

Ranch Offers Modern Efficiency, Traditional Charm.

By JULES LOH

In today's headlong search for economy and efficiency and all the other house-adjectives designed to lure budget-minded couples, many modern homes wind up with about as much warmth and charm as a supermarket.

It doesn't have to be the case—which is precisely why this attractive, and modern, three-bedroom home was chosen as the house of the week. It is design B-88, by architect Lester Cohen.

The comfortable look about this house—its trim flagstone front porch, picture window with leaded panes, long planter box, cupola with weathervane atop the garage—almost belies the urge to date efficiency of the interior design.

But the floor plan shows it is a well ordered home suited to the taste of the most practical homeowner.

For example, look at the bathroom arrangement. Technically it would be described as a bath and a half, but all the facilities are in one compartmented unit. There are two toilets, two washstands and one tub; and the result is a complete family bathroom, a private bathroom for the master bedroom, and a powder room for guests. The towel closet, incidentally, contains a laundry chute emptying into the basement.

Though the house contains only 1,396 square feet of living area, its rooms are spacious and well planned. The living room, in fact, is 19 feet across the front and, flowing as it does into a dining ell, more than 20 feet front to back.

The 15' by 11' family room is separated from the 13' by 9' kitchen by folding doors, thus offering either two private rooms or one large informal living space.

Including the double garage, the house is 69' wide by 39' deep.



EARLY AMERICAN FLAVOR—This charming three-bedroom home combines modern efficiency with the warmth of traditional design. It contains 1,396 square feet of

living area in dimensions of 69' by 39', has a full basement, double garage. Exterior is wood siding with accents of vertical board siding and brick in front.

The design calls for wood siding throughout, with accents of vertical board siding in the front on the living room side and brick on the front bedroom side.

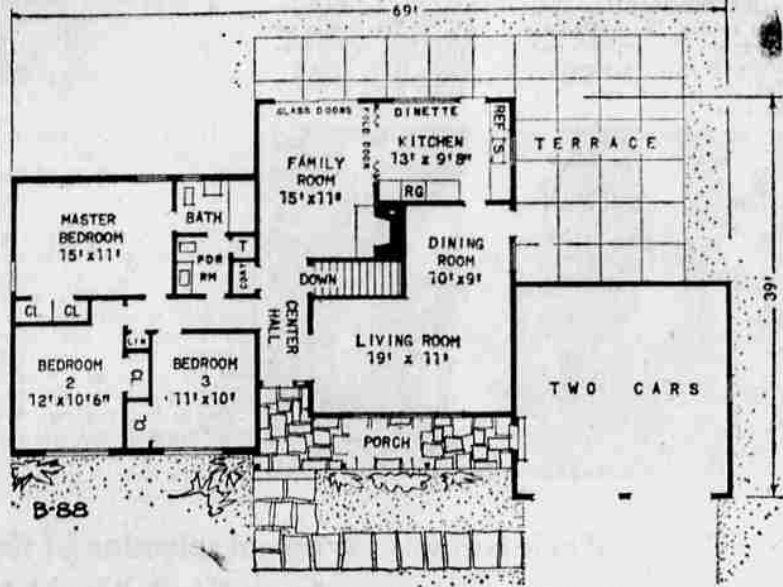
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Architect Cohen paid as much attention to the grace and charm of the interior of this home as he did the exterior. An indication is the alcove fireplace, a feature not usually found in smaller homes.

Note also that the fireplace is in the family room rather than the living room, an economical move (it shares the flue with the kitchen range) as well as a practical one. As Cohen explained it: "A family spends most of the time in the family room; why not have the fireplace there where they can enjoy it?"

The three bedrooms are sized to accommodate nicely a family of as many as six, with bedroom No. 3 well suited for a den if only two bedrooms are used. All have ample closet space, and the closets are arranged to serve as sound buffers between rooms.

Storage space in the remainder of the house also is plentiful. A full basement as well as double garage solves the major storage problem, and there is a coat closet in the foyer and a linen closet convenient to all three bedrooms. The kitchen is large and well ventilated, with full view of both sections of the rear terrace. There is a rear service entrance to the kitchen, in addition to sliding glass door entrances off the terrace to the dining room and family room. The center hall arrangement—



FLOOR PLAN—Center hall assures excellent traffic circulation to all areas of the house, including basement. Note the bathroom arrangement, one and a half baths in a single compartmented unit. Family room, kitchen and dining room all have doors opening to terrace.

another feature frequently passed over in homes of this size—makes for excellent traffic circulation throughout the house. The family room-kitchen area, living room-dining room area, bedroom area, and basement stairs, all are accessible without having to pass through any area to get to another.

