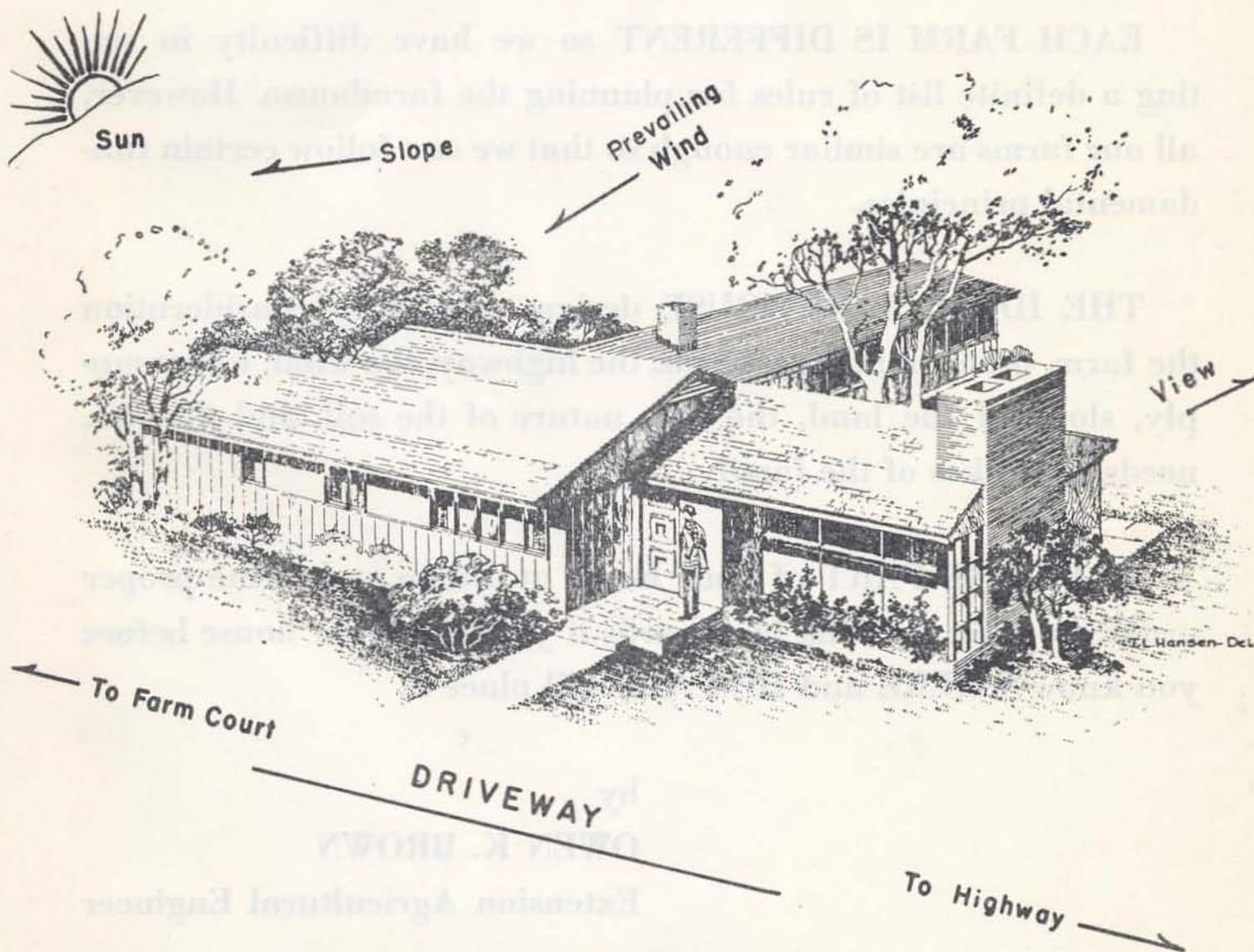


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# **YOUR FARMHOUSE— PLAN IT TO FIT YOUR NEEDS**

**REGARDLESS OF WHETHER** your farmhouse is to be newly constructed or remodeled, one fact is definite—It will be a better house if you plan it.

**EACH FARM IS DIFFERENT** so we have difficulty in setting a definite list of rules for planning the farmhouse. However, all our farms are similar enough so that we can follow certain fundamental principles.

**THE IDEAL FARMHOUSE** design takes into consideration the farm, other buildings, yards, the highway, the wind, water supply, slope of the land, the sun, nature of the soil, and the size, needs, and likes of the family.

**PLAN ONE PART** of your house at a time and in the proper order. You are working backwards if you plan your house before you know **WHERE** and **HOW** you will place it.

