House of the Week

Dutch Colonial with Family Kitchen

By ANDY LANG

Anyone who has ever visited The Netherlands knows that the houses there combine quaintness and charm with a kind of neat and orderly look, as though every detail had been planned with considerable thought.

One is likely to get the same impression from the latest House of the Week, a delightful Dutch Colonial of modest proportions that seems larger than it actually is. Much of the reason for its spacious appearance is the characteristic gambrel roof, introduced to America hundreds of years ago by Dutch colonists.

The front entrance, set deep under the porch roof, enters into a foyer with a large guest closet. Straight ahead from the foyer — at the back half of the house — is what the family is likely to consider the main interior feature ; a sizable farm-type kitchen. It has a large Dutch-styled breakfast nook, splayed counter corner with the cooking unit set in, a brick-patterned floor and a broom closet. Wood paneling is on the walls around the breakfast nook. There is an entrance from the kitchen to a porch at the left rear of the house.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the dining room, which also has an entrance to the porch. A huge bay window increases the size of the dining room as well as enhancing its appearance.

The living room is accessible from the front foyer and the dining room. It is 20' long, rather large for this modest-sized home. The front wall is decorated with an internal-chimney fireplace, flanked by windows and two window seats.

Archietect Rudolph A. Matern has also placed the master bedroom on the first floor. It has two closets, a corner window seat and a private bathroon with shower. A separate lavatory is located in rear hall and easily accessible to the kitchen, the one-car garage and the rest of the downstairs area. The garage has its interior entrance in the foyer, contains 2 storage closets and a neat, latticed compartment for refuse containers.

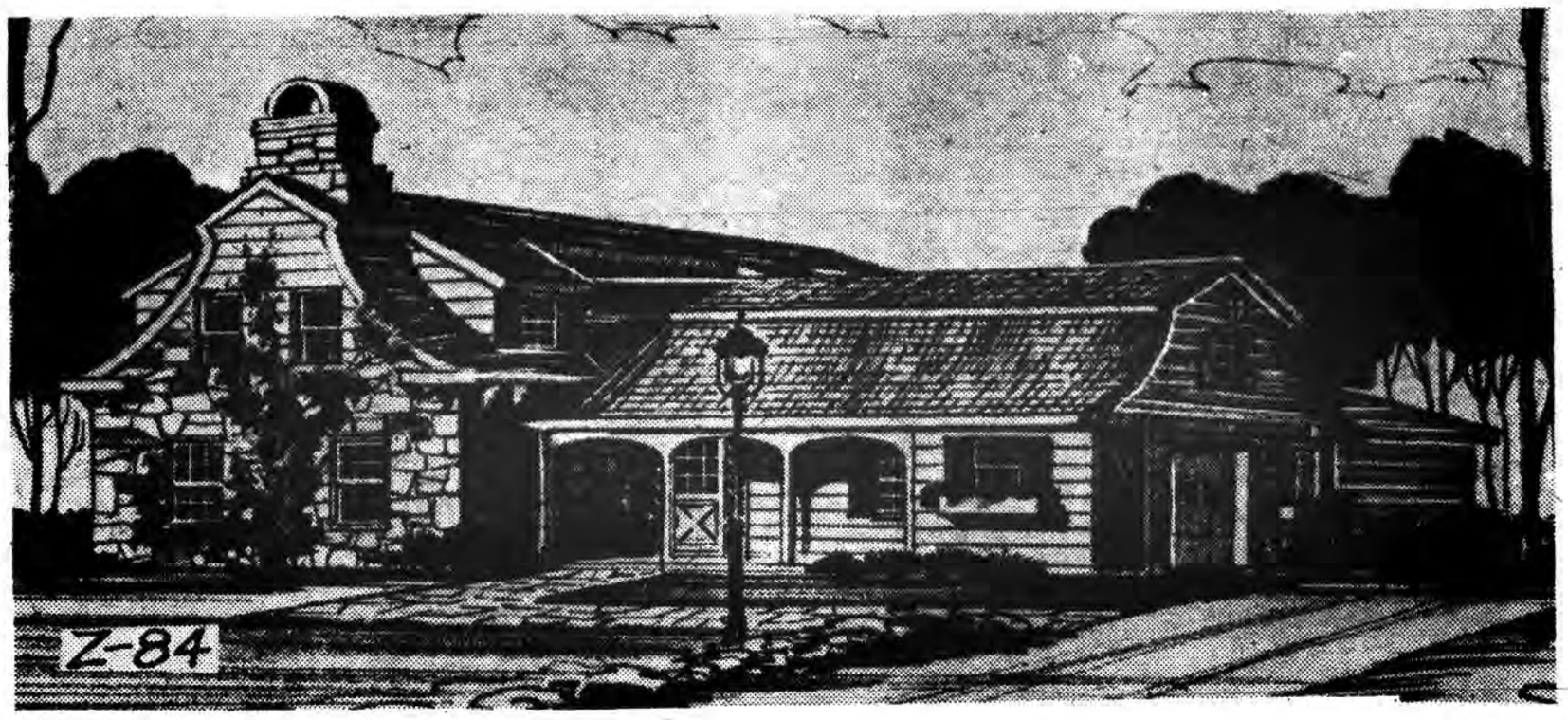
A central bath services the two bedrooms on the second floor. A deep dormer gives the bathroom an interesting appearance. The front bedroom has a similar front wall to the living room, with chimney windows and window seats, although the chimney in this case does not contain a fireplace.

