## *House of the Week*

# Good Floor Plan Features Economy Ranch

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Here's a real budget house. With only 1180 square feet of living area, an important consideration in building costs, it has the additional economy feature of a completely rectangular foundation.

In designing a house of this size and shape, especially when it is to have three bedrooms, the architect faces a number of problems. Architect Herbert C. Struppmann, who designed this one, feels that the highest obstacle to be hurdled is the creation of a good traffic layout. Somehow a room seems bigger if you don't have to use it to get to another room.

The traffic plan here has a center hall entry that joins the bedroom hall, a dead-end living room to the side, and a dining room at the back. A rear entrance to the kitchen via the garage means that anything can be brought in and stowed away in either the garage, broom closet, kitchen or basement without disturbing the rest of the house. An arrangement of this sort is easier in a large house, but it's especially profitable in a small house where any inexpensive aid to general good living doubles in value.

**EVERYTHING FITS nicely into place on the exterior of this small ranch, with traditional features giving it the desired charm and appearance of hospitality. From the front, it seems larger than it is, but it's actually designed for families with modest budgets.**

The windows, fireplace and wall space are as equally important as the non-traffic location of the living room. There is a separate door that goes into the dining room, but if desired, the wall can be left a full, unbroken sweep; access to the dining room then would be via the main hall for formal occasions, or the kitchen for service. The living room has an interesting front window arrangement, with one large pane of glass flanked by small panes.

The corner location of the kitchen makes for good accessibility for all service needs. While not a large kitchen, the compact L-shaped setup of counters and appliances is easy on the feet.

Occupaying the opposite corner of the house, at the rear of the bedroom wing, is the master bedroom. This gives parents two exposures, as well as three closets, a private stall-shower bathroom and as much privacy and seclusion as you could expect in a much more expensive home. The two family bedrooms at the front are for the children; if it's a smaller family, one bedroom, preferably the one nearest the entrance foyer, could be used as a home office or study.

Despite the rectangular design of the exterior, the excellent detailing of materials transforms it into a residence that makes it look like something special rather than an economy model.

