

New And Interesting Ideas For Today's Home Builders



FARMERS' RESIDENCE—Planned as a meeting of both the conservative and contemporary in its layout is the Thomas W. Farmer residence on Mason Farm Road, shown above from the front and rear. The brick veneer residence was designed by architect Edward Waugh of Raleigh, as may be noted in cross-hatched louvre under the eaves—a sort of trademark in Mr. Waugh's houses. In the



front the layout of rooms is (left to right) Kitchen-dining area, play room, and child's bedroom; (rear view) child's bedroom, baths, master bedroom, dining and living rooms, and porch.

Conservative-Contemporary Residence Gained In Layout Of Farmers' Mason Farm Road Home

A few "musts" were uppermost in the minds of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Farmer when they began discussing with Architect Edward Waugh the plans for their Mason Farm Road home. Mrs. Farmer, for example, wanted a separate dining room and a screened porch easily accessible to living and dining areas. Both Dr. and Mrs. Farmer wanted the living area away from the street, oriented to the southern exposure and to the view at the back of their one and one-quarter acre plot. The owners, who heretofore



COMBINATION—The conservative-contemporary combination is well-illustrated in the living room with its modern lines and white oak walls, blended with some traditional furnishings and floor coverings.

had preferred the traditional styles are particularly pleased with the lay-out of their conservative-contemporary home which features intersecting hallways that divide the house into two distinct areas for living and sleeping. Traffic in or to either area does not interfere with the other.

Layout of Living Room

The living room, situated at the rear of the house, is finished in bleached white-oak to which a coat of white lacquer was applied. Ceiling to floor casement windows which comprise the entire east and south walls of the living room afford maximum winter sunshine and take full advantage of a view that is particularly nice at this time of year and later in the season.

Another fine detail of the living room is the use of built-in bookcases equipped with touch-lock sliding doors. Because of the absence of visible hardware, the

bookcases, which flank the fireplace, cannot be detected when the doors are closed.

The kitchen with its louvered pantry and storage closet doors; ventilated, tin-lined bread compartments, vegetable bins and well-designed work areas is minutely planned. Cabinets are of select red birch and all work counters and surrounding areas are covered with formica as an aid to housekeeping. The windows of the ample dinette located in the kitchen "L" look out on the front lawn.

The G. E. Weather-Tron air conditioning and heating system is the first of its type to be installed in the community. A continuous circulation of air through the house (the Farmers, unlike most people in this area, had no mildew during the summer), and heating ducts that are laid and concealed in the concrete slab floor are noteworthy advantages of the system.

The utility room directly across the hall from the kitchen houses the compact heating — air conditioning plant and laundry equipment.

Sleeping Area

Three bedrooms, two baths, a playroom and hall complete the sleeping area. Each bedroom contains double closets and large casement windows. Here, as in the other rooms throughout the house, recessed lighting is used.

An ingenious touch in the children's rooms is the use of large, framed cork mats on which the young ones can tack and paste all the things that children usually tack and paste on their walls.

Frosted glass, similar to that in the front entrance door, is used in the windows of each of the ceramic tile baths. The bath of the master bedroom is done in a soft blue; the children's bath is in an oatmeal color. Each bathroom has an attractive built-in compartment with bright water-proof counter tops surrounding the lavatories. There are no wall-type medicine chests, because a special drawer is provided for medicine in the compartment.

The playroom is arranged with double closets at either end, half of each closet having adjustable shelves for the children, Pamela, 12, and Timmy, 8, to store their books and toys. The play room was constructed with an eye to the future. When needed, it can be converted, with a minimum of effort and expense, into two small bedrooms. One exposed brick wall in the playroom and in the children's rooms produces a particularly striking effect.

Mixed Own Paint

None of the colors used in the interior walls can be found on a paint chart; for Mrs. Farmer painstakingly worked out each color by mixing several colors until she obtained just the subtle shade desired. Storage space in addition to the generous closets is provided in the attic over the garage, located next to the kitchen for easy access. Huge peg boards attached to the garage walls holds the gardening tools. There are no wood floors in the house. Asphalt and vinyl tile are used on all floors except those in the living and dining rooms where the carpeting and carpet padding were laid directly on the concrete floor.

Double Wall Construction

Constructed by Ed Mann, the house is built of regular width, but slightly elongated brick, a type recommended by Mr. Waugh, the architect. The exterior walls are actually two walls of brick with an airspace between which serves as insulation — a method of construction relatively new in this section. A final new innovation is the chipped marble roof which contributes to the comfort of the interior by deflecting the sun. Future plans call for a terrace at the rear of the house and to the right of the living room.

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