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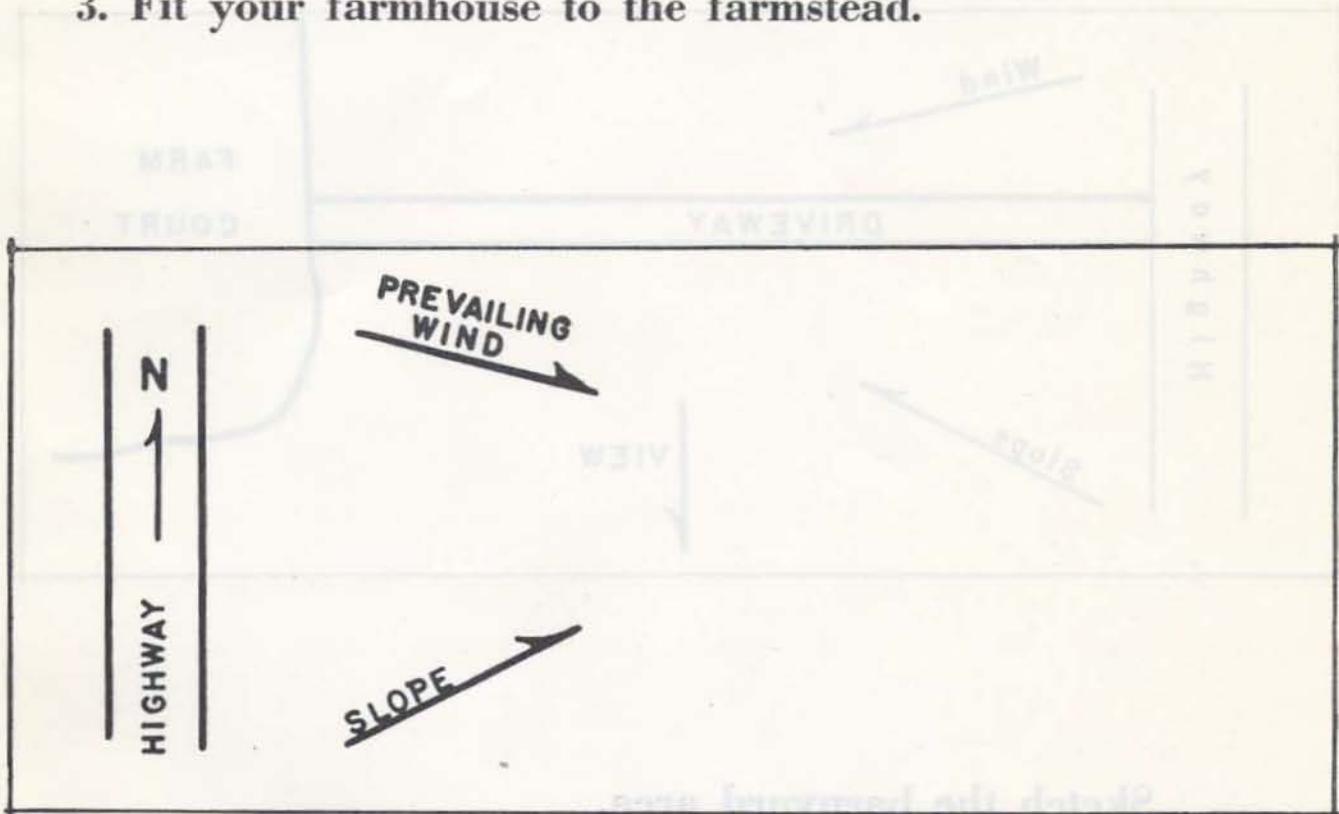
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## Suggestions for your planning—

