

Combining two rooms into one spacious, undivided area reflects the trend to openness in today's glass-walled home. The absence of a wall between the living room and the informal dining area in this ranch house allows the feeling of spaciousness to be pro-

jected within the room itself, as well as outside through the Thermopane insulating glass wall. Placing the furniture at each end of the room in related groupings maintains the individual identity of the two areas involved.

## Rooms

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can only extend from each perimeter room outside, and cannot be projected within the room itself," he said.

PROPER DECORATING can help homeowners capitalize further on the feeling of spaciousness without sacrificing the identity of either of the areas involved.

Furniture may still be arranged in distinctive groupings at opposite ends of the room. The popular idea of using the same "period" furniture throughout the house makes this easier as the pieces will blend well and look perfectly at home together in the room, Wenzler said.

IN MANY CASES a low sofa or chair are used as a dividing point. They give the desired effect of separation without spoiling the overall feeling of spaciousness in the room.

A large mirror with a frame compatible with the decor and furnishings, is often hung on the wall opposite the window. It tends to tie the room together and adds to the available light.

## Floors Need Good Bounce, Says Expert

Women are rediscovering the comforts of wood floors.

Floors built of wood are definitely on the way back, believes H. V. Simpson, executive head of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, who points out that several recent surveys have indicated women's dislike of unyielding slab floors.

Simpson cites the recent statement of the secretary of the National Association of Chiropractors who makes the case for wood floors as a means to better health.

SAVE YOUR feet, says this expert, walk on wood. The extra bounce in wood, says this man, helps to cushion the shock transmitted to the skeletal system by walking.

Tired feet, the chiroprapist points out, can cause head and back aches, jangled nerves, tired muscles and other physical disorders, even dislocated discs. When the floor we walk on does not give, he said, there is added strain on the feet. Stand around or walk all day on concrete and see what I mean, he suggests.

SIMPSON SAID that a properly built floor of wood joists is designed to give slightly under walking. A joist floor of sturdy Douglas fir, braced to give it a cantelevered effect and properly covered with sheathing lumber and floor boards, has never been duplicated for walking comfort, he said.

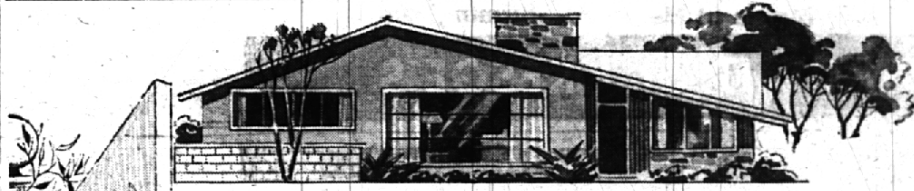
Simpson pointed out that there is a trend to the home with basements, which, of course, require wood joist floors.

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