

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Two-Bedroom Families:

Why Have a House Bigger Than You Need?

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As the average number of children in the typical American family edges upward, the three-bedroom home is becoming standard. This is fine for typical families, but it misses the mark for any family unit smaller than average. Here's a home designed specifically for the forgotten small family: a husband and wife with no more than two children or an older couple who have married off the last daughter and are now looking for peace, quiet and time to relax.

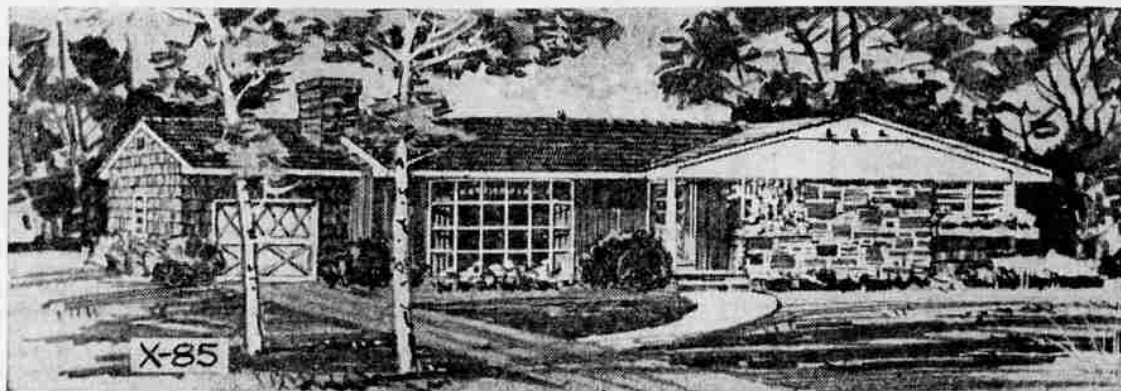
The home has not been squeezed in an all-out effort to sacrifice everything for price. It has 1,121 square feet of habitable space—which is far from a large house but still bigger than some three-bedroom designs. X-85 in the House of the Week series was engineered for families looking for a comfortable home, but who simply have no need for more than two sleeping rooms.

"Why pay as much as \$4,000 or \$5,000 extra for an additional bedroom if two are enough?" asks Architect Lester Cohen. He maintains that home buyers are often forced into the extra expense because only three-bedroom designs give them the space in living areas they feel is essential. The rare two-bedroom homes are usually tight little boxes with rooms held strictly to minimum size.

"I have designed this two-bedroom home keeping in mind that a two-bedroom family entertains and spends leisure hours just like a larger household—and demands equal comfort," says Cohen.

Basement Is Optional

The owner can choose either a full basement or the basementless version of X-85. Where the basement is eliminated, the house becomes particularly well suited for older householders with everything on one level. Even with a basement, however, the design is a



TWO-BEDROOM RANCH: Architect Lester Cohen designed this trim home for small families' who want space to move

stepsaver since laundry area is adjacent to the kitchen on the ground floor.

The living room enjoys privacy and freedom from traffic because of the entrance foyer and hall. The floor-to-ceiling bow window looks out on the front walk and affords an attractive first view of the house from the covered front porch.

A fireplace is optional on the far wall of the living room and an arch at the back opens into the dining room. Sliding glass doors lead from dining room to rear terrace, part of which can be used for a screened porch.

Housekeeping Areas

The sunny, spacious kitchen will make any woman happy. Utilities are placed on the inside wall in an L-shaped counter, efficiently putting range, wall oven, refrigerator, sink and dishwasher all within easy reach of one another. There's room for a dinette on the outside wall against the three big windows.

Sleeping Areas

Each of the two bedrooms is large enough to take twin beds and

each has cross ventilation. The master bedroom at the front has corner windows and four sliding-door closets. The second bedroom has two closets. A bathroom with tub alcove has a vanity just inside the door, and in the hall outside there is a linen closet. Extra closets are provided in the rear vestibule for gear and rainy weather clothing.

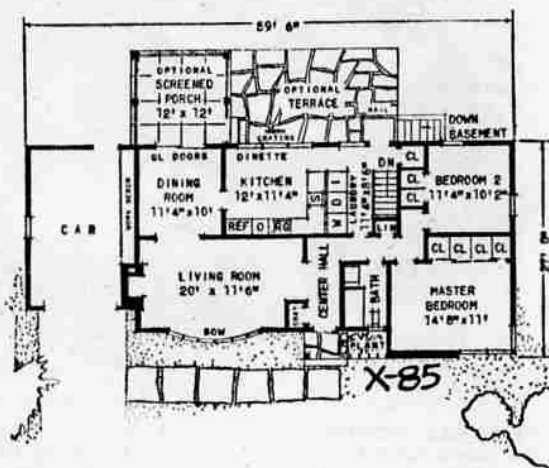
Casual Areas

Options for the householder include a screened porch and open terrace behind the house. If a basement is built, there is an excellent opportunity for a complete workshop and darkroom on one side and a large recreation room, with bar, on the other. An unusual feature in the basement is its double stairways, one leading from the center up to the rear vestibule and the other from the shop area directly to the backyard.

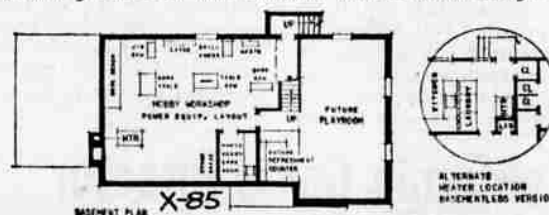
Exterior Details

Vertical siding and stone contrast nicely with wood siding for a trim effect. The gable is flush plywood, with dovetail. Including garage, the house is 59' 6" wide by 27' deep.

around in, but require only two sleeping rooms.



FLOOR PLAN: There's no crowding in the working and entertaining areas of this efficient two-bedroom design.



BASEMENT PLAN: X-85 can be built with or without a basement.



BIG KITCHEN: This artist's view looks into the kitchen from the rear terrace. Laundry area and sink counter are placed back to back. Door on left leads to front hall; door on right to dining room.

Trees To Be Planted By Air In Oregon

SALEM—The state reforestation program for the coming winter contemplates the planting of some 6,565,000 trees and the aerial seeding of 10,620 pounds of tree seed on state owned forest land coming under the jurisdiction of the State Forestry Department, according to State Forester D. L. Phipps.

Some 5,050,000 of the tree seedlings are to be planted in the Tillamook burn while 1,515,000 pounds of tree seed will be aerially seeded in the same area, he added. This

work will be done largely by crews working under the direction of the department and the 60-man parolce camp located on the South Fork of Wilson River, Phipps stated.

An additional million seedlings are to be planted under private contract.

The remaining 1,515,000 seedlings and 1,262 pounds of tree seed are to be used mainly in the reforestation of old burns in 10 separate counties. These include Clatsop, Lincoln, Klamath, Clackamas, Je-

WHERE SUN CONCENTRATES

NEARLY 90 per cent of the heat striking the outside of a house is concentrated on the roof, according to Allied Chemical Corp's Barrett Division. Light colored shingles and well-ventilated and insulated ceiling areas are recommended to minimize the amount of heat entering a house.

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