

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Wide - Open Living on a Narrow Lot

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Here's a "narrow lot" house that can hold its own in any beauty contest.

What it doesn't have in wide rambling, pretentious front, it makes up in clean modern lines, floor plan efficiency, and this architectural heritage: its delightful garden court is a modern adaptation of the ancient Japanese style.

The home is X-66 in the House of the Week series of distinctive homes and was designed by Architect Samuel Paul. It has three bedrooms and should easily fit on a 50 by 100 foot plot.

The house, with a total of seven rooms and two baths, has a habitable area of 1,444 square feet. At its widest point, it measures an even 31 feet. Depth is 60 feet. It has a carport instead of a garage and no basement.

Every Foot Counts

Because of the size limitation, Architect Paul sought to extract full living potential from every bit of space. The courtyard is one of the most important means of accomplishing this. All of the living and working rooms have either window walls or glass doors on the courtyard so that its sunny garden cheerfulness will seem always within reach. Each room also is open to at least one other room indoors, another aid to the feeling of spaciousness.

A high fence along the side and louvers at front and rear of the court insure privacy both for the garden and the indoor rooms fronting on it.

The kitchen, the hub of every household, is at dead center in this

plan. It serves the family room for informal indoor meals, and is just as handy to dining room and court for more formal occasions either indoors or out. The kitchen is roomy enough to provide space for laundry and utility closet. Thus practically all normal household routine can be performed in this single control center.

An entry closet creates a foyer at the main entrance and helps define the dining area behind it. The large living room (12½ by almost 24 feet) is just off this foyer and completely out of the daily traffic pattern. It has a wonderful view into the court as well as to the street. A big natural brick fireplace is the center of interest. The fireplace is projected to the outside to save valuable living space. Shelves serve as a useful space divider between living and dining rooms.

Plenty of Sunlight

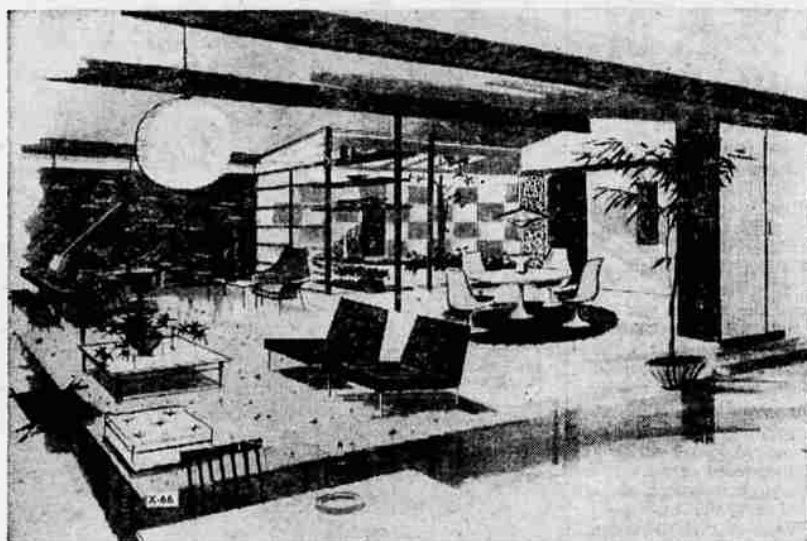
Glass doors at either end provide access from the family room to the private court and to the side yard. A long clear glass skylight in the ceiling of the family room floods the bedroom wall with sunlight.

The bedroom unit contains three good-sized rooms. The master bedroom has its own bath and a dressing area with abundant closet space. The other two bedrooms share the main bath.

The exterior is simple in concept with dramatic contrasts in color and texture. Stained cypress siding, buff red brick, a continuous white fascia and light tan roof shingles are integrated with large glass areas to provide a light,



DESIGNED FOR NARROW LOT: This three-bedroom modern ranch will fit easily on a 50-foot lot. A well shielded garden court on the left side gives an air of spaciousness to all living and working areas. House offers 1,444 square feet of habitable space.



JAPANESE MOTIF: This artist's conception pictures an Oriental theme in living and dining rooms. Viewpoint is from front corner of the living room, with foyer coat closet at right, dining area behind that, and garden court visible through glass walls.

modern appearance. A big storage room underneath the carport roof furnishes space for bicycles, garden tools and other outdoor equipment.

Skunk Toupee Gives Class

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — Salesman Paul Bishop's new toupee gives him that "distinguished" look, with the white streaks in the dark hair adding just the right touch.

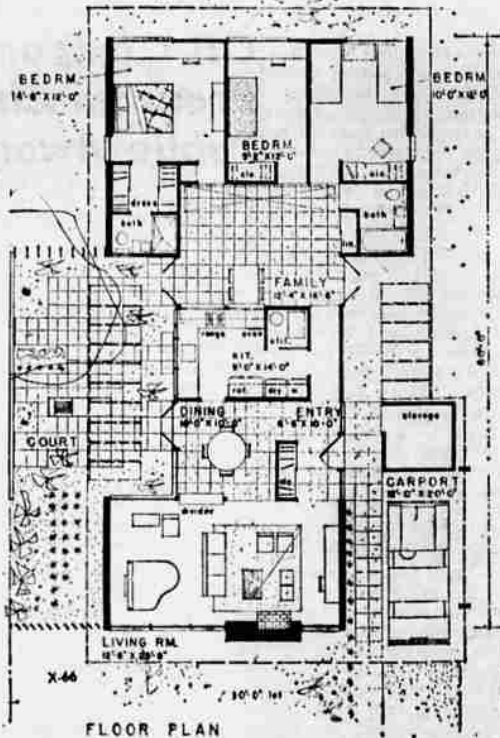
It all started when Bishop kidded coworker Pearl Thompson about her new fur jacket. Bishop remarked that the jacket looked like skunk fur, and he needed a toupee of the same material to keep his bald head warm.

Miss Thompson spoke to a furrier, who agreed to make the headpiece. Then she measured Bishop's head. He, of course, thought she was joking.

But when she brought the new skunk-fur toupee to the office and put it on Bishop's head, the joke was on him.

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FLOOR PLAN

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