



This dining room scene shows corner cupboard, recessed wall effect and double glazed self-insulating window overlooking a section of the Connecticut River Valley to the west. Room is set in front of house. Entrance to room is arched. Room in keeping with the Colonial character of the house.

## Home In East Hartford Has 'Christmas View'

A house with a "Christmas View" is the way a former New Jersey family describes their new East Hartford home. Built by T. Shannon and Sons of East Hartford, the house stands on a knoll on Sunset Ridge Drive, overlooking Manchester to the east and Hartford and the surrounding Connecticut River Valley to the west. According to the children of the new occupants, the scenic beauty gives them an all year round feeling of the spirit of Christmas time.

The Carl P. Carlsons came here from Upper Montclair, N. J., where they lived also in a Colonial house. Mrs. Carlson feels that a Colonial house is particularly desirable and attractive as a home, especially when the children are small. She has three, Carol Ann, 12; Jack P., 7; and Richard David, who will be 3 years old next month.

She said that when she and her husband began searching for a home here, they never dreamed they'd find a place with such fine views. Mr. Carlson is agency superintendent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company. He was formerly New Jersey state agent for the local major life insurance company. His most important hobby is woodworking and right now, in his spare time, he is hard at work building a basement recreation room.

The house, built at a cost of slightly more than \$25,000, has seven rooms and the additional features of a sewing room, laundry room and tile bath with stall shower and glass door. The kitchen is completely equipped with dishwasher, gas stove, refrigerator and the counters are yellow, contrasting effectively with the black

floor linoleum patterned with a yellow border.

### Special Panels.

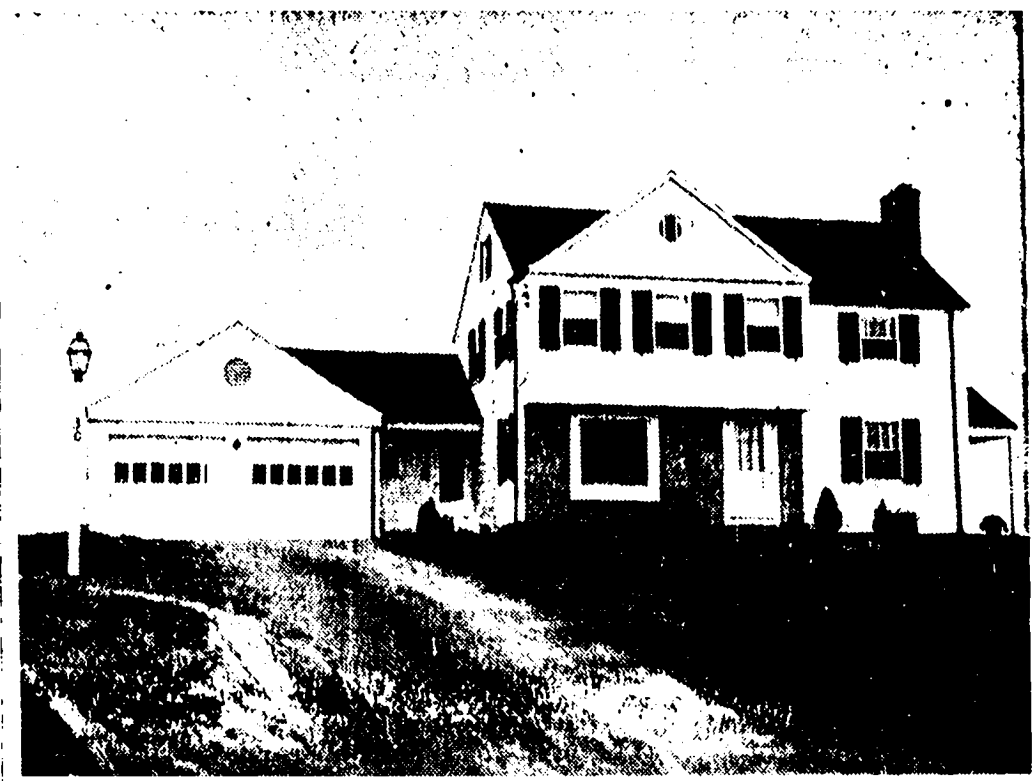
According to the builders, the house is Early American in architectural style. It has a central hall entrance with wrought iron railing, iron pickets and a newell post. The dining room has a large double-glazed self-insulating window in the west wall and built-in Colonial china closet. The living room, 13 by 23 feet, leads down one step into a pine-paneled study, also having a large double-glazed picture window in its east wall. The panels were specially made by the Anderson Woodworking Company of South Windsor.