1. Study your farmstead as it is now.
2. Find the best place for your house.
3. Fit your farmhouse to the farmstead.



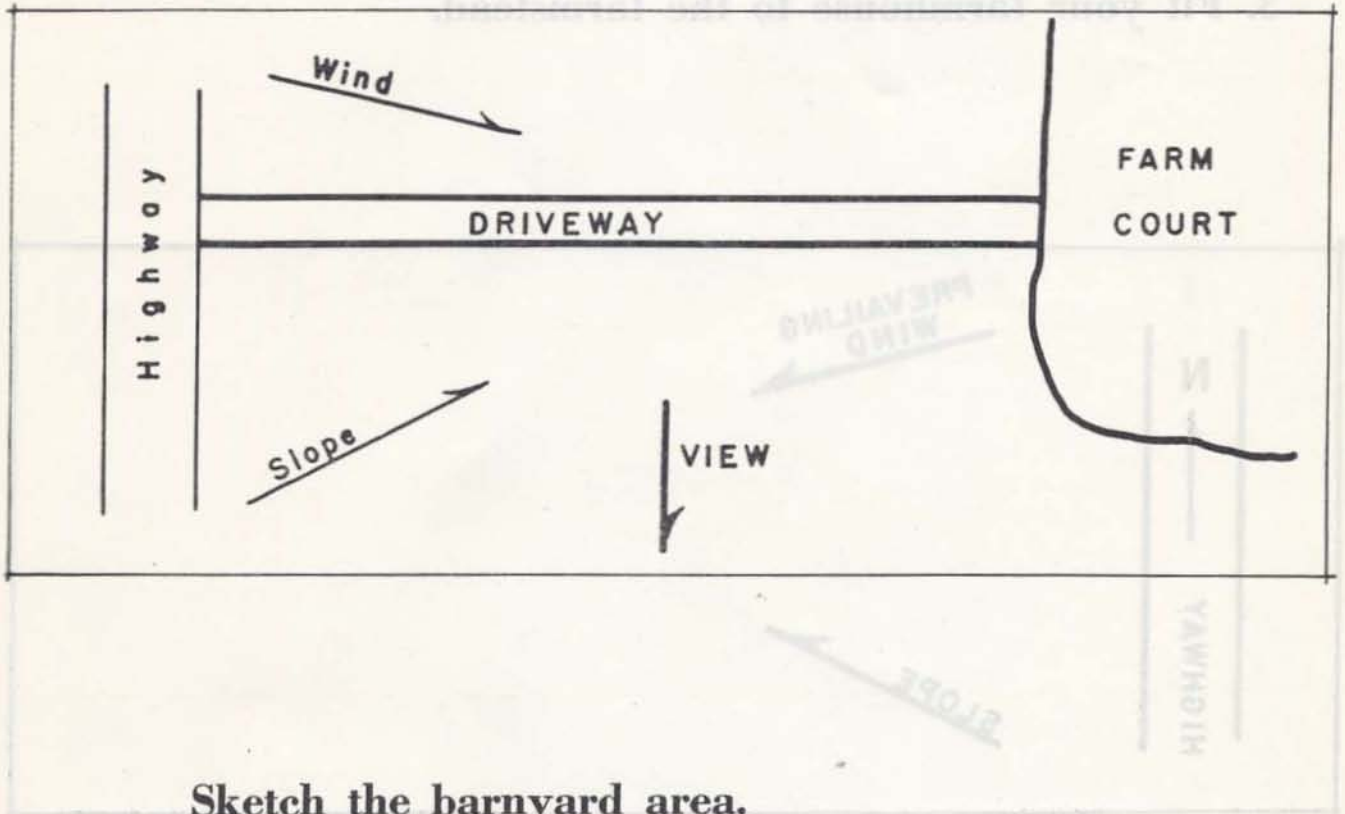
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**Show