

Bathroom Paneled With Pine

Someone has finally done something about cold bathrooms! The someone is Bob Scharff, freelance do-it-yourself writer who built "Wood Cove," an 11-room plank-and-beam dream house in Stony Brook, L. I.

Scharff killed the chill in his bathrooms by paneling the walls with southern pine—a material you seldom see on bathroom walls even in dream houses.

Scharff went to wood to make his bathrooms warm and cheery—and because he wanted something different.

That deep freeze clinical look the trademark of most bathrooms is missing in the Scharff house. Wood paneling has defrosted the arctic atmosphere that's a product of the barest, unadorned materials characteristic of this room.

SCHARFF made his southern pine paneling steam resistant by applying a water-repellent pigmented resin finish. Such treatment may open up a whole new market of wood as bathroom paneling according to the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. and the Southern Pine Assn., which helped advise Scharff on the project.

Pigmented resin finishes are thin, tinted varnishes in which the amount of coloring pigment has been reduced so that the finish is absorbed by and becomes part of the wood. No special priming or other preparation of the wood surface is necessary and the finishes do not obscure the natural beauty and texture of the wood.

For Scharff's purpose, their most important feature was that they seal the pores of the wood against moisture so prevalent in bathrooms. This sealing permits paneling to throw off moisture without damage to the wood or finish.

To make sure that this bathroom paneling would be completely steam resistant—front and back—Scharff had the wood soaked in a pigmented finish for several hours before it was nailed up.

A DOUBLE insurance and for the pleasing effect Scharff chose pine that had been manufactured into bevel siding—the same kind you see on the exteriors of many homes.

Bevel siding is nailed up so that each piece slightly overlaps the next. This is to prevent a space from developing between the boards should any shrinkage of the wood occur. The way in which bevel siding is cut and applied also protects against buckling of the boards if the wood expands.

In one of his bathrooms Scharff had the bevel siding applied horizontally in another bathroom, the siding was nailed vertically.

The pigmented finishes used on the paneling—white in one room and wheat-tone in the other—bring out all the richness of the wood, highlighting every bit of warmth and color in the grain.

Complementing this is the line-and-shadow effect of the bevel siding.

The result is just what you'd expect Scharff's bathrooms have one of the cold-to-the-touch, cold-to-the-mind traits of most bathrooms.

Regular Check
MOOSE JAW Sack (AP)—Periodic re-examination of all motor vehicle drivers if they are to retain driving licenses was urged at a meeting of the Moose Jaw Safety Council, suggesting drivers should be checked possibly once every five years.



A cottage-type home the Inverness is a favorite American style. One of the features homeowners will like best is the terrace at front of the house, left of the entrance. An iron railing separates its from the lawn. Window boxes add a bright touch of color.

Two Plans Feature Rear Dining Rooms

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

The house with a separate dining room has popular appeal with home buyers. In apartment-living, dining is generally crammed into a corner of the living room. That's why, when purchasing a home, women usually want a dining room.

Both of today's houses have them.

Saves Steps
The Inverness puts its dining room at the back of the house, adjacent to the kitchen, which is planned with step-saving in mind. The dining room has an entry to the side grounds, where summer meals could be served.

The living room opens off the entry foyer and is easy to decorate because wall space is unbroken.

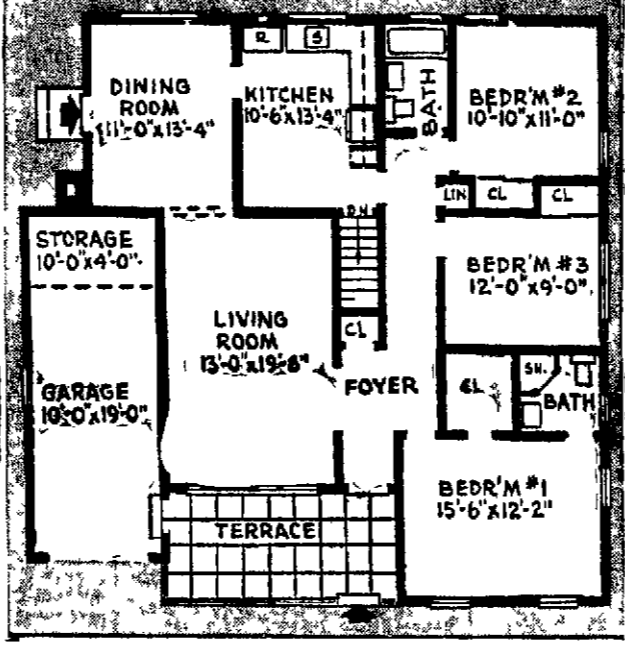
Its 14 feet square, has room for a breakfast table.
A 22-foot long living room, with a fireplace makes a charming place to entertain.