A storage area over 30' long is entered from the upstairs front bedroom. Since it is 7' high and has a hayloft-type window, it could be used as a children's play area.

With the master bedroom on the first floor, Design Z-84 could be used by a couple who might wish to reserve the two upstairs bedrooms for guests. But whether used by two persons or a family with children, it has all the ingredients for comfortable living within modest dimensions.

Z—84 STATISTICS

Design Z-84, a 1½-story house, has a living room, dining room, family kitchen, bedroom, bath, lavatory and foyer on the first floor, with a total of 1280 square feet of living space. Also on the first floor are a one-car garage, a porch off the dining room and kitchen and a covered porch at the entry. There are two bedrooms and a bathroom on the second floor, totaling 489 square feet. A large storage area upstairs could be utilized as a play area if desired. Over-all dimensions of this house are 53' 7" by 34' 2", which include the garage and the two porches.



DUTCH COLONIAL has striking exterior, utilizing stone veneer and horizontal wood siding on its walls, with wood shingles on the gambrel roof, a style of covering that permits an extra amount of headroom for the upstairs bedrooms.

MORE DETAILED PLANS

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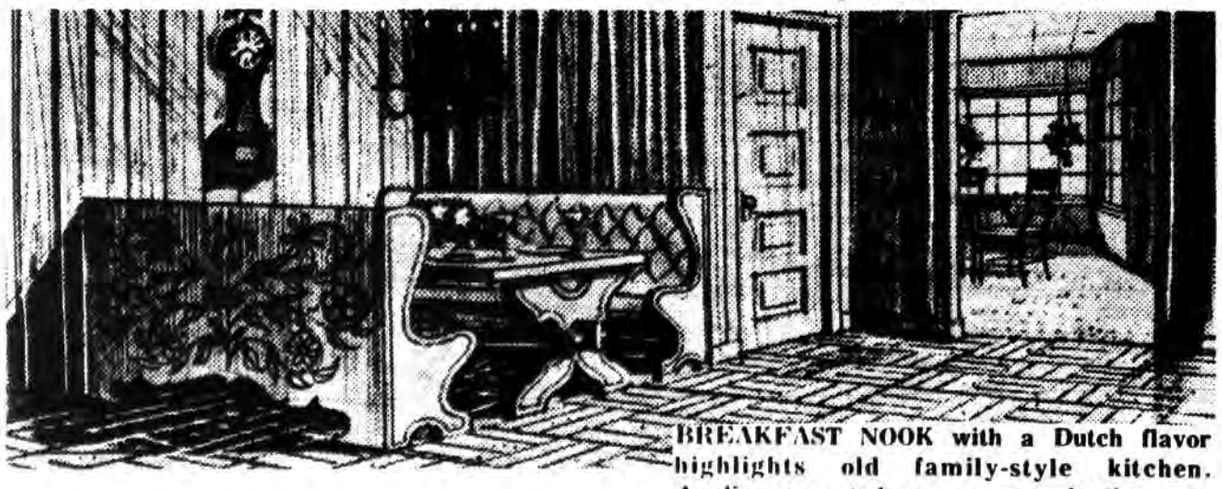

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