the direction of the best view.**

**Show the drive leading from the road.**

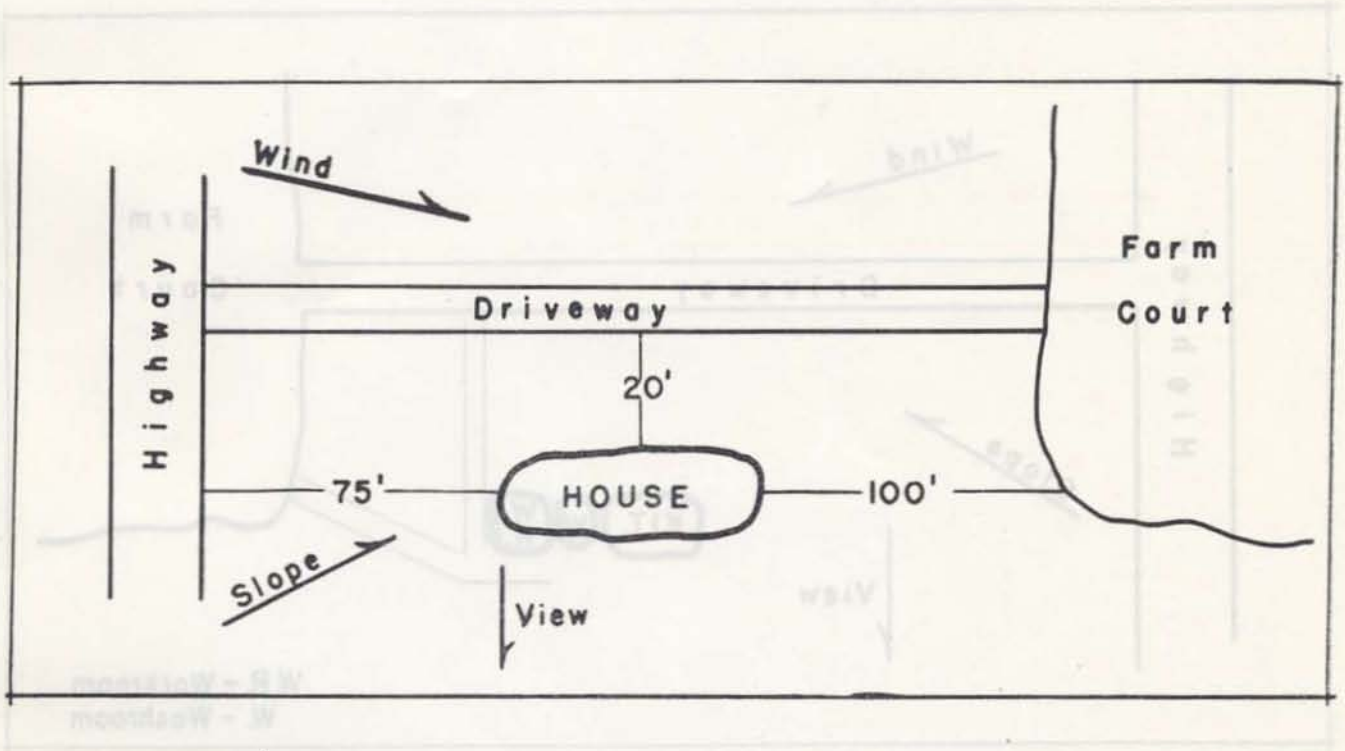
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# Locate the House RIGHT

