

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Happiness Home Stresses Good Eating, Good Fun

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Two happy ingredients of good living received special attention from the architect in the design of this ranch house, chosen for the latest accolade in the House of The Week series of blue ribbon American homes.

The ingredients are (1) dining, both formal and informal, and (2) recreation, both indoor and outdoor. The plan, designated X-28, emphasizes both, in the "inline" arrangement of the dining and family rooms with the kitchen in between.

All three rooms are dropped two steps below the level of the rest of the house and all are in the rear next to a two-part outdoor rear terrace which exceeds in length the combined widths of the three rooms.

The size of the house is relatively small yet the room count shows: three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, and family room plus 1½ baths and the garage. Design X-28 was created by Architect Herman H. York, many times the winner of awards for outstanding residential designs.

Following are the full details of design X-28, in an easy to follow, area by area outline:

The Living Area

The living room is 19 by 13 feet 4 inches. The architect suggests that its right wall, bordering the garage, be paneled in wood. This can be done in either random width vertical boards in any one of a number of grained woods or by using some of the attractive plywoods available in sheet form. The dining room is two steps down from the living room at the right and has ready access to the rear terrace through sliding glass doors.

The Sleeping Area

There are three bedrooms, all with cross ventilation. The master bedroom has a private lavatory. A feature of this lavatory is its dual use; it can double as a wash-up room because it has a second door leading to the vestibule off the family room and it is located with-

in a few feet of the rear terrace. Additional toilet and bathing facilities are provided off the bedroom hall. There are ample closets for all bedrooms.

Housekeeping Areas

The kitchen is strategically located between the family and dining rooms. Its position gives it a "conning tower" location overlooking not only the family room but also the entire rear terrace and play area. There is a slanting wall between the kitchen and the dining room which increases the apparent length of each room. It also permits a needed opening between the living and dining rooms, yet insures the privacy of each. Laundry and heating facilities are in the cellar.

The Casual Areas

The family room and the rear terrace are seen from the foyer. A 10-foot bow window separates the family room and the children's play area in the rear. The outdoor dining terrace is just off the dining room. An outdoor grille is optional.

Storage Statistics

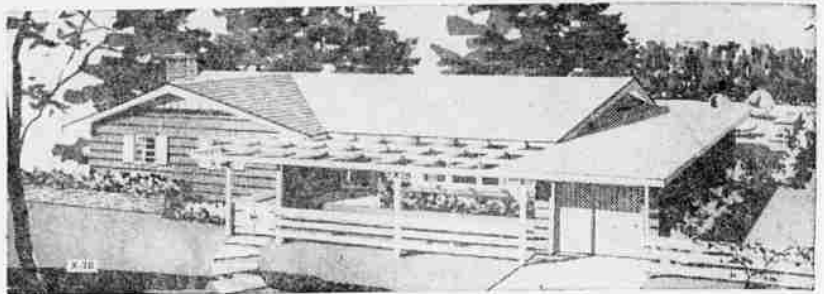
There are seven storage closets and one linen closet in the bedroom wing alone. The guest closet is in the hall just off the foyer. Large storage cabinets are a part of the kitchen appointments and there is a full basement under the living room and bedroom portions. The one-car garage can be expanded if desired.