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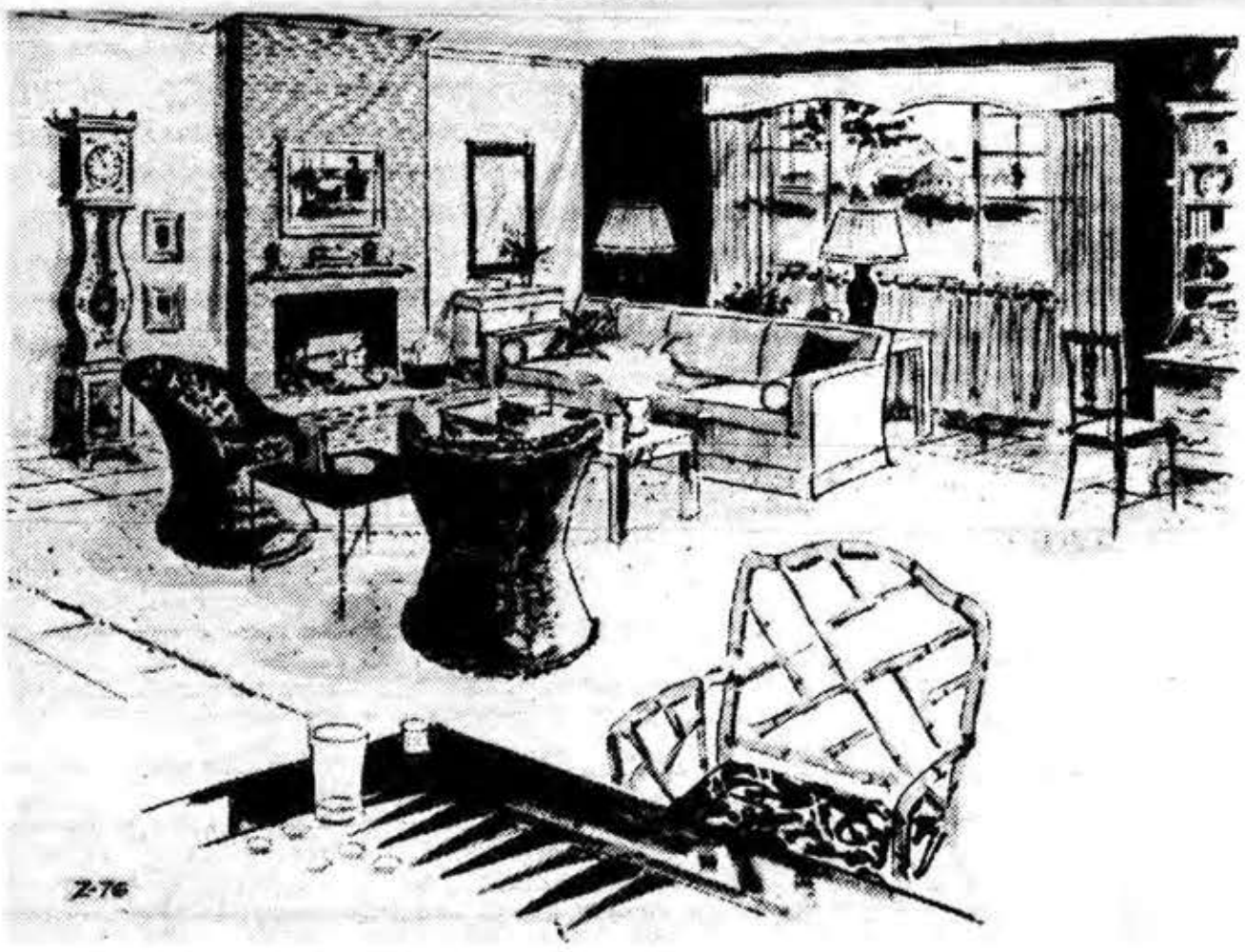
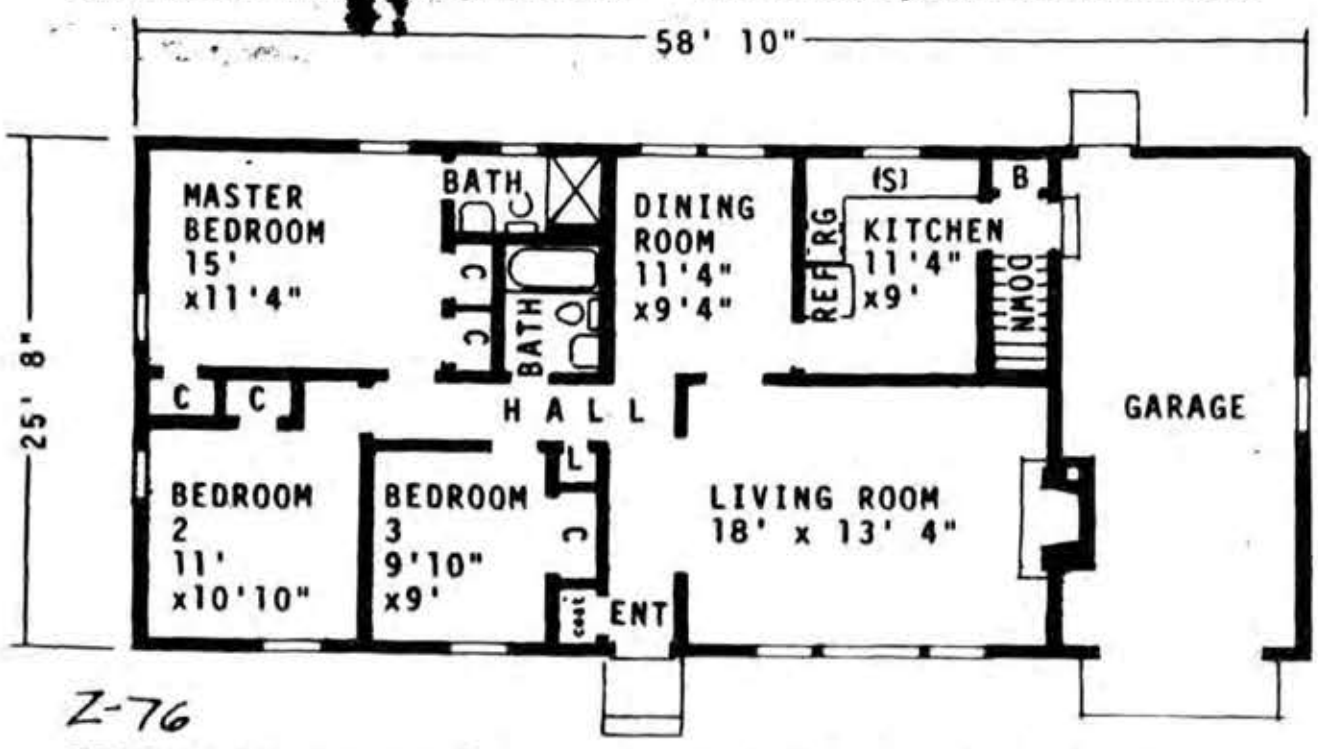



**LIVING ROOM to the right of the entrance foyer, has large windows looking out on front lawn. Garage is on other side of fireplaced wall and has separate entrance to kitchen.**




**FLOOR PLANS: Because it has only 1,180 square feet of living area, excluding the garage, this layout required full use of every inch of space. Architect has done good job of providing traffic circulation in both living and bedroom wings.**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