You Will Live There A Long Time.



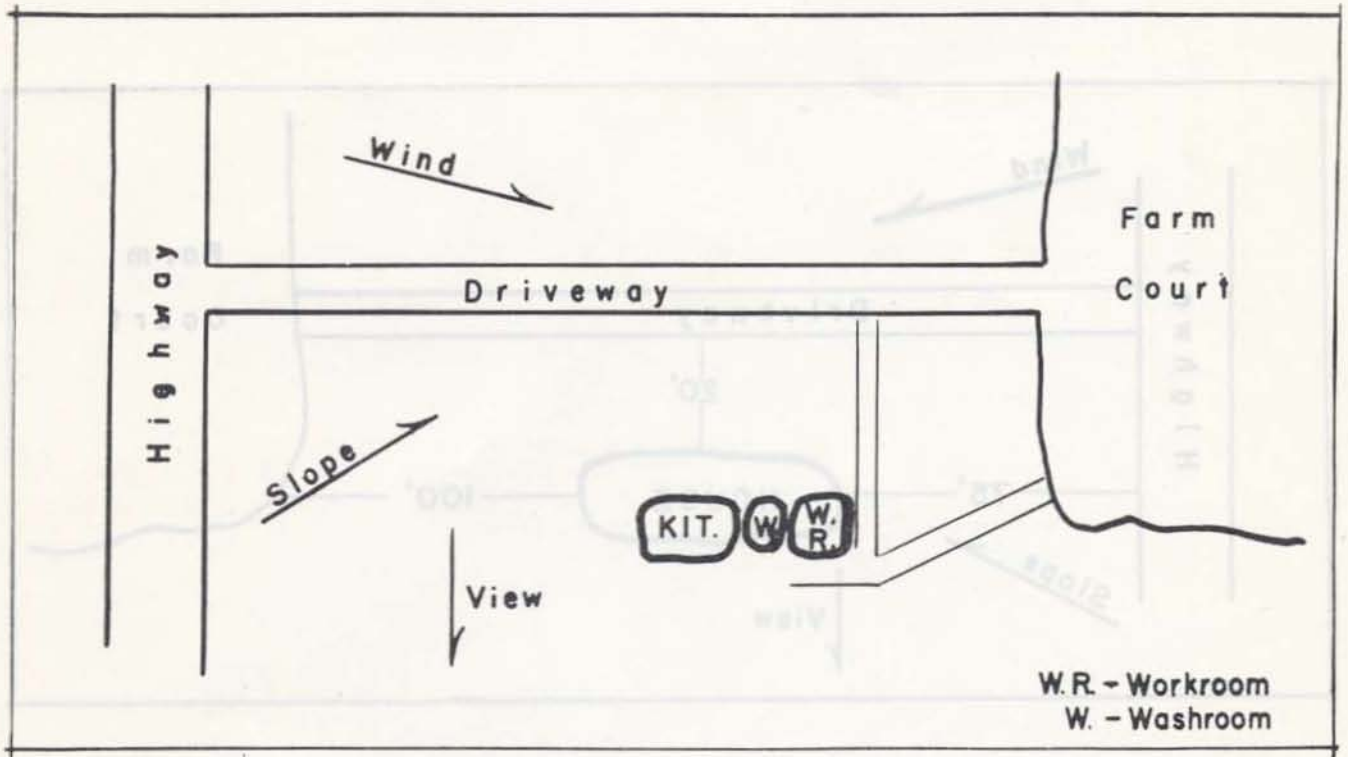
Place the house between the barn area and the road.

