

The House of the Week

One-Level Plan Can Be Adapted to Family Changes



A lifetime of convenience: Architect Lester Cohen designed this house with a generation of comfort and convenience in mind. Luxurious provision is made for Mom and Dad while the family is growing, and after the children depart the home can easily be converted to the needs of a couple living alone.

By DAVID L. BOWEN

Here's a home that strikes a blow for Mom and Dad.

It has a master bedroom suite luxurious enough for royalty and bound to inspire the evening of happy serenity that parents require if they are to survive the rewarding but rigorous joys of raising a family.

The house, designated X-31 in the House of the Week series, was

designed by Architect Lester Cohen with a young family in mind, but laid out to provide a lifetime of comfortable living.

Multiple-use rooms and a simple one-floor layout insure that when the children marry and start meeting mortgage payments of their own, mother and father will not be lost in a house designed only for a crowd.

The home is adaptable to every climate, since the basement can be eliminated easily. In the South, if no basement is desired, the indoor-outdoor family room off the kitchen and dining areas can take the place of the basement playroom.

While every prospective home-builder will examine the floor plan and draw his own conclusions, here's a summary of X-31's principle features:

Living and dining areas are alive with light. The wall extending across the front of the house is almost entirely glass, and a similar clear glass expanse opens on the patio and terrace at the rear.

Available space for entertaining in living and dining rooms combined comes to almost 400 square feet. There is an attractive fireplace in the corner of the living room and the chimney wall extends outside to provide a barbecue.

The entire right wing of the house is given over to three comfortable bedrooms. An exceptional feature for the parents is a privacy alcove in the master suite, something new in bedroom decor. It's not a tiny niche.

It amounts to an extra room where parents can read, sew or watch television without danger of intrusion.

In addition to this, Architect Cohen has included generous wardrobe closets which form one side of a hallway leading from the privacy alcove to the master suite bathroom and vanity corner.

A full bathroom with double vanity-lavatory has been placed at the end of the main hall, easily accessible from the other two bedrooms.

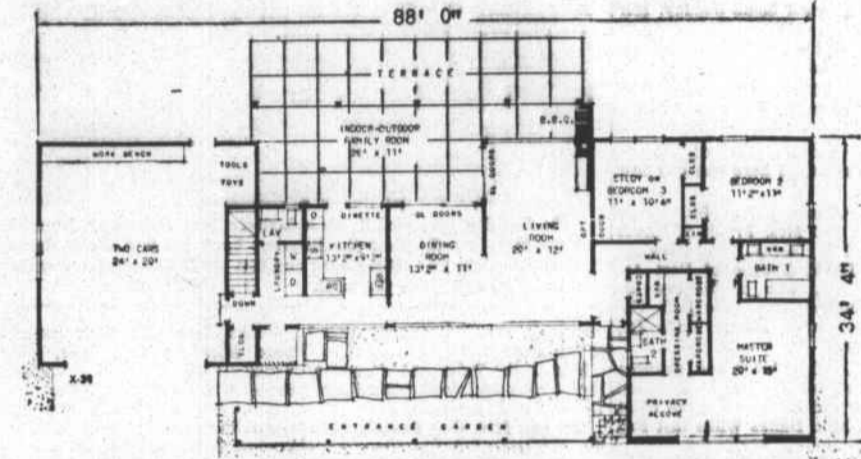
A service lavatory is included in the laundry area at the other end of the house, giving the home 2½ baths.

One of the main purposes of this design was to provide a home for a whole generation of living. While children are young, the two rear bedrooms can be put to their use.

When they strike out on their own, bedroom No. 3 can easily be converted into a study, with a door cut through to the living room. Bedroom 2 can then be used as a "spare" for grandchildren or guest.

Another special feature is the ease with which this design can be converted to basementless design. The laundry-utility room can be widened to take in the stair area where heater and hot water tank can be located.

The indoor-outdoor room takes the place of the large basement playroom and, since the entire plan is for "all-on-one floor" living, the laundry need not move at all. A service vestibule forms the



The floor plan: All the essential elements of the home are on one level. Note the generous use of glass and the ease with which bedroom No. 3 can be converted from a sleeping room to a study. The indoor family room in the rear can be enclosed with jalousies for year around use. Not shown is the basement, which contains a huge playroom, refreshment bar and hobby, storage and heating rooms.

core of the housekeeping section. This vestibule can be entered from the front and from the garage. From the vestibule there is ready access to the laundry room and the kitchen.

A dinette corner is available in the kitchen away from the work areas and overlooking the indoor-outdoor room. The kitchen plan calls for a wall oven and counter top range, with plenty of cabinets.

A tremendous outdoor family room, roofed over in part with a terrace beyond this, lies just off the living room, dining room and kitchen. It can be reached directly from all three of these rooms.

It can become a delightful summer living area, with outdoor cooking facilities available when the barbecue fireplace is put to use. The architect suggests glass jalousies if this room is to be enclosed for year around use.

The design has eight large and conveniently placed closets, plus ample storage room in the oversized double garage and in the basement.

The roof is asphalt shingles. Wood shakes, stone veneer and a touch of vertical redwood louvers (used in the service entry shield) are employed around the sides.

The terrace is scored concrete. Glass panels and sliding doors are used in abundance.

House X-31 has over-all dimensions of 88' by 34' 4", including garage. A lot of 110' is recommended. Habitable area is 1,472 square feet with garage area of 591 square feet.

Tax Collector Gives Report to County Board

Tax collections in November amounted to \$26,970.57, according to the report given county commissioners last Monday by E. O. Moore, tax collector.

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(Please note dateline. By oversight this news was omitted from the issue in which it should have appeared.—The Editor).

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