

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

A House with a Heritage --

Modern Step-Saving Plus Colonial Charm

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If you love a crackling winter fire, the simple beauty of early American furniture, the homespun warmth of a big wide-open kitchen, here's a house that's sure to stir your colonial blood.

It's as American as apple pie, with all the flavor and charm of its rustic ancestors—including picturesque outside stairs to the second floor.

Although it looks like a rural mansion, the house is not excessively large. The habitable area of the first floor is 1,476 square feet. On this level are three bedrooms, living and dining rooms, immense family kitchen and two baths. Another two bedrooms and bath can be added upstairs.

Architect Rudolph Matern didn't provide for defense against Indians in designing X-42 in the House of the Week series of distinguished homes, but little else in early American architecture was ignored.

A long low porch runs across the living room wing. On the inside, just to the left of the entrance foyer, a curving staircase sweeps upstairs. To the right, at the end of the long living room, a wide brick fireplace with wood paneling above separates a pair of bookcase-cupboard combinations.

Pioneer Charm, Modern Comfort

While the atmosphere created by the exterior and principal interior features of the house has a nostalgic scent of history, the floor plan is arranged for modern living.

The living room has a wide window (more than 10 feet) in the front and sliding glass doors in the rear to provide outside view both to the front and back. Both glass areas, however, are set back under the overhanging roofs on each side so that the glaring mid-day sun does not penetrate the room.

Housekeeping and Casual Areas

Six large windows provide plenty of cheerful sunlight and air in

the big family kitchen, divided about equally between food preparation area and play or relaxation area. The double "L" arrangement of the kitchen cabinets and work counters puts all facilities within handy reach while promoting the feeling of spaciousness.

Two casual areas are available outside, the inviting front porch and a terrace in the rear reached through the living room's sliding glass doors. This rear terrace enjoys considerable privacy, since it is enclosed on three sides.

Sleeping Area

The three bedrooms on the first floor are contained in the front wing and completely isolated from the remainder of the house. The main bath has double basins and a luxurious master bedroom has a full bath all its own. This beautiful main bedroom is more than 17 feet long, and has a big bow window in addition to two regular windows.

Special Features

The plan provides for two addi-

AUTHENTIC EARLY AMERICAN: This rambling eight-room home combines the warm homespun flavor of early American architecture with modern step-saving convenience. There are three bedrooms and two baths down-

stairs, and space for two additional bedrooms and another bath upstairs. Despite the imposing appearance, the finished area of the basic house covers only 1,476 square feet.

tional bedrooms and a big bath upstairs. These could be finished at a later date if you are working on a tight budget. One of these bedrooms includes a dressing alcove.