The house can go on either side of the drive.

Locate the house on a higher level than the drive if slope, wind direction, and view permit.

# Plan the Room Arrangements

Good planning means more convenience—less work—fewer wasted motions.



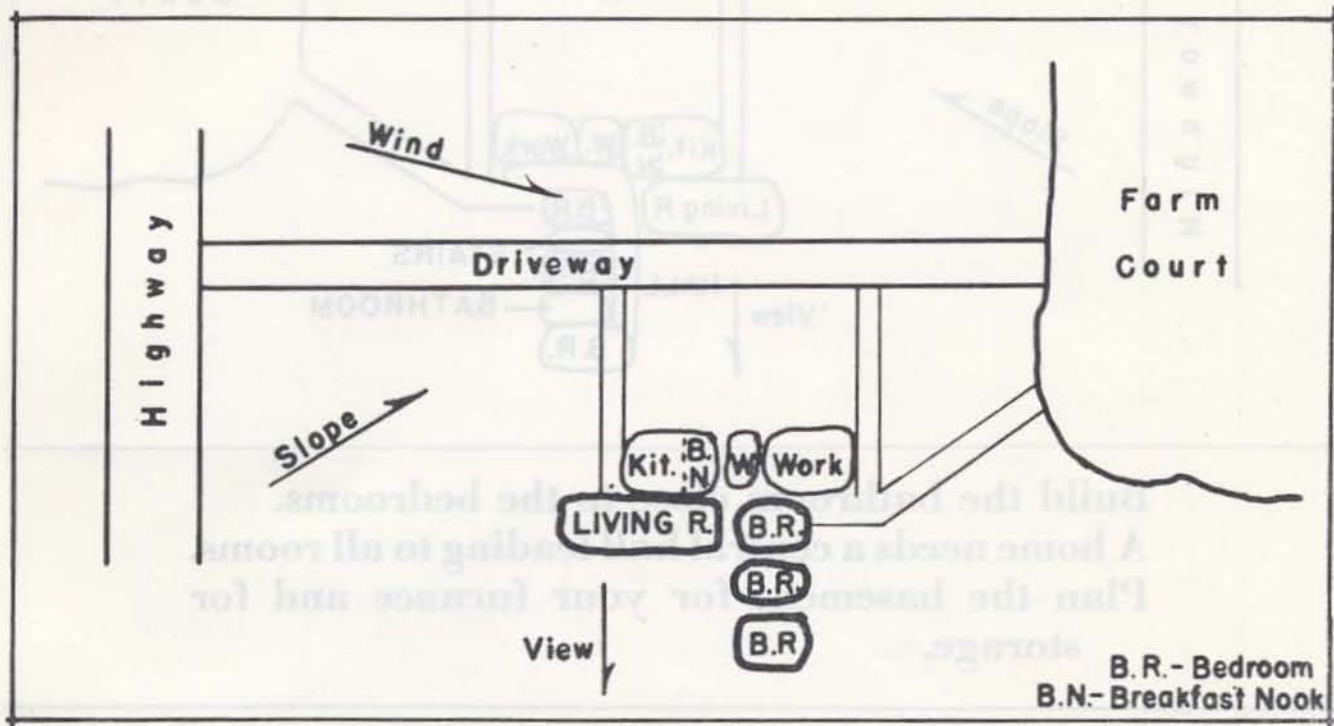
**Plan a workroom near the kitchen.**

**Locate the workroom between the barn area and the kitchen.**

**Have a washroom-restroom near the rear door, the workroom, and the kitchen.**

**Insist on a view of the barn area and the driveway from the kitchen and workroom.**



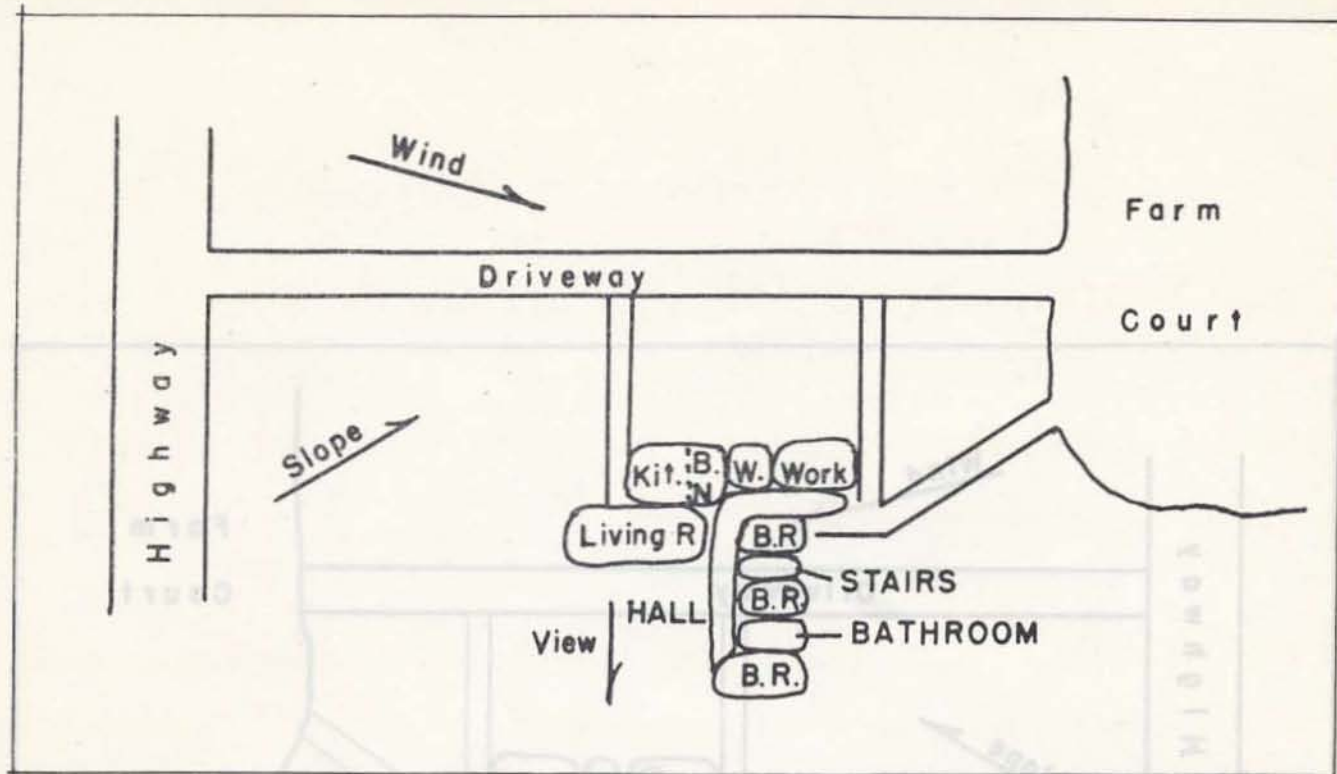


Plan a breakfast nook and a dining room near the kitchen.

