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## The House of the Week

# Miracle Devices Make Home Easy, Convenient to Live In



Two brick veneer panels add interest to the exterior and lend solidity to the house. The left panel, fronting the bedroom wing, extends and thickens beyond the end of the house.

By JOHN O. B. WALLACE

If it's been invented for the home, this miracle ranch house has it! The ultra modern devices built into it range from single lever water controls to a self-operating garage door which opens and closes electronically.

Designed to appeal to gadget-loving Americans, there is hardly a room in the house that does not have some appliance or convenience to make life a bit easier. No oddity, the house is the work of an architect noted for skillful arrangement of space. It was created exclusively for the House of The Week series, and designated X-6 'Miracle' Optional.

The architect has included a variety of modern conveniences throughout the house to make for more living comfort. But they are not structural parts of the house and may be utilized or eliminated at the option of the owner.

From the minute you drive into the garage until you are seated in the living room for a relaxing drink at the end of a hard day, the house and its miracle devices work together to create a happy, carefree setting.

For the cold-weather areas of the country, the walk and driveway are heated by pipes for immediate snow and ice removal. For the hot summer months, the roof is built up with marble chip to reflect the heat away and keep the house cooler.

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Highlighting the interior is an area described by the architect as an "optional use activity core." This area has four parts and is located between the master bedroom and the family room. As architect Rudolph A. Matern explains it:

"These four areas, which take up very little room for what they provide, may be closed off completely by folding screens. They may be used for those items listed in the floor plan or for any and all other required by the home owner. They also may be left out completely, using this space to enlarge the master bedroom and the family room."

**Also as Bedroom**  
The family room itself has optional uses. It is separated from the kitchen by shutter doors and has a folding partition at the front. With the shutter doors closed and the folding partition used, the family room can double as a fourth bedroom.

In listing the devices incorporated in his plan, the architect emphasizes that the house could be built without most of them. They may be added later one at a time.

Some of the devices:  
A hi-fi music center, located in the hall with speakers installed in various rooms.  
A central vacuum system with outlets at various points.

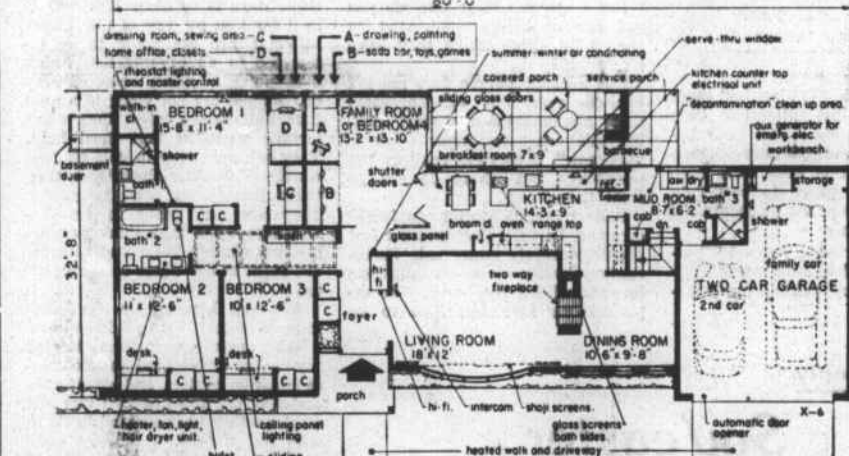
Ceiling panel lighting in the bedroom hall. This gives a modern decorative touch and softly illuminates this area.

An electric counter unit in the kitchen. This versatile device has several parts that are placed into a motor receptacle for immediate blending, chopping, mixing, knife sharpening, et cetera.

An auxiliary generator in the garage for emergency periods when electric power fails.  
Rheostat lighting, which controls brightness by varying degrees.

**Screens Effective**  
Shoji screens in the living room. They may be extended across the bow window for a new interior effect with screened light coming through. When open, they serve as drapes at either side of the window.

