

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Farmhouse Ranch Has Homespun Appeal

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"Farmhouse ranch" is the name Architect Samuel Paul applies to the style of this graceful, inviting home designed to simplify housekeeping for the housewife and to create a haven for the pursuit of rest, recreation and family togetherness.

It doesn't have any gimmicks; its straight forward design revolves around the requirements of the average American family looking for a three-bedroom home. An attempt has been made to get an especially harmonious relationship between house and land, an essential characteristic of rural American architecture.

Since it expresses American living in its broadest form, B-39 in the House of the Week series can be adapted to local environment in any section of the country.

While the American heritage played a big part in design of the exterior, on the inside Architect Paul's prime concern was a good functioning layout which would provide adequate space for all activities — and a good circulation pattern linking them — plus privacy in the bedroom wing and separation of the service and informal area of the house from the more formal living area.

These goals were met in a floor plan covering 1,220 square feet of habitable area. With a double garage, the width of the L-shaped home is 55' 2". With only a single garage, this drops to 45' 2" — small enough to fit on a 60-foot lot under most zoning ordinances. All told, there are seven rooms with two full baths. Cellar space is called for only under the kitchen and family rooms.

Additional Details

The front entrance is strategically located where the two wings of the house meet to form protecting arms. The roof extending all the way across the front of the garage adds physical protection. A spacious foyer is just inside the door and equipped with a large 6' coat closet. Although the ends of dining and living rooms merge into a space 21½ feet across, they can be separated by a folding partition. The living room fireplace provides a feature for both rooms.

Another feature, strategically placed toward the rear for privacy, is the handsome window wall with a door going to a partially covered terrace. As you enter either the dining or living room and look toward the window wall, your eye passes into the pleasant view beyond. The flowing together of the inside and



RURAL CHARM: The homespun appeal of the American farmhouse characterizes this three-bedroom ranch. While the exterior harks back to an earlier day, the interior is arranged to bring all modern conveniences to the assistance of the housewife.

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out gives an illusion of greater space within the house.

The kitchen and family room are almost one yet separated. Anyone approaching the front door can be observed through the front window. Children at play in the backyard can be watched through the rear window. The family room portion of the combined space is 10 by 12 and has easy access to the rear terrace. A closet is handy for children's coats and other family items.

Separating the family room from the garage is a stairway to the partial cellar. As you can see in the plan, this stairway is convenient to the outside as well as to the garage. Kitchen plans call for dishwasher, counter-top range, wall oven, large refrigerator, 16 linear feet of wall cabinets and an abundance of floor cabinets and counter space. The through ventilation will provide quicker air changes, preventing odors from going through the house and making it more

comfortable to work.

On the other side of the house, away from the noisy activity, is the bedroom wing. Three bedrooms and two baths are arranged around a bedroom hall.

The master bedroom has two exposures. It has a private bath with shower and two large closets. The other two bedrooms can hold twin beds for the larger family. Off the bedroom hall is a linen closet four feet wide. The cellar portion of the house is located under the kitchen-family room area only. The remainder of the house can be either crawl space or slab.



REGAL SETTING: This artist's view looks across dining room toward the living room fireplace, with long window-wall opening both rooms to view.

B-39 STATISTICS

This seven-room farmhouse ranch offers three bedrooms and two full baths in 1,220 sq. ft. of living space. Attached garage can be for either one or two cars.

Over-all dimensions are 55' 2" in width with double garage or 45' 2" with single. The front-to-rear measurement is 43' 8".

Cellar space is called for in the plans only under the family room and kitchen section.

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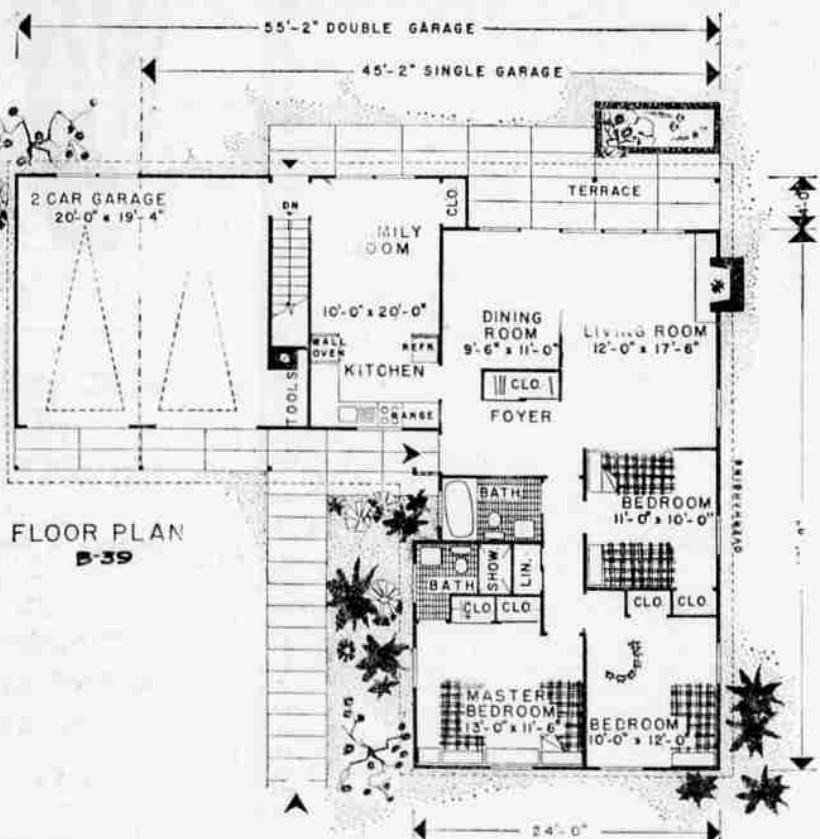
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STRANGE PLACE FOR FIRE

NEW YORK (UPI) — Firemen were summoned Wednesday to save a burning fire engine.

The engine was being repaired at a garage. An overhead light fell on it, igniting gas fumes and setting off the sprinkler system, which triggered an automatic alarm.

The engine was only slightly damaged.

CUTTING IT DOWN

A coast-to-coast trip by train and stagecoach took 600 hours 100 years ago; 45 years later, a train could do it in 100 hours; 35 more years later, a plane could make the trip in 16 hours; today, jets do it in 4½ hours.

DOUBLE TRIBUTE

In 1959, Germany paid tribute to the poet, Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, on the 200th anniversary of his birth and to the composer, George Frederick Handel, on the 200th anniversary of his death.