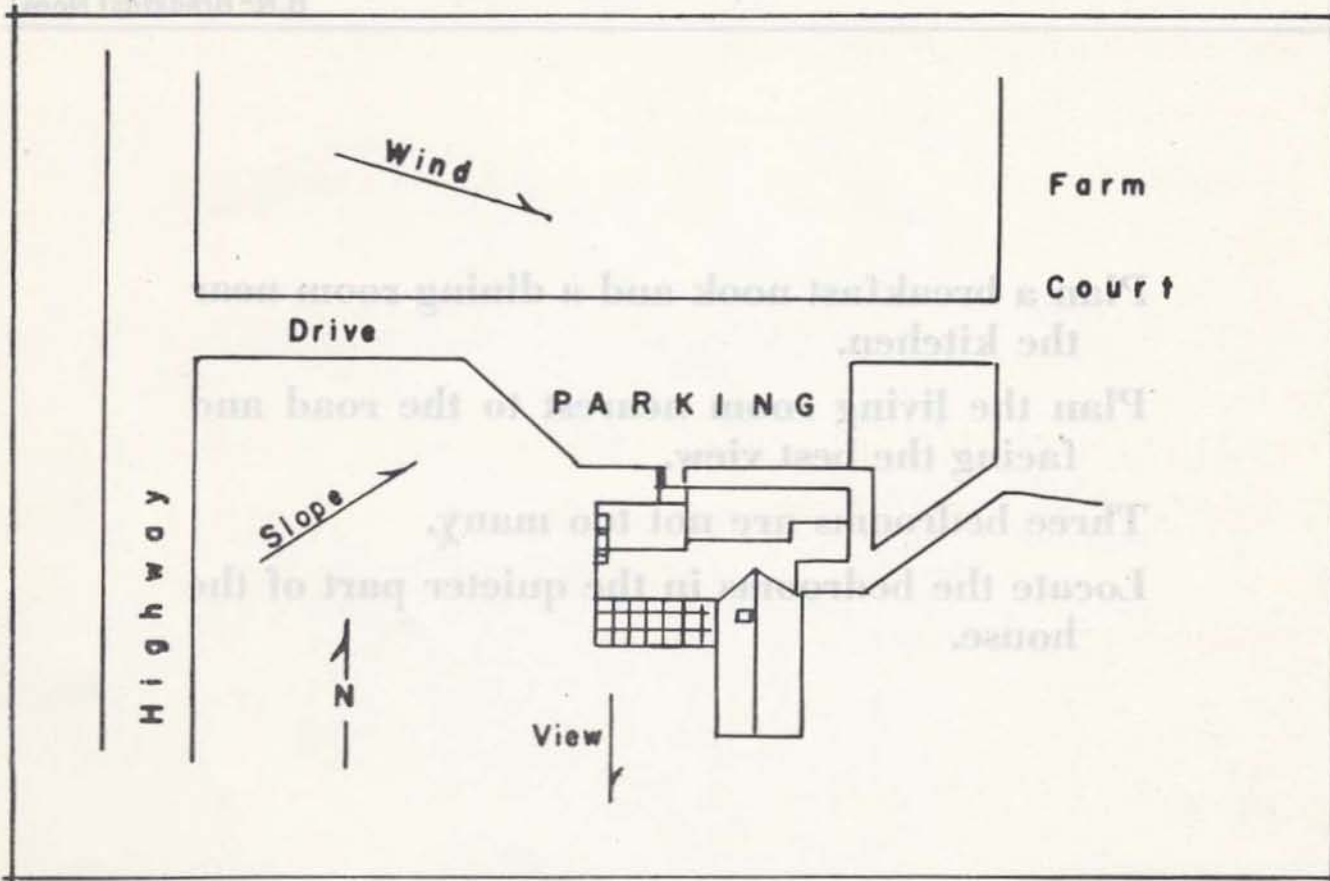
Plan the living room nearest to the road and facing the best view.

Three bedrooms are not too many.

Locate the bedrooms in the quieter part of the house.



**Build the bathroom close to the bedrooms.  
A home needs a central hall leading to all rooms.  
Plan the basement for your furnace and for storage.**