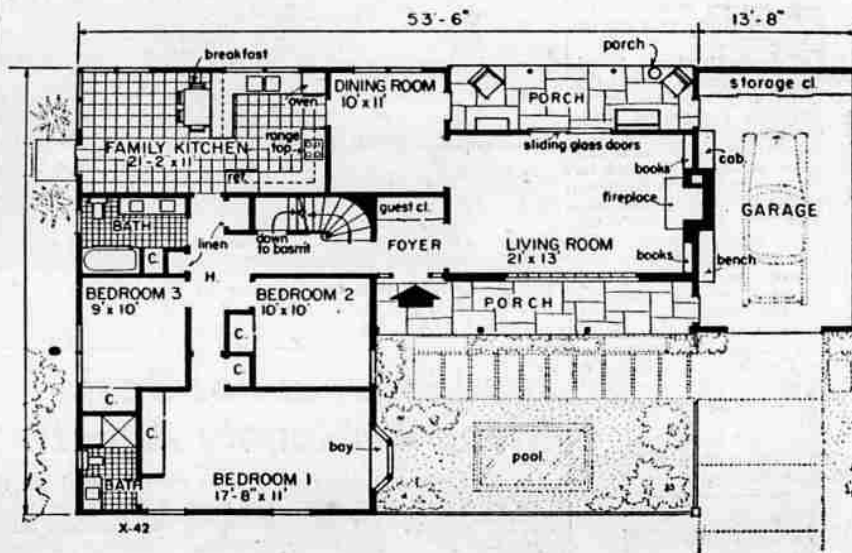
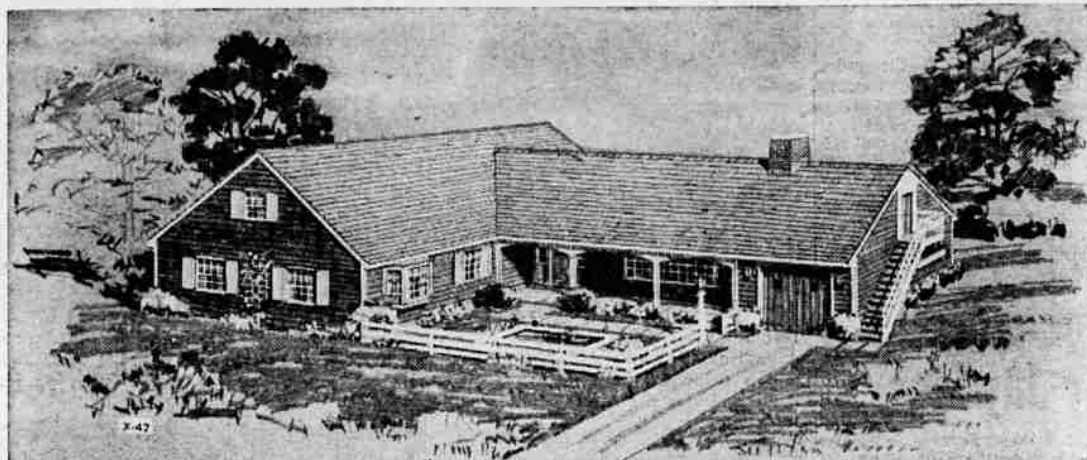
Storage and Statistics

As usual in Matern plans, the house has a spectacular amount

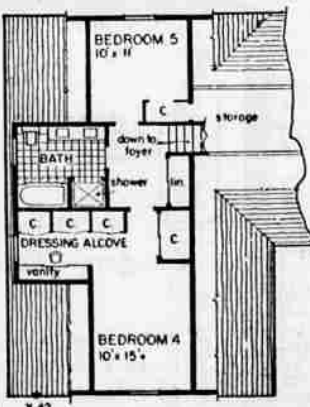
of storage space. There are 14 closets for clothes and linen in bedrooms and hallways. Low headroom storage space on the second floor over the living room (reached either from an upstairs bedroom or the outside stairway) covers more than 300 square feet. The oversized garage contains still

more storage, plus cabinets and a workbench. The house also has a full basement, covering 1,400 square feet plus.

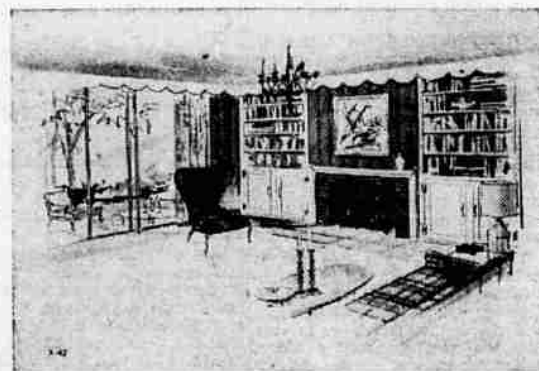
X-42 is 67' 2" wide and 40' 10" deep. The first floor has 1,476 square feet of livable space, the second floor another 566. Garage has 336 square feet and porches 261.



FLOOR PLAN: A big family kitchen more than 21 feet long is one of the attractive features of X-42. Plan also shows the luxurious master bedroom and impressive living and dining rooms.



SECOND FLOOR: Two bedrooms and bath can be added in the expansion attic.



COLONIAL STYLING: Flanked by bookcases and cupboards, a wide fireplace gives a warm early American flavor to the living room. Sliding glass doors open on rear covered terrace.

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