created by Herman H. York, a New York architect who has received many national awards for residential designs, plan X-22 has many other features meriting attention.

Full details of the plan, in an easy-to-follow area-by-area description, follow:

This section includes the living room, 19 by 13 feet 4 inches, with a convex-shaped fireplace; an 11 by 13 foot dining room, the circular family center and three outdoor terraces—a front lounging terrace off the living room, a rear dining terrace off the dining room and kitchen, and a rear children's play terrace off the family center.

The living room opens into the front lounging terrace through sliding glass doors. The dining room has sliding glass doors which open onto the rear dining terrace. There is a door linking the kitchen

THIS CIRCULAR FAMILY CENTER is 15 feet across. The brick planter marks the intersection of the foyer and living room. The kitchen is seen directly ahead. The door at the

left, edged by a glass wall, opens onto a rear terrace. The ceiling has translucent glass panels.

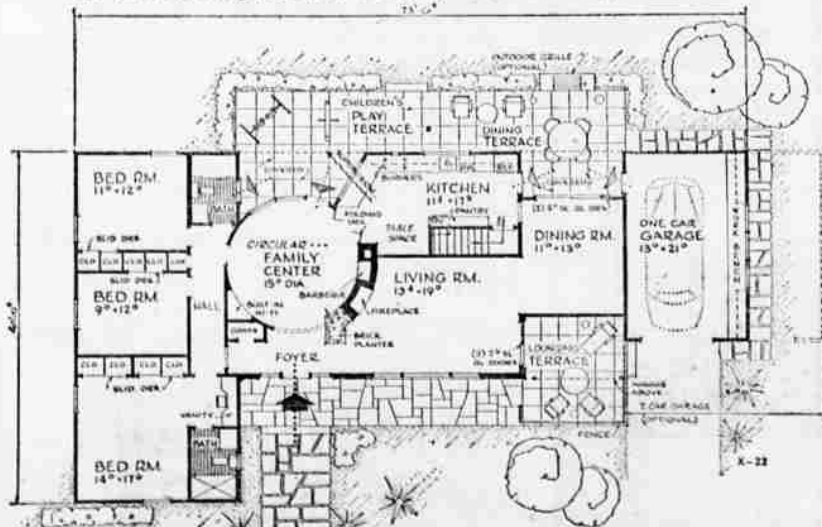
work bench extending its full rear dining terrace is roofed over length. There are built-in cabinets with horizontal boards in an open at each end of the bench. There rafter effect. is a full basement. Laundry and Vertical wood siding is used on heating facilities are located there. The family center ceiling is covered with translucent glass panels. Indirect lighting bathes the room in a soft, even glow.

Floor length picture windows overlook the children's play terrace from the family center. The rear gardens are set in an unusual curved wall structure. The brick wall which houses the family center barbecue unit also is curved. A 700 by 100 foot lot is recommended. The habitable area has 1,603 square feet. The garage has closed to isolate the family center 297 square feet. There are seven when it is being used for teen-rooms — living, dining, kitchen, age gatherings. The lounging terrace family center and three bedrooms race at the front is shielded from the street by a wooden fence. The races.

There are three bedrooms and linen closet in the center hall. The master bedroom is 14 by 17 feet 6 inches and by 17 feet 4 inches in size with four separate closets, a private bath, and a built-in vanity adjacent to the bath. The other two bedrooms, 9 by 12 feet, 11 by 12 feet, respectively, have two closets each. A center hall, reached from both the foyer and the family center, links all three bedrooms. The hall bath has a second door opening to the children's play terrace. All bedroom closets have of the rear dining terrace, has a



VERTICAL WOOD SIDING is used on all outside walls except for the foyer and living room walls which are finished in brick veneer. White asphalt shingles are recommended for the roof. The garage is at the right, the bedroom wing at the left.



THIS FLOOR PLAN shows the efficient room arrangement achieved by the architect in House of The Week design X-22. Inside there is abundant living space. Outside, there are three terraces. All are easily reached from the inside.

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