



Precise, rectangular house turns blank wall toward street (or whatever view you care to minimize). Carport and storage room shield house from closely bordering neighbors. Built on a slab, storage room takes place of basement. Carport doubles as shelter for front door, also shades front terrace. Strip window under carport gives light, ventilation to living area, yet allows privacy.

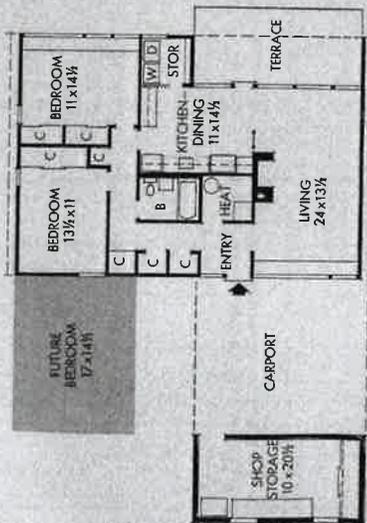
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Built with two bedrooms, house can expand to three. Outstanding features of plan include economical utility core and easy access to all areas from front door. House is 1,208 square feet (excluding carport), 1,548 with third bedroom. It measures 62x44. Architect was Lawrence G. Evanoff, A.I.A., Spokane, Washington.

★ This pleasant patio is inset on private side of house. Living, dining, and portions of kitchen share view through glass wall facing long part of lot. Glass wall could have been brought out flush to gain floor space. But as it is now, this outdoor area is more a part of the indoors—and it's protected, too, on three sides.

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Fireplace and view through wall of glass are key visual features of living room. With terrace floor, fireplace requires no extended hearth. Big kitchen of fireplace forms one end of economical utility core (kitchen, bathroom, boiler room). Furnace stack shares column with fireplace.

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Front door (right) doesn't intrude on living room as it might in house this size.

Daylighted entry hall is near every room. Yet all the rooms are private from front door because of such baffles as short wall that conditions foyer and forms recess in living room for storage unit.

(There was wall space for this unit because steps and doors are high up on wall.)

Flowers throughout house are of polished terrazzo.



Close-up of built-in storage unit reveals a counter top of uniform mosaic tile — excellent to use for buffet serving.

Besides miscellaneous storage, cabinets hold records and hi-fi equipment. Wall is birch-faced plywood.



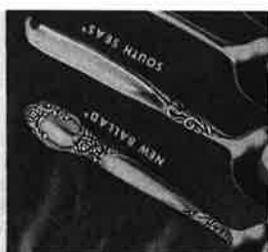
Around corner from living room, over-looking patio, is the dining area with kitchen adjacent. All appliances are grouped along one wall, tucked behind the chimney pillar. They back up to utility core, which means shorter, less expensive lengths of plumbing and wiring.

Door to patio, just beyond dining table, makes it convenient to serve summer snacks or cool drinks to the guests outside.

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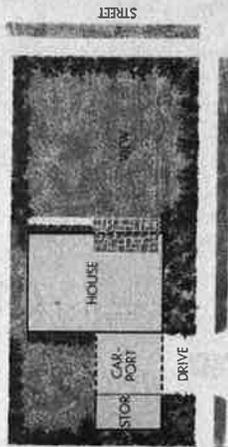
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This Five Star home is easily built, easily maintained. It's only 9 feet from inexpensive concrete slab up to simple built-up roof (flat over dead-level beams). Many folks would stain flat-floor and paint or stain this 8 feet of lap siding. Windows are simple to clean, too. Perfectly flat awn; flush roof furthers simplicity, economy of design.



This plot plan (see photograph at top) demonstrates way in which a reduced front yard turned a blank wall of house toward the street, and less wall of house open toward the available view. Hill lot is an average size (60' x 125') and had disadvantage of streets on two sides. But planning and planting truly made the most of what was there.

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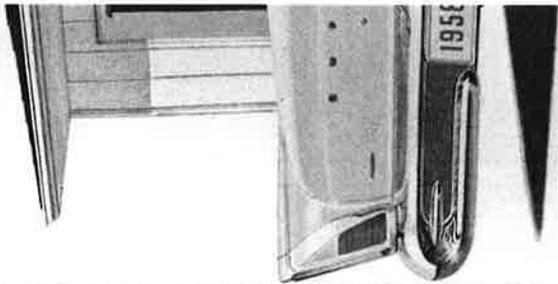
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