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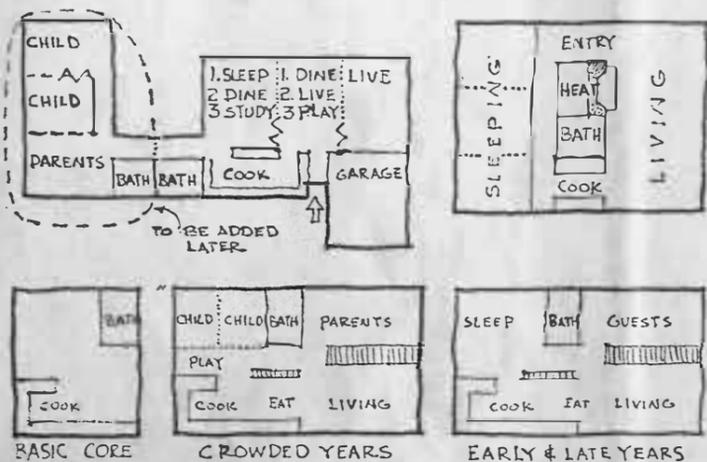
The Plan

By Ken Kern

(continued from last month)

The corollary of open planning is flexibility of space. "Double purpose" spaces can be created by movable partitions or adjustable furniture arrangements. Again, the multi-use of space in over-lapping of activities reduces floor size and thus building costs. Space-need problems that go with family expansion and growing children can best be met with a building environment that expands and contracts with changing needs. Sociologists recognize three family-life stages: early, crowded, and late. Each stage represents a different set of space requirements, which further illustrates how absurd the room-division of space really is.

Of course a growing family can move to a larger house, and then back to a smaller place as the family decreases in size and space-need. Traditionally, the attic and basement areas have been renovated when additional space becomes necessary. Another course is to design the house for estimated maximum capacity, and rent out additional space during early and late years. A more economical solution for the young owner-builder, however, is to start with a core for cooking, living-sleeping, and bathing. Then, as the family size waxes and wanes, space can be first added onto the core and later subdivided to accommodate activities of the sunset years.



It was Frank Lloyd Wright who first incorporated important open-planning concepts into his residential home developments. For a more spacious feeling, he integrated living, dining, and kitchen functions, yet located the kitchen-work area centrally between living and sleeping areas. Wright's entry and hallways were well planned. From the main entry one had immediate access to any part of the house; and the hallway functioned as passage, storage, and utility. Wright was perhaps the first to build against the public area and open to the private area.

Wright introduced some important planning concepts into house design and structure. Even 50 years after their discovery, these ideas have barely trickled down to the conventional mainstream. Today, architectural renegades surpass Wright's thinking to about the same extent that he surpassed his contemporaries. Wright spoke of *organic architecture* and the "natural house"; the new men speak of "free-form architecture" and an "endless house" (coined by architect Kiesler). The final form and shape of the endless house is determined from height, width, and bathing functions. The endless quality comes from the fact that any section of the house can be either closed off or opened up into one continuous space. Unlike a "room," this space cannot be grasped, measured, or apprehended at first glance. It has a charming indefiniteness of bound and elusiveness of volume which give it a natural quality unlike anything found in the contemporary scene.

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What Newspapers for Gardeners?

Every profession, indeed almost every person, needs the newspaper which best suits his needs. Magazines are easier to supply: the organic gardener has his *Organic Gardening* magazine, the NFA magazine, and of course *Mother Earth* from England, and perhaps also *Modern Nutrition* published by the Nutrition Society. But he needs a newspaper too—one that comes oftener than once a month.

Well, we took the *Christian Science Monitor* first. It came every day except Sunday all year long. But it was not quite enough.

Then we subscribed to *The Wall Street Journal* for, I think, three months. It was so expensive we had to give it a shorter trial. Actually it was THE very best for the organic gardener if it were not that almost by definition the O.G. is poor, or anyhow not very affluent.

Then we took the *New York Sunday Times* for a year. There again our poverty made it impos-

sible to get it daily. But just once a week it serves the needs of the organic gardener 100% and at a cost which is returned by the service it renders.

The *Sunday New York Times* contains (in this Sunday's issue) 416 full size pages. That varies somewhat but not much. 416 pages, 15 by 23 inches in size.

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Letters, cont'd

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A Call, cont'd

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"PEACE OF MIND THRU NATURE"—guidebook to better outdoor living, \$1. Backwoods Journal, Paradox 5, N. Y. (Journal subscription \$2 a year, sample 35c.) b(4-64)

CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER, a 24-page monthly, alive with sound economics, and action to return to the citizen the control of his own affairs. \$2 a year.—1571 N. Gower St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028 c(5-65)ex

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THE GREEN REVOLUTION — 5 October, 1965

Journal of American Society to Defend Children contains an important paper, on Modern Militarism's Threat to Parental Functions, by Dr. Tom Brewer. Subscription free. — 163 18th Ave., San Francisco, Cal. 94121 j(9-65)2

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HEALTH AND DAIRY GOATS Many healthful products from dairy goats: milk, cheese, fertilizer. National monthly magazine. \$2 yearly. Dairy Goat Journal, Box 836, Columbia 85, Mo. d(6-63)ex

THE BUG BOOK: recipes for harmless insect controls. Illustrations identify insects. Cross indexed, recipes easy to find and make at home. Plants to repel insects and wild animals. Order from Philbrick, Box 96, Wilkinsonville, Mass. \$3.65 pp. 5 copies 40% off. p(11-64)y

Miscellaneous

WILL EXCHANGE organically grown carrots (value 10¢ lb.) for a good make electric juicer. James Eastman, Rt. 7, Penacook, N. H. (6-65)

HAVING SOLD my suburbia pad, and severed other umbilicals, I plan on founding a Kerista-type colony in the boondocks of Florida. Wish to contact congenial bipeds; no squares, please. John W. Counsel, 7 S. Maple, Mt. Pleasant, Ill. 60057. (10-65)

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