RIGHT of the entry, a hall leads to sleeping quarters—three bedrooms and two baths.

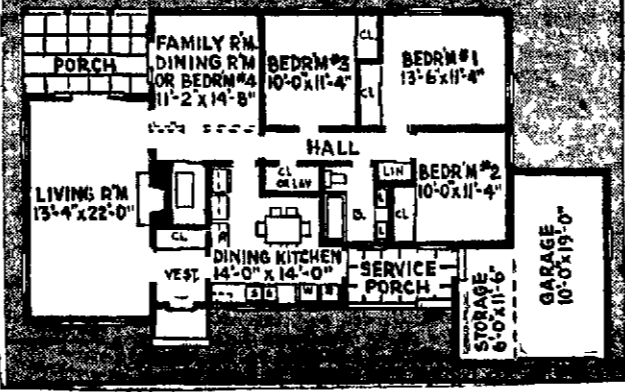
Another nice feature of the plan is the one-car attached garage, which has a storage area at back. The Inverness comprises 17,500 cubic feet.

THE HARWICH, a brick home, also has the dining room at the back of the house. The architect, however, has given the home-owner an option. It can be used for dining (probably will be, too, for this is a home for the large family) or it can be made into a family room or fourth bedroom.

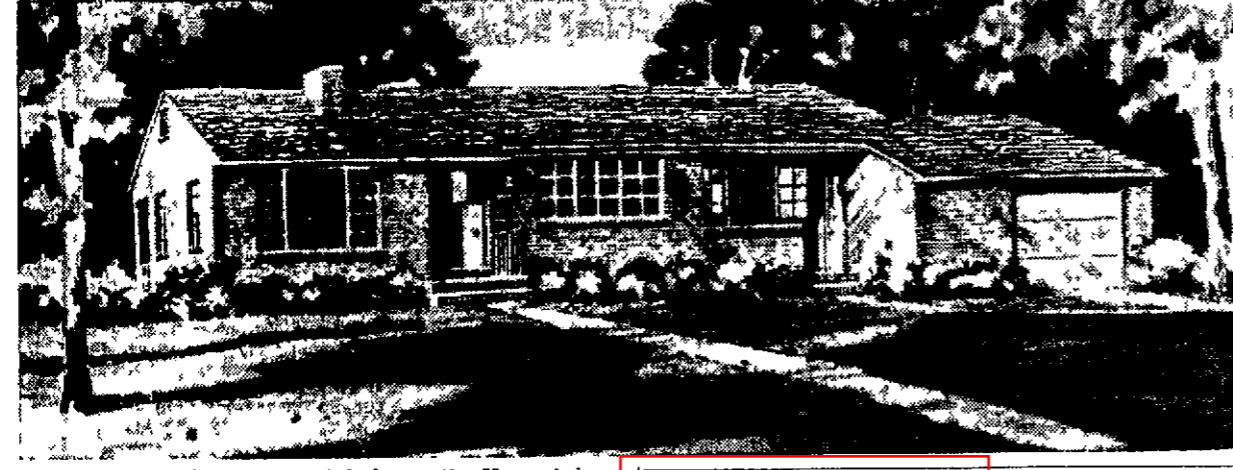
The kitchen faces on the front.



Three bedrooms are right of the foyer. There are two baths. Living room, dining room, kitchen and garage complete the plan.



In the Harwich, kitchen and living room look out on the front grounds. The dining room's at back. Bedrooms are right of the entry.



A three-bedroom brick ranch style home, the Harwich has an attractive exterior. Both the main entry and the service entry are at front—the latter opening off a small porch. The one-car garage with its spacious storage area is attached to the house.

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Elephant Lack
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An officer reluctantly went to investigate, and discovered Mrs. Britton wasn't fooling.

The animals were there all right. They were from an animal act and the owners had stopped and turned them loose while cleaning their pens.

Wisconsin Man Buys A Coconut Grove
BARABOO Wis. (UP)—John M. Kelley, president of the Circus World Museum of Baraboo, made a trip to the British West Indies and bought a coconut grove on the island of Cayman Brac.

To get funds for the purchase, he sent a note to George Weber, president of the Baraboo National Bank, containing this clause: "Interest at 5 1/2 per cent payable in nuts."

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