Special Features

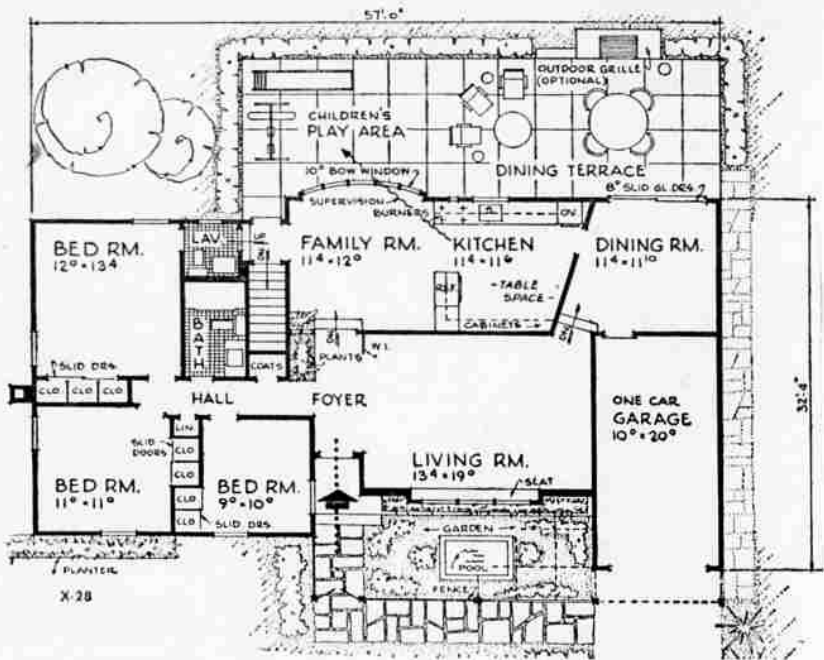
There is virtual perfect circulation in this plan. A low brick planter box has been placed at the two steps leading from the foyer to the family room. This detail, says the architect, "provides a never ending visual impression of the outdoors because as one reaches the family room, a panoramic view is assured through the large bow window overlooking the rear terrace."

The Exterior

The front approach is marked



A FENCE-ENCLOSED FLOWER GARDEN greets the visitor to this seven-room ranch house. The front living room — 19 feet across — occupies the entire space between the garage at the right and the bedroom wing at the left.



THE CIRCULATION PATTERN is virtually perfect in design X-28, as seen in the floor plan above.

by a simple wood fence and gate open framework over the flower which frame a flower garden. A garden can be used for climbing small lily pool may be placed in vines and plants. Flagstones are the center of the flower garden recommended for the front walk if desired. Brick is suggested where shown on exterior surfaces. Wood shakes are used in a shingle treatment for the remaining outside walls. Asphalt or wood shingles are suggested for the roof. An exterior wall shingles.

Dimensional Data

The overall dimensions of the house are 57 by 32 feet 4 inches. Excluding the family room and the garage, the habitable area has 1,242 square feet. The family room has 136 square feet, the garage 214 square feet. A minimum plot 75 by 100 feet is suggested.

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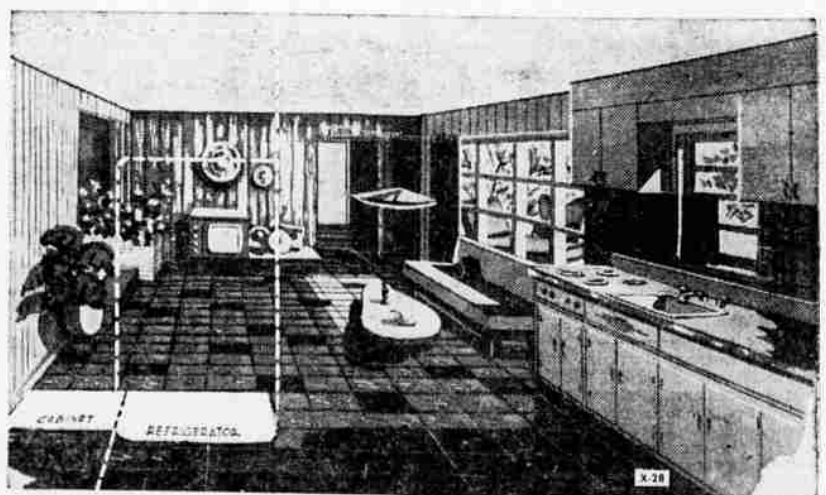
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THIS VIEW LOOKS OUT from a corner of the kitchen into the family room. A rear terrace is visible through a 10-foot bow window in the family room. Positions occupied by the refrigerator and one corner of the kitchen cabinets are cut away to permit an unobstructed scene.