

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Studio House Goes Practical

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If you expect to find an artist's palette and brushes under the Christmas tree this year, you might give Santa Claus a hint that it would be nice for him to throw in this studio house to complete your equipment.

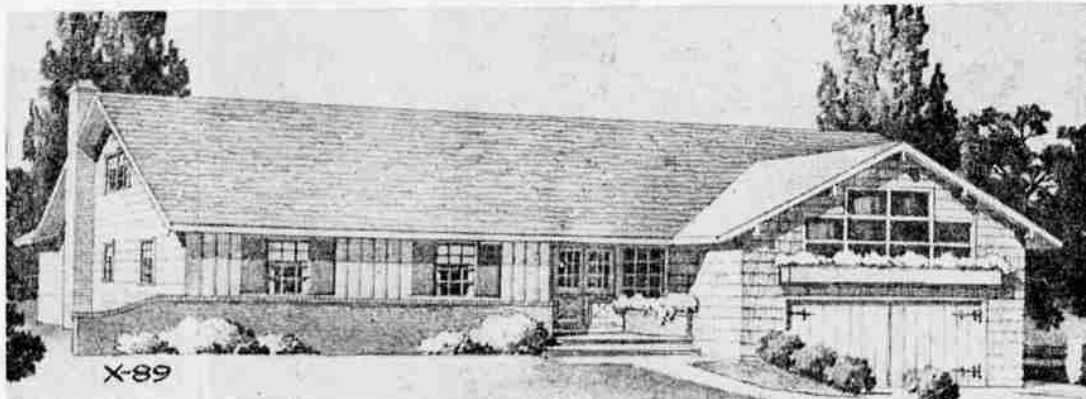
That probably is the most outlandish reason ever advanced for home ownership, but living in this home would offer so many other advantages Santa Claus might overlook the lack of logic.

In addition to the dramatic studio—which for families not artistically inclined would serve as a bright recreation and hobby room—X-89 in the House of the Week series has an impressive foyer with curved stairway, a sunken living room and a luxurious master bedroom. There are two other sleeping rooms downstairs and the possibility of others upstairs.

Architect Herman H. York created the studio room by fitting an intermediate level in what is basically a 1½ story house. The studio is only seven steps above the foyer level. Seven steps further up is an optional maid's room and bath on the second floor.

In addition to bathing the studio in natural light, the large window wall in this room adds to the exterior beauty of the house.

The area on the second floor to



ARTIST'S DELIGHT: A large studio is one of the features of this luxurious home. There are three bedrooms on the ground floor and space for more on the second floor. A big entrance foyer leads to sunken living room.

the left of the future maid's room can be used as an attic storage area or converted into a finished room.

The first floor covers 1,830 square feet of habitable area. The two upper levels offer an additional 1,250 square feet, although all of this need not be finished. The two-car garage is 396 square feet.

Additional Details

The main floor has excellent separation between sleeping, enter-

taining and working areas. The key to the good circulation is the large entrance foyer.

Living room, dining room and kitchen are all two steps lower than the foyer level. Wrought iron railings decorate the inside boundary of the living room and a bay window on the opposite side overlooks the rear terrace. An open arch leads from the corner of the living room into the dining room.

The extra large kitchen is arranged so that the food preparation area is completely separated from the dinette. There also is room here for the laundry, although this equipment could be placed in the cellar if the owner desires. There's a service entry foyer off the kitchen which connects with both the outdoors and the two-car garage.

Luxurious Bedroom

The master bedroom has several glamorous features: its huge size, a bay window and sliding

Over-all dimensions are 56' width by 41' depth.