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Tricks Help Slim Figure

NEW YORK (UPI)—Lunch at school needn't be a time of torture for weight-watching adolescents.

It can and should be a fun meal that nourishes as well as slims.

From a firm making low-calorie salad dressings come these suggestions for de-calorizing and glamorizing the school lunch box:—Make each lunch box menu a full meal of several courses. A varied menu seems lavish and the appetite easily is fooled by the appearance of things. In addition to a sandwich, include such extras as hot soup—broccoli or tomato, a crisp salad of raw car-

rots, celery, radishes, green pepper strips and cherry tomatoes, fresh fruit or even some low-calorie sweets for dessert.

—Use different types of bread to keep the sandwiches interesting. Thin slices, of course. Remove the crusts. Plump crisp rolls are dietetic aids. Scoop out the doughy centers and use the shells for sandwiches.

—Spread the bread with low-calorie salad dressing, either mild French or garlicky Italian-style.

—Make the filling bulky. Lettuce, tomato or cucumber slices, watercress, chichory, or pickle strips plump up a sliced meat, poultry or egg sandwich.

—Cut the sandwiches into small varied shapes—triangles, strips and rounds.

—A bit of licorice, a couple of gumdrops or some hard candies can substitute for the butter, creams, fudges or caramel desserts which would wreck the calorie budget.

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Here's How To 'Winterize' Power Mower

By MR. FIX

Written for

Newspaper Enterprise Assn. There are a great many things that you can do to prepare your power mower for winter storage, but only a few that you must do.

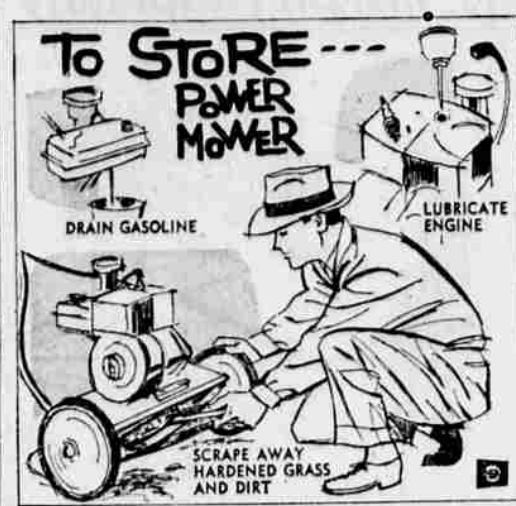
A clogged fuel line and rust are the two enemies of your mower if it is not properly stored over the winter. So everything you do should be aimed at combating these dangers.

Gasoline should be completely drained from tank, carburetor and fuel line. If left in, much of it will evaporate, leaving behind a gummy substance that will make starting the engine difficult at best.

If the tank is almost empty you can run the mower dry. Just start it and let it run until it stops by itself.

Some tanks can be disconnected and drained. There also may be a screw at the base of the carburetor for the purpose of draining it. Check the owner's manual for your mower.

Preventing rust is simply a matter of cleaning and lubricating. Brush away all grass clippings. Grass tends to wind itself



around the shaft on reel type mowers. Clippings cake up on the underside of a rotary mower.

A mixture of grass, dirt and carbon will need scraping. Blade edges often pick up an accumulation of hardened dirt.

With an oil-soaked rag wipe all metal parts. Grease should be applied to the cutting edge of the blade.

Lubricating the inside of the engine is accomplished by removing the spark plug and pouring

a spoonful of clean oil into the opening. Turn the engine over several times (do this by turning the flywheel) to distribute oil on cylinder walls. Then replace the spark plug.

Wrap the mower base and engine in heavy paper, canvas or an old blanket. Do not leave the wheels in direct contact with a concrete floor. A couple of two-by-fours should be placed under the wheels.

In the spring you can remove the excess oil from the cylinder by removing the plug and spinning the crankshaft by pulling on the starter cord.

These are the things you must do. In addition you may want to sharpen the blade, replace the spark plug and clean out the air filter. Doing these things now will save time next spring, but are not necessary for proper cold weather storage.