Other features include built-in desk nooks, a serve-through window from the kitchen to a rear covered porch, two separate surface cooking units in the kitchen, liquid soap dispensers in all bathrooms and the kitchen, glass fireplace screens which slide open and shut, telephone jacks in all main rooms, a residential fire alarm system, electric garbage disposal, continuous electric outlet strips, and an all-purpose unit in the hall bath which includes a heater, fan, light and hair dryer.



A multitude of modern conveniences is shown in this floor plan. The items are not structural parts of the house and may be utilized or eliminated at the option of the owner.



This is a view of the family room looking into the optional use activity core. This core has four parts. Two are shown here, the other two are on the opposite side of the wall at the left.

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This study plan shows each floor of the house together with each of the four elevations,

## Statistics

House of The Week design X-6 has seven rooms: three bedrooms, family room, living room, dining room and kitchen.

There also are three baths, a mud room and a breakfast area in the kitchen. It has a full basement. It has 1,236 square feet excluding the garage and rear porch. The garage has 419 square feet, the rear porch 216 square feet. The overall dimensions of the house are 32 feet 8 inches by 80 feet. A lot 100 by 160 feet is recommended.

The Shame of It  
Nogales, Ariz. (AP)—Lamaa Tepia, 23, of Nogales was sentenced to one year in the State Prison for forging his grandmother's relief check.

front, rear and sides of the house. It is scaled at 1/4-inch per foot. It includes a guide on "How to Get Your Home Built."

## Register of Deeds Records 31 Real Estate Transfers

(Editor's Note: In recording real estate transfers, the law does not require that the amount paid for the property be stated in the deed. A token amount, such as \$10 or \$100, may be stipulated.)

Attached to each deed, however, must be United States documentary stamps, the value of the stamps based on the price paid for the property.

Property which changes hands for less than \$101 requires no stamp, according to Irvin W. Davis, register of deeds. Property which brings a price between \$101 and \$500 must bear a stamp valued at 55 cents. From \$501 to \$1,000, the stamps affixed to the deed total \$1.10, and thereafter for each additional \$500 paid for the property the stamp value goes up 55 cents.

From the value of the stamps placed on a deed an estimation of the price paid for the property can be determined. In the transfers listed below, the seller is listed first, the buyer second, and finally, the value of the stamp affixed to the deed.

Thirty-one real estate transfers were recorded in the register of deeds office April 22 through May 3. They follow.

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Newport — Ramona W. Savage and others to George W. and J. Ramond Ball and wives, no stamps; Farmers Home Administration to Uray Thomas and wife, \$10.45; and Foster L. Ratliff and wife to Geyer N. Cannon and wife, \$8.25.

Smyrna — Louis H. Davis and wife to J. Morton Davis, 55 cents; Mazie D. Willis and others to Robert L. Humber, \$3.85; and Roland M. Willis and others to Marie D. Willis, no stamps.

Stratton — C. W. Huntley Jr. and wife to Earl Willis and wife, \$6.05; Sallie C. and George M. Bunting to F. A. Sutherland, \$1.10; and Sallie C. and George M. Bunting to Fred C. Lewis and wife, \$1.10.

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But don't let your enthusiasm get the better of you, Mr. Covington says growers must be able to think in terms of being able to sell their field-grown product at harvest time for \$1.75 per bushel—and still make a normal profit.

Mr. Covington admits that there's only one way to do this. That's by producing high yields of a good product and thus cut unit cost.

He says that growers should aim for 300 bushels per acre. Such yields require good management and the use of all recommended practices such as good seed and plants, fumigation of beds and soil, wireworm control, highly-productive soil, proper fertilization, close spacing, careful harvesting and field grading.

An example of how unit cost can be reduced by good yields: If a grower produces 100 bushels per acre, it costs \$1.92 per bushel to grow it, buy a new basket and haul it 15 miles to market; if he produces 180 bushels per acre, it'll cost him only \$1.90 per bushel.

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