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'Coon is Caught Dunking Cookies'

Columbus, Ga. (AP) — In the Muscogee Iron Works cookies and crackers are kept in jars beside soft drink machines and dispensed on an honor system.

Recently, the honor system seemed to be breaking down as cookies disappeared and no nickels were dropped in the jar in payment.

Then someone spotted a raccoon walking the high steel rafters of the plant and suspicion shifted to him. But how to catch him? Finally, it was remembered that coons dip their food in water before eating and the animal was trapped in the washroom where he was dunking his cookies.

Modern Vane
San Diego, Calif. (AP)—The new weather vane on top of the Charles E. Hunt residence is topped by a replica of the Explorer, America's first earth satellite.

The House of the Week

Family Living Centers About 'Living Hub'



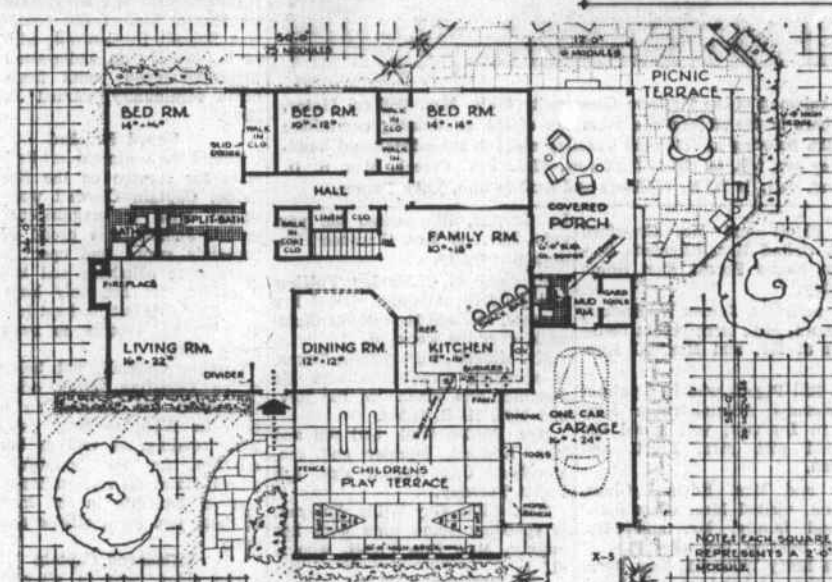
A children's play terrace is a feature of this seven-room house. A kitchen window overlooks the terrace for supervision. An outdoor masonry planter serves to elongate the front.

By JOHN O. B. WALLACE

This well proportioned house, designed around a three-room hub of living for more family comfort, makes use of a modular pattern in its layout to cut construction waste to a minimum.

Designed exclusively for the House of the Week series and designated X-5, its use of the principles of modular layout simplifies the assembly units which go into a house.

This particular plan, developed by Architect Herman H. York, uses a module (unit of measurement) of 2 feet. In showing the room sizes, the modules will vary slightly from the dimensions shown because partitions are in the center of a modular grid.



This floor plan is shown in both feet and modules. Each square in the grid represents a two-foot module. A modular pattern cuts construction waste to a minimum.

Although the exterior dimensions adhere to a modular pattern, the actual finished room dimensions may vary from a module of 2 feet because all building materials do not conform to modular sizes.

For example, a wood stud used in partitions actually does not measure 2 by 4 inches unless it is used in rough form. In its dressed form, it measures 1 5/8 by 3 5/8 inches.

Odd fractional dimensions, therefore, will result. Still the plan's adherence to a uniform unit will reduce to a minimum the waste in building materials, particularly those used on the outside frame.

The modular window sizes in design X-5 contribute to this uniform pattern, further reducing waste and labor in cutting. And, where feasible, all partitions have been located on a module grid, thereby minimizing complications found in odd-dimensional layouts. This reduces the chance of error in building.

Much research has been done on modular dimension layout and much progress has been made within various manufacturing groups to standardize such items as window sizes, door sizes, sheet material sizes et cetera.

A module smaller than the two foot unit used in this house could give even greater flexibility, and a module as small as four inches could be applied to this plan without changing the layout. By using a larger module, however, the grid background for the plan can be more clearly shown.

In the arrangement of the house, the hub of living is formed by the dining room, family room and kitchen. All are connected directly to a side covered porch by six-foot-wide sliding glass doors.

The overall layout has several interesting features:

A children's play area is located at the front behind a six-foot-high pierced brick wall. The terrace is easily supervised from the kitchen.

Four Walk-In Closets
The three bedrooms stretch across the back and each has a walk-in closet. A fourth walk-in closet is located in the foyer area. An "exterior" lavatory is located between the garage and the covered porch. This "wash-up" room can be entered from either the garage or from the outside.

Altogether, the house has seven rooms, including three bedrooms, plus 2 1/2 baths. The plan is on one level with a full basement under the entire living area. A picnic terrace is wrapped around the right rear corner of the house.

The terrace is bordered by a six-

foot-high hedge, which is broken at one point by an outdoor grill. The garage has space for tools, a work bench and storage closets. There is space for garden tools in the mud room.

In exterior details, waterproof plywood panels with vertical battens are used. A hard board sheet material with battens, creating the same appearance, may be used if preferred. Triangular wood louvers are part of the architectural design in the gable ends.

White asphalt shingles are recommended for the roof and random rectangular flagstones are used for the walks.

Random rectangular flagstones are recommended for patio and terrace surfaces but a colored, scored cement finish may be substituted as an economy measure for all flagstone areas.

Statistics

The overall dimensions of House of the Week design X-5 are 52 by 62 feet. A minimum plot 80 by 100 feet is recommended.

The habitable area has 1,886 square feet. There are 616 square feet in the garage and the covered porch. A full basement is located under the living area.

H. C. Trout Lands Big Trout in Fish Contest

Denver (AP)—Fittingly, a man named Trout won a big fish contest.

Harland C. Trout of Cheyenne, Wyo., landed a rainbow trout weighing 11 pounds, 11 ounces, that gave him such prizes as an aluminum fishing boat, an outboard motor and a three-day trip to the Glenwood Springs, Colo., fishing area next summer.

The late Miss Julia Miller was a co-ed student in Iowa State University at the age of 91. At the time, she was a retired school teacher.

Youngster Has Trouble Getting 'Crack' in Hair

Marshall, Ark. (AP)—Leroy Martin, 4, was combing his hair and trying to get it parted while his mother watched smiling.

"Mom," said Leroy in exasperation, "I can comb my hair real nice but I can't put the crack in straight."

Oldest Snake

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—The San Diego Zoo claims the oldest snake in captivity. He is Blackie, an African black-lipped cobra, and he has lived at the zoo for 28 years and 10 months. The zoo says Blackie is 10 months older than his closest competitor for longevity, anaconda that lived 28 years in the National Zoological Park in Washington, D. C.

Blind Lays
San Diego, Calif. (AP)—Two persons who had never seen each other — Le Roy Means, 46, and Pisciella Saenz, 49 — were married at a ceremony attended by 65 guests who had never seen either of them. All were blind.

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