

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Comfortable Ranch Satisfies Space Hunger

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Probably nine times out of 10, the reason a family moves from an apartment into a house or from one house to another is to get more space.

There undoubtedly are other motives involved — many far more glamorous and uplifting—but down below the romantic generalities about modern, suburban, gracious living there's one plain fact: to live comfortably, a family needs lots of room.

Plan B-3 in the House of the Week series of distinguished architect-designed homes recognizes this fact of life.

"A well-proportioned room of adequate dimensions does not require compromises of 'multi-use' handling," says B-3 designer Architect Herbert W. Neumann. "And the avoidance of constant compromise is what the term gracious living actually means."

Open the front door in this three-bedroom ranch and you enter a foyer that is as large as many rooms.

"This is a gracious introduction to the house," continues Neumann, "and also insurance for a sound traffic pattern. Extra hall space, usually described as 'waste' in a small home, has been used here to give the bedrooms a feeling of privacy not often found in a ranch home."

The kitchen is large enough to take care of work and breakfast

areas with attractive comfort for each. The family room is not required for meals and can be maintained as an informal living room rather than a catch-all for routine family functions.

Main living room and dining room are completely off the regular traffic route and thus can be kept ready at all times to serve their proper function: providing an attractive setting for entertainment.

Including the two-car garage, B-3

has a width of 77' 4" and will in most areas fit on a 100' lot. The depth is 40' 4". Habitable area is 1,844 square feet. Brick contrasts with wood shingles on the exterior and the inviting front porch is defined by wrought iron columns.

Additional Details

Living room is in the front, just to the right of the foyer. It has a bright window overlooking the porch and a fireplace with flagstone hearth. The dining room adjoins the living room in an L-

shape and has sliding glass doors opening to the side porch and a picture window at the back.

The big front foyer directs traffic to all carefully separated zones: formal entertaining, bedroom section and the family room. The latter is as large as many living rooms and has its own picture window looking out over the back yard. It is centrally located and can be reached from the foyer, through swinging doors from the kitchen, or from the rear vestibule.

A second area for relaxation is the porch adjacent to the dining room, which can be left open, screened, louvered or enclosed.

Plenty of basement area is available for future play space or hobby room if development on the lower level is desired. If built without a basement, the area shown as stairway would become utility and laundry room.

Efficient Kitchen

Spacious planning provides the kitchen with a good, generous U-shaped section to hold all appliances, work counters and put-away shelves. The work area is off the traffic route. There's a big break-

fast area at the window end.

The planning of the bedroom wing accentuates privacy—a requirement sometimes ignored in a ranch house. The foyer serves as a buffer between living and sleeping areas. Bedroom hall, bathrooms and closets separate the rooms efficiently so that all members of the family can be shielded as much as possible from other room activities and noises.

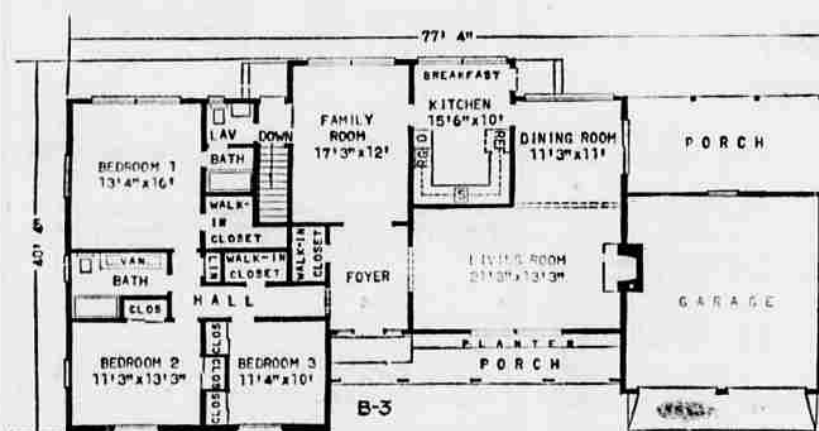
Master bedroom has a walk-in closet of room proportions and there is a bathroom with stall shower that is partitioned to offer lavatory service at the rear vestibule. An extra guest lavatory could be added, if desired, at the foyer by converting the big closet to that purpose.

B-3 STATISTICS

This ranch design offers 1,844 square feet of living space. There are two baths and a total of seven rooms, three of them bedrooms. Out of a total of eight closets, three are of luxurious walk-in dimensions. Width of the plan is 77' 4" and depth is 40' 4".

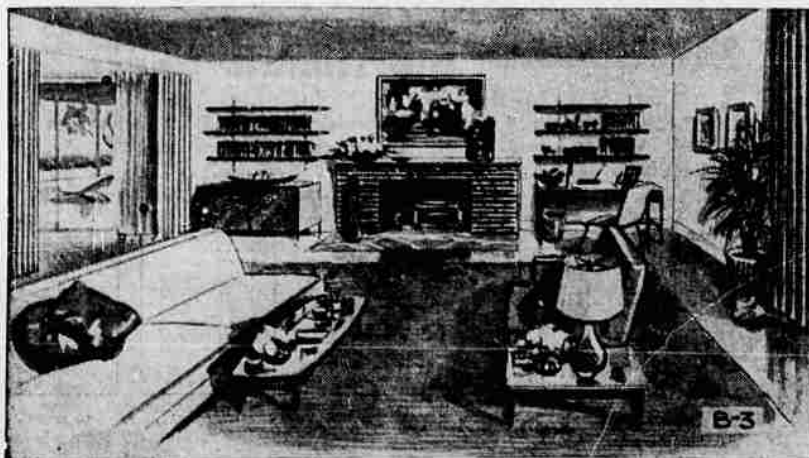


WORTH DREAMING ABOUT: This three-bedroom ranch home was designed to fulfill completely the basic family need for space. It has a large foyer, L-shaped living and dining room, family room and a rear porch.



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FLOOR PLAN: Good planning keeps idle traffic out of the living and dining rooms. Note also the huge size of the three walk-in closets. Living area is 1,844 square feet.



ENGINEERED FOR ENTERTAINING: Artist's view looks toward fireplace wall from foyer. Part of dining room is visible at left and beyond that the rear porch.

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