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# "What a wonderful place to live!"

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Warm glow of welcome comes from rich, fall-blending colors of front door and flanking panels. Glass around entry brightens reception area. Rosy brick, redwood are topped by bold white stripe of fascia. Plentiful storage (lacking in some carports) is in sturdy wall at right.

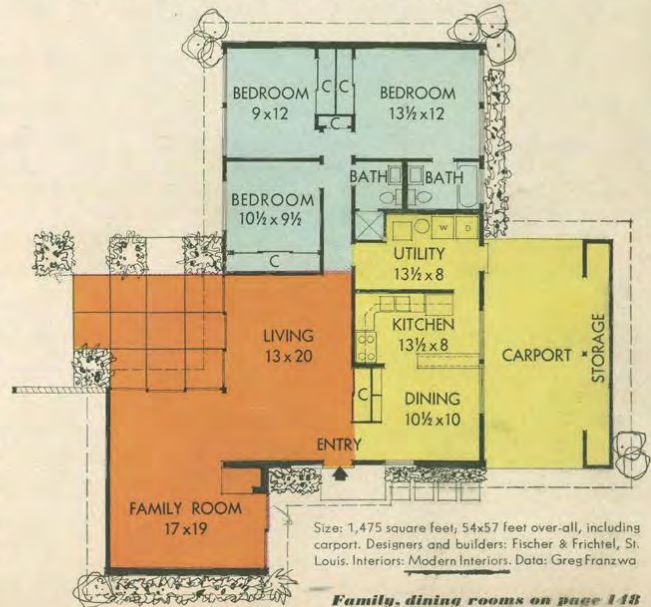
Living qualities of a home *really* stand up to be counted when shorter days and turning leaves announce the return of fall. Families used to move indoors for what amounted to hibernation. Nowadays, in such an accommodating house as this, it's a pleasure to look forward to company for football weekends, children and friends in from school, the family together for Thanksgiving, and all the happy holiday parties upcoming. What makes the difference? A floor plan that helps this handsome house fulfill the objective of a Five Star home: a wonderful place to live all year round.

## Here's how the plan makes the house come alive...

**Living** Flexibility is its strongest feature. You can treat the living and family rooms as one spacious unit (terrace, too!); you can use the rooms as shown, or "swap" the two to enjoy a more secluded living room and more active family functions—whichever would suit you family better.

**Working** The kitchen's in the center, with easy access to all other working areas; adjacent utility room has a door to bedroom hall and one to carport (on rainy days utility becomes a "mud room"). Across kitchen, a wide pass-through simplifies serving to the dining room.

**Sleeping** Three bedrooms have that hard-to-achieve combination of adequate storage and lots of window space. Away from active areas, bedrooms are quiet for children at night. Baths could be interchanged to gain shower off master bedroom. Interior bath is brightly skylighted.



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Mighty oaks may still be tiny acorns on your lot. But enjoyable terrace can be yours—minus raking! House gains long look with

low-pitched roof and horizontal siding. Brick end walls give solid appearance, provide privacy and quiet for the sleeping wing.

From just inside the entry, guests can be guided to the living area or past it to the family room or terrace. There's a sense of division between the areas, but all three can work as one when you're entertaining a crowd. The autumn scene is subtly echoed by the interior color scheme.

Up close, you see how this delightful terrace fits between family room and living area (left). It faces south, offers extended use from early spring into Indian summer. Louvered screen (right) blocks street view, but not breeze.



# "What a wonderful place to live!"

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It's just a few steps from entry (left) to pleasant informality of family room.

Divider-fireplace defines a conversation corner. Back of chimney turns interesting surface toward the living room; exterior brick is repeated on far wall, too.

This room projects toward street, has sliding glass on both sides—an easy route to front and side yards.

From the bedroom hall, you can see how the path from the front door leads to the sleeping wing or to the family room (right), thus by-passing the living area.

Sense of spaciousness is gained—even at night—by glass walls overlooking terrace. Note how living room's "parlor" formality is preserved, despite nearness of terrace and family room.



The kitchen is near (but not wide open to) the dining room. This handsome divider of walnut-faced plywood has a counter with a pass-through—wonderful for buffet service. Note how the change in resilient tile flooring attractively defines the kitchen and dining areas.

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