John F. Shannon, one of the builders, told The Courant that random width pine panels were almost impossible to get a few months ago but they seem to be in more plentiful supply now.

The living room fireplace has a slate facing and hearth and there is no mantle over the fireplace. Arched built-in book shelves and cupboards make an effective arrangement in the living room. The cellar is full dimensioned and contains another fireplace. The heating plant is a gas-fired winter air conditioning unit. A concrete terrace is just off the living room on the south side of the house. The house sets back about 90 feet from the street.

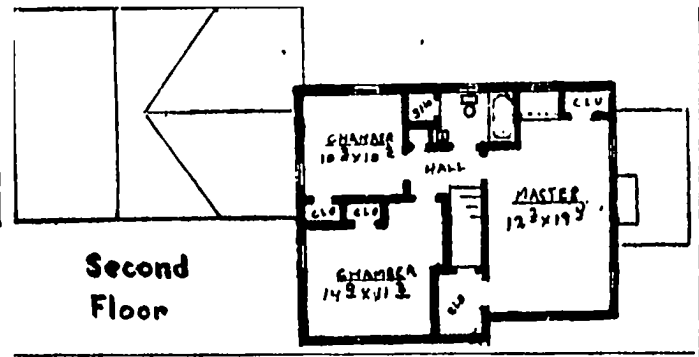
The house is built of horizontal wood sheathing, wood shingle finish and granite facing and frame overhang. The lot, 90 by 200 feet, is now being graded and landscaped.

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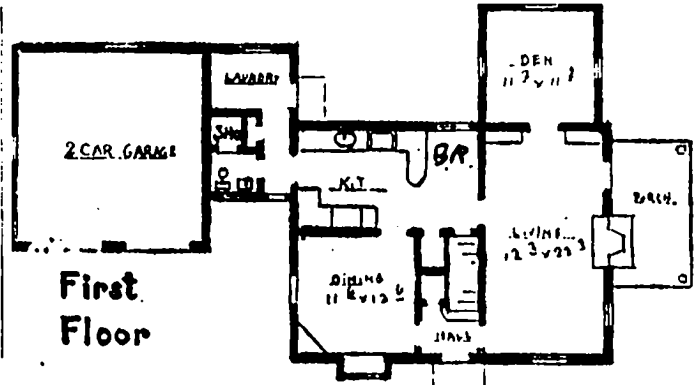


The Carl P. Carlson's house on Sunset Ridge Drive, East Hartford, (top) in Early American architecture stands at an elevation commanding fine views in practically all directions. Landscaping is in process of being done.

Modern tendency in making kitchens long and narrow but with adequate working space is pictured at right. Eating area is just south of rounded open counter. It is not shown in view. Color of floor and counters contrast effectively (All Courant Photos).



Second Floor



First Floor

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scaped. A flagged walk leads to the front door and a two-car garage is attached to the house. Telephone jacks, permitting use of the telephone anywhere in the house, are located in every room. A feature of the house, indicative of its construction, is the recessed wall effect in various parts of it.

Sunset Ridge Drive is on the site of the new defunct Sunset Ridge Country Club and the Carlsons' house is on what was once the seventh fairway of the golf course.

Terence Shannon heads the building firm which bears his name and his three sons are associated with him. They are: John F., Terrence E. and Thomas J. Shannon. Two of the boys served in World War II. As a family they have been building houses and developing land 38 years. They have built in Greater Hartford, principally in East Hartford. They have approximately 18 lots to develop in the Sunset Ridge area.