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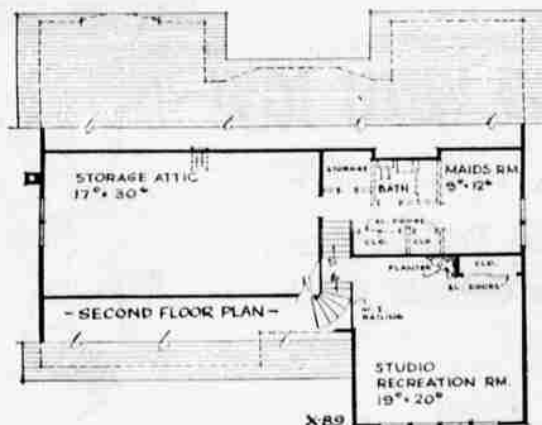
A minimum lot width of 75' is recommended. More may be required by some zoning ordinances.

glass doors opening on the terrace. There's a private bath and two large walk-in closets.

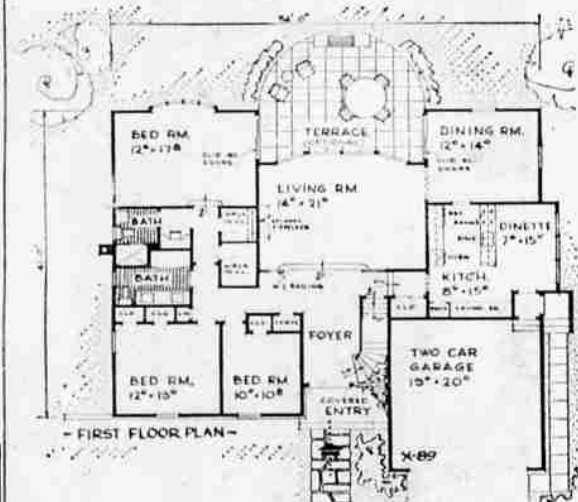
Vertical boards and battens over a low section of brick veneer are used on part of the front exterior wall. Architect York sug-

gests wood shingles for all other exterior walls, preferably wood sawn.

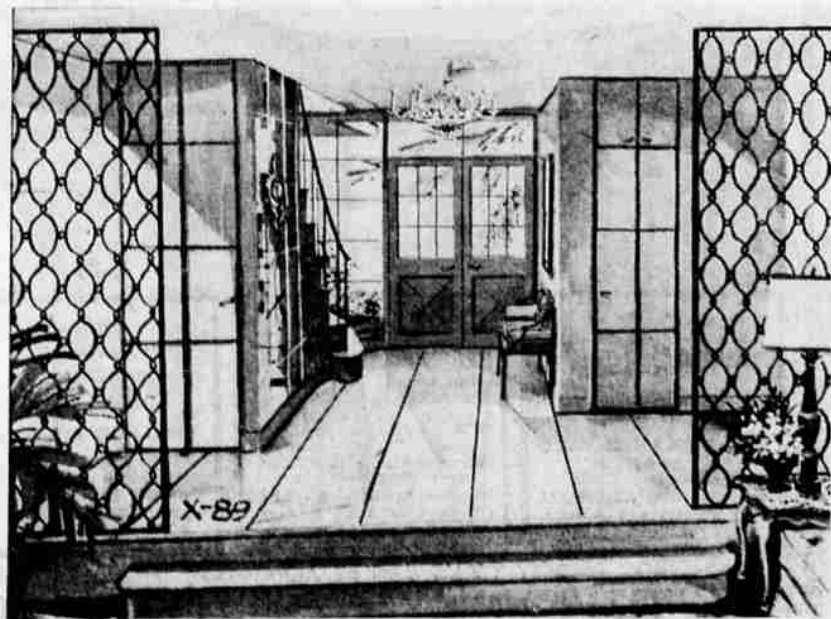
A full open cellar is provided, although clearance is only 6' under kitchen, dining room, living room and master bedroom.



UPPER FLOORS: The studio room is midway between first and second floors. Space shown as storage attic could be finished as additional living quarters.



MAIN FLOOR PLAN: Living room overlooks terrace nestled between bedroom and dining room wings.



FANCY FOYER: Here's an artist's view of the foyer, looking toward front door.

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