

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Home Weds Tradition and Comfort

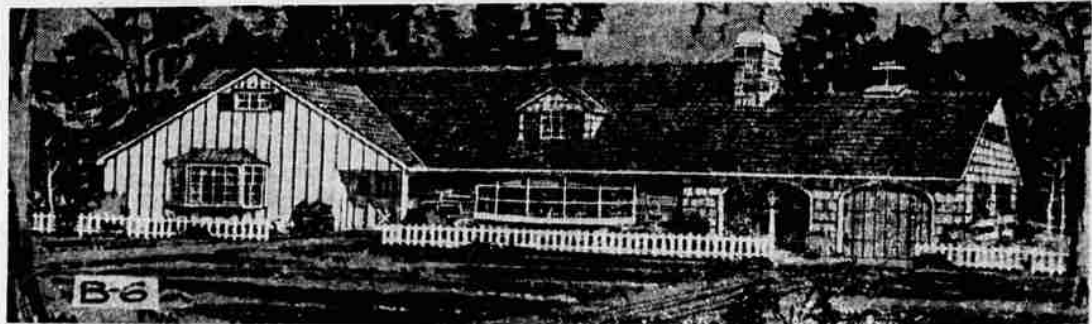
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A charming traditional atmosphere is combined with modern creature comfort in this story-and-a-half design which pays homage to America's earliest architectural heritage on the outside and its latest living convenience on the inside.

And perhaps even more important, B-6 in the House of the Week series was engineered by Architect Rudolph Matern so that it can meet the changing demands of a modern family—from the arrival of the first child to the departure of the last.

The impressive homespun facade has been obtained by dressing the home in the style of a New England farmhouse: the quaint bay window in the master bedroom, the combination of wide vertical boards and stone, the arched heads over breezeway and garage, the upstairs dormer window, and the typical New England cupola.

The modern conveniences include the appliance-filled kitchen, family room, separate dining room, the terrace at rear and breezeway porch with outdoor barbecue at the side, and up to three bathrooms. The living room is sunken and has both fireplace and elegant bow window. There



NEW ENGLAND CHARM: While the exterior accentuates the warm features of a rustic past, the interior of this home is attuned to the comforts of the present.

are two bedrooms downstairs and provision for two more upstairs.

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The family-fitting feature of B-6 is based on the bedroom arrangement. If newlyweds were to build the house, they could use the second bedroom on the first floor as a study until the first offspring arrived. When the second reached the scene, one bedroom would be finished off upstairs for the oldest. Another second-floor bedroom could be made ready when the third child was

born. Because of the size of the upstairs rooms, the house could easily accommodate up to five children.

During this entire period, the baby of the moment would be kept in the first floor bedroom near the parent's room for safety and to save midnight steps.

A finished playroom in the basement would take care of older-child and teen-age activities as the family grew older. After the children left the homestead, the second floor could be put into mothballs for use only when the

children returned for visits.

The living area of the first floor is 1,364 square feet. Upstairs would add 883. Over-all dimensions are 70' 4" in width by 30' 8" in depth.

Additional Details

The two bedrooms on the first floor are in their own wing for privacy. They are well soundproofed by banks of closets. The master bedroom has a bath located to serve as a private bath when the family is alone and as a foyer powder room during entertainments.

The upstairs bedroom bath is extra large and has a long vanity, modern angled bathtub, and a glamorous planter.

The kitchen and family room are distinct areas yet share the same long 20-foot room. Daylight floods in through sliding glass doors and triple windows. U-shaped counter arrangements

keeps through traffic out of the food preparation area.

Sliding glass doors lead both from the family room to the rear terrace and from the dining room to the breezeway.