Preparations for proper storage do not take long and can extend the life of your mower many seasons. If a lawn mower deteriorates, it does so in the winter when it is not in use, more easily than in the summer when it is being used several times a week.

The WEEDERS GUIDE

By EARL ARONSON
AP Newsfeatures

This is the story of an Iris woman. She is Mrs. F. P. Walther, who lives in a big house near the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Montclair, N.J., reputedly one of the finest iris collections in the country.

When the gardens, honoring Frank Presby, one of the founders and first treasurer of the American Iris Society, were established in the 1920s, the mayor of Montclair asked Barbara Walther to be semi-official curator. And she has been ever since. She spends much of her time in the gardens, studying the wide variety of iris and supervising the attendants, many of whom are garden club volunteers.

In the historical section, plants are arranged by dates of origin. The oldest variety there is a white iris that originated in Florence, Italy, in about the year 1500. The varieties range through the 1940s.

Another section emphasizes wilder types and smaller varieties.

Mainly, the most striking and modern beds are arranged in groups of varieties hybridized by the same person.

Shoot First Then Query

MUSKOGEE, Mich. (UPI)—Two policemen in the suburb of Norton are ready to endorse the "shoot first and ask questions later" philosophy of law enforcement.

That's because of their experience during a gambling raid with the "knock and yell" school of thought.

After receiving an order to "check a report of fighting and gambling at the rear of a house on Fairfield St.," they rapped sharply at the door and said, "This is the police."

An estimated 30 persons stampeded from the building, sending the two officers flying down the stairs in their wake. Inside Volkman and Goodrich found a good supply of left-behind cards and hats, but no one to arrest.

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Not Much Space Needed For New China Closet

It doesn't take a whole lot of space to provide a world of china storage in the dining room.

Almost any dining room can spare thirteen inches of depth, and that's all it takes for a built-in china closet which, properly designed, can give you twice as much usable storage space as Grandma had in her entire pantry.

The wonderful thing about built-ins is that they can be tailored to fit whatever wall space is available, and oftentimes can solve acute design problems in a dining room to boot.

For example, if a door is centered on one wall, the result is usually a chopped-up appearance with adjacent wall space completely wasted. But what more perfect space for china storage could be found? Floor-to-ceiling closets can be added to flank the doorway, making the passage-way itself more important and decorating that neglected wall at the same time.

The closets are basic in design, shelved inside and enclosed with a single door or double doors, whichever best suits the specific room.

Sometimes closet doors that blend unobtrusively into the walls are desirable and, in this case,

Radiation Post Established

SALEM (AP)—The state Civil Service Commission established a position of health physicist Wednesday.

The commission provided a salary range from \$655 to \$810 monthly for the state Health Department post.

Director Melvin Cleveland of the commission said the post will have to be filled by a physicist with graduate training or a person trained in radiological health work.

The post is needed because the state is taking over the policing of radiation work involved in peaceful uses of atomic energy.

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The new government-inspired interest in fallout shelters has produced millions of words and hundreds of working drawings of many different types and shapes of these protective retreats.

Materials used in fallout shelter construction include steel, reinforced concrete and concrete block and brick, among others. Wood has been pretty well ignored because of concern over its resistance to moisture and insects when used underground. There also have been reservations about its value in resistance to fallout.

Now, however, the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization has approved a new series of wooden fallout shelters, produced after almost two years of engineering

research by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, an industry-wide organization. There are three models, to be built underground, above ground and in existing basements. All three exceed the requirements for protection against fallout. They also offer some resistance to blast, the underground model in particular being listed in the "substantial" resistance category.

All three models are assembled from standard sizes of exterior-type plywood, which is waterproof, and ordinary lumber available at any lumber yard. However, materials used for the underground shelter must be pressure treated against decay. This model is completely assembled above ground and then lowered into an

excavation. Earth is then back-filled around the sides and three feet of earth loaded on top. The shelter has been tested to prove that it will resist a 10-foot head of water and the blast of a 20-megaton nuclear bomb. It also will afford protection against the heaviest fallout.

Each of the wooden shelters is large enough to accommodate six people for the two weeks recommended by OCDM. Plans include directions for installing venting equipment that can be operated by electricity or by hand. It is felt that the models for above ground and in existing basements can be constructed by the average handyman, with the underground model requiring a higher degree of skill.

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