**Provide a parking area for your guests.**

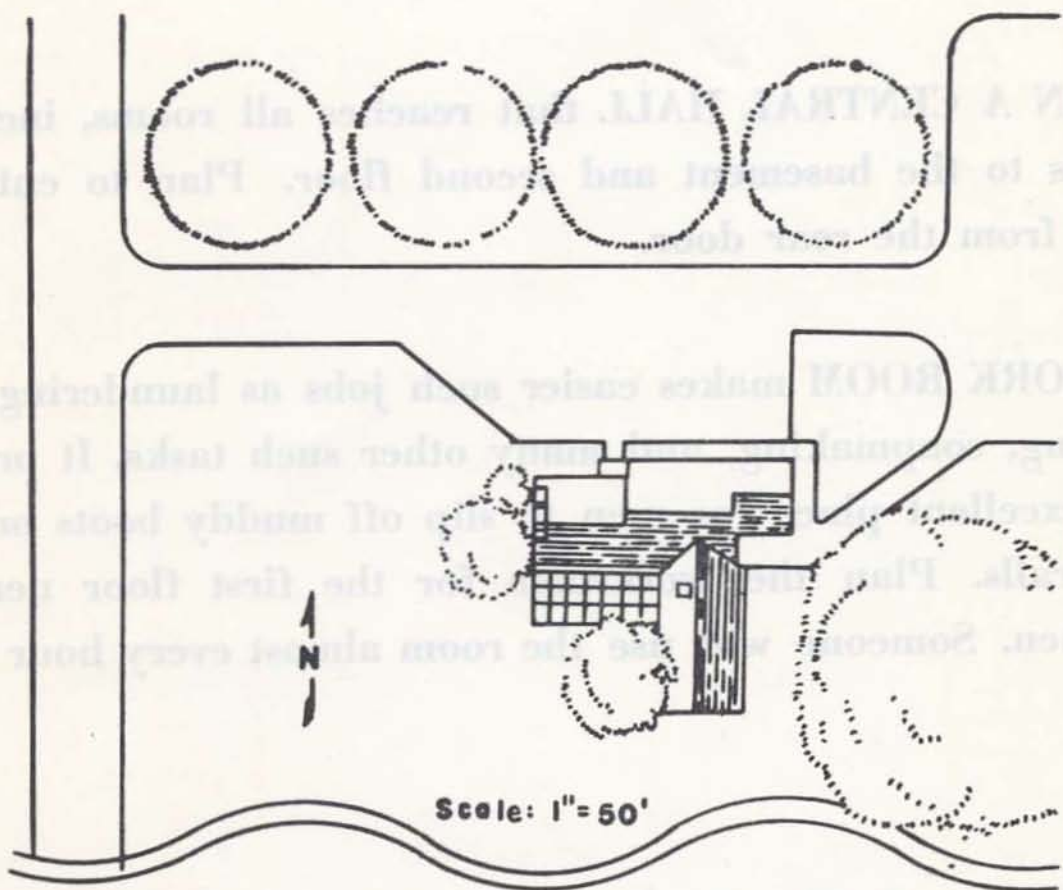


## **Three Features That Make A Farmhouse Different—**

- 1. MAKE THE FRONT DOOR FACE THE DRIVE** so visitors will come to the front door.
- 2. PLAN A CENTRAL HALL** that reaches all rooms, including stairs to the basement and second floor. Plan to enter the hall from the rear door.
- 3. A WORK ROOM** makes easier such jobs as laundering, meat cutting, soapmaking, and many other such tasks. It provides an excellent place for men to slip off muddy boots or dirty coveralls. Plan the workroom for the first floor near the kitchen. Someone will use the room almost every hour of the day.

**YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE ALL THESE IDEAS IN ONE PLAN. INCLUDE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE. THE MORE YOU CAN WORK IN, THE BETTER YOUR PLAN WILL BE FOR FARM USE.**

## Good Results Come From Careful Planning



Plot Plan

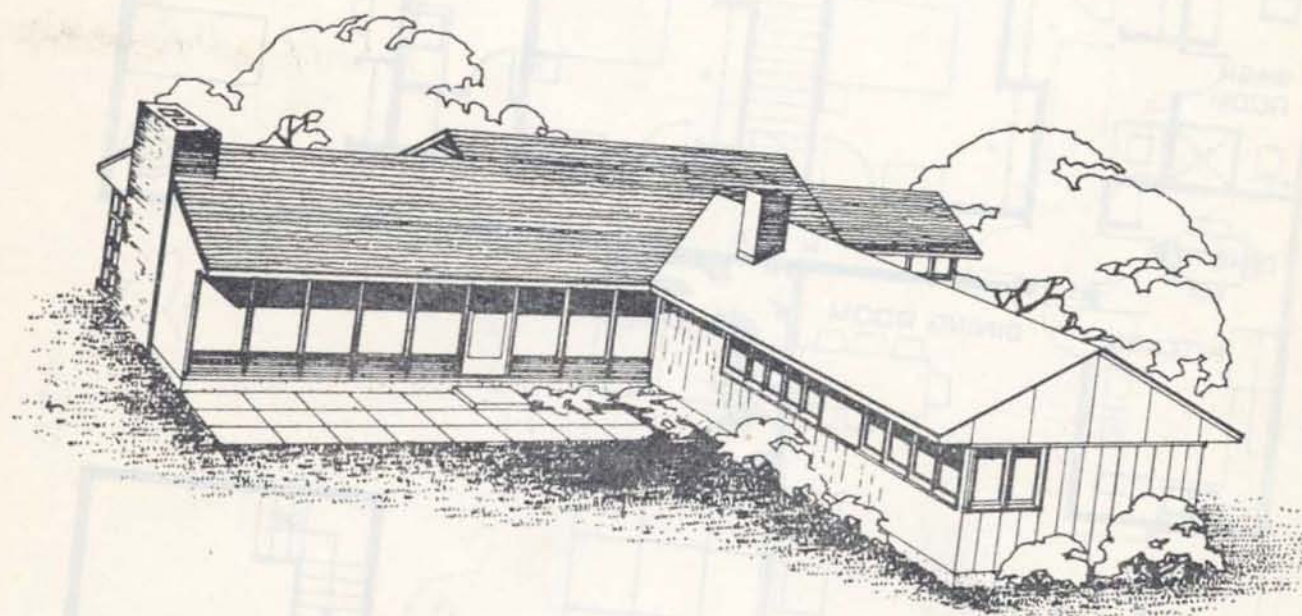




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The first floor can be built in  
any part of the year.  
The plan will save you a lot of  
trouble in getting a bedroom and the work  
done in one week. The plan is for a  
small house. The construction is  
simple.  
The house has a good plan and  
a good exterior.



(Adapted from State College of Washington Extension Bulletin No. 377 and Plan No. 80)

FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"