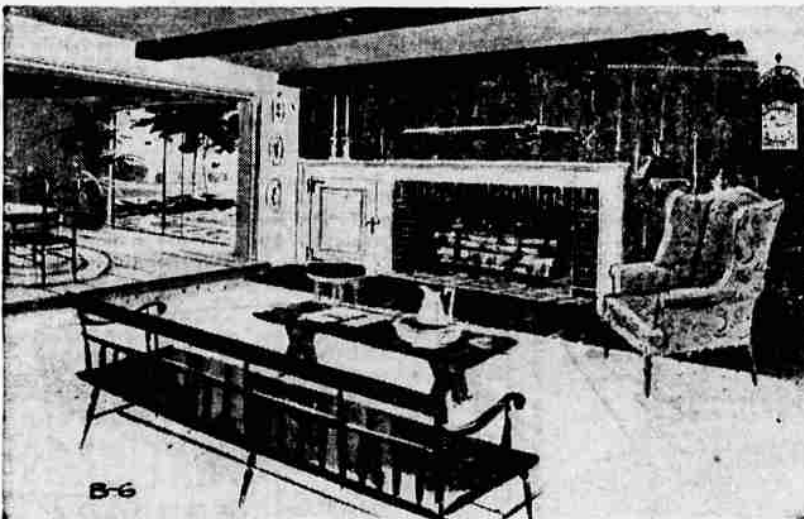
A full basement of approximately 1,300 square feet offers laundry, storage, heater and future recreation room space.

B-6 STATISTICS

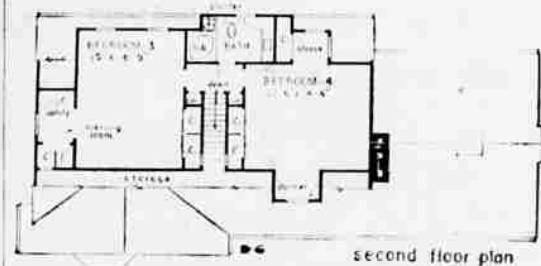
A 1½ story traditional design, B-6 offers six rooms in 1,364 square feet of living area on the first floor. There are two additional bedrooms (bringing total to four) on the second floor which add 883 square feet of habitable area.

Full basement provides opportunity for a large recreation room. One-car garage is attached with breezeway.

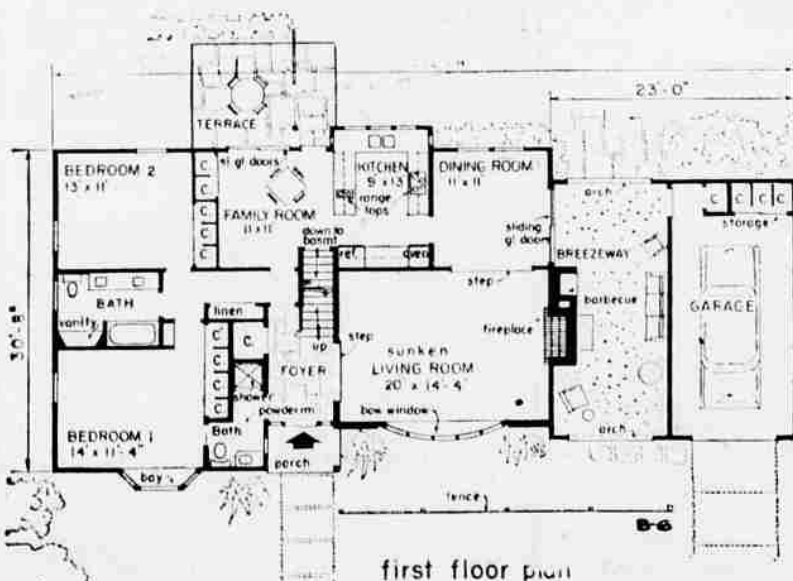
Exterior dimensions are 70' 4" by 30' 8".



HEARTH WITH A HERITAGE: Artist's conception looks across sunken living room towards extra-wide fireplace set in wood-paneled wall. Dining room is at left with sliding glass doors leading to breezeway porch.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN: Two big bedrooms fit comfortably in the 883 sq. ft. available on the second floor.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN: There is 1,364 sq. ft. of living comfort on this first floor, including impressive foyer, sunken living room, and efficient family room.

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