

Home of the Week Split-Level House Gives You Bonuses

High Ceilings, Play Room Featured

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A home that demonstrates economic advantages of split-level planning, as well as the glamor which this style adds to interiors, is shown in Design HW-1 for The House of the Week.

In every community, the split-level house is proving to be the most popular type of dwelling since one-story ranch styles take the show from two-story homes. This plan combines advantages of both one-story and two-story arrangements. When properly laid out, it adds three bonus features that its predecessors usually lack:

1. Extra high ceilings in living and dining rooms, rising nearly two stories high.
2. A sun-lighted and dry recreation room at grade level.
3. A garage in the house with a short driveway to the road—boons to be appreciated in bad weather.

Herman H. York, an authority on home architecture, prepared Design HW-1 partly as an answer to critics of the split-level. He calls this plan a logical answer to the way people live.

"We automatically divide our homes into day and night zones," York says. "Lately a third zone has developed. A lot of factors—television, hi-fi, increasing concern over adolescents, family hobbies, more home conveniences, traffic congestion and high prices for public amusement all have combined to center new interest in the home."

"This trend has created the third zone—a multi-purpose zone. The family room, recreation room, hobby or game room—whatever you choose to call it—is now highly important. One of the best ways to fit these three zones into a house on a modest piece of land is to use three levels for the three major uses."

For good looks, Architect York has used an unbroken roof line over this split level house. This, he says is his answer to critics level structures "look like two who have contended that split separate houses locked in mortal combat." His sweeping roof line avoids the appearance of a cottage bled to a two-story house.

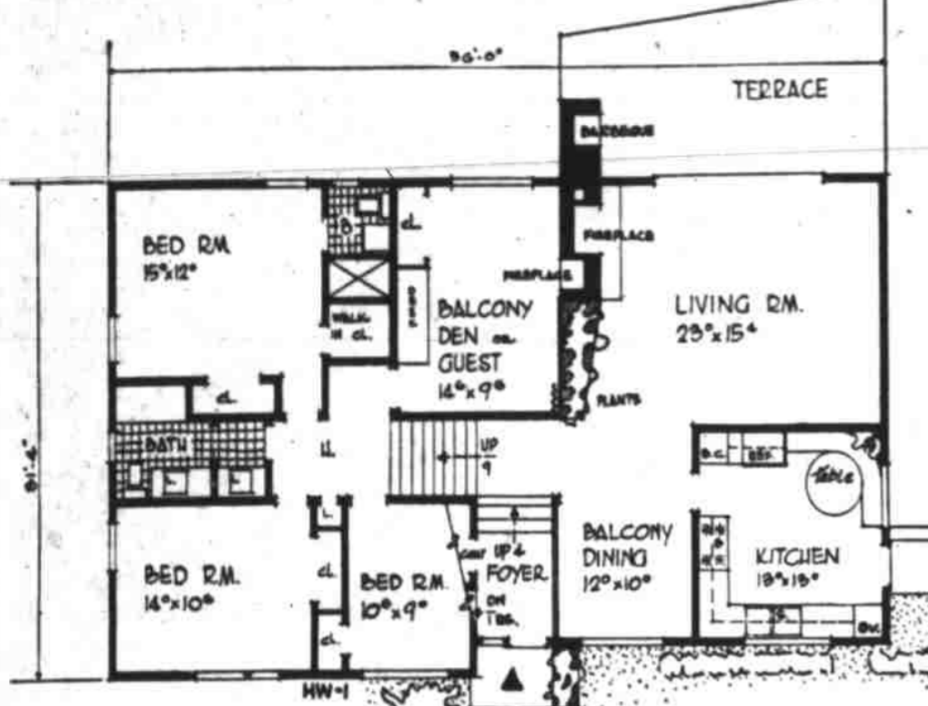
This plan comprises a unity throughout. From its front entrance foyer, where you find a convenient coat closet, you can go down one step into a big recreation room which has sliding glass doors to a rear garden terrace. This big room has space in a corner for a soda bar for the youngsters. There also is access to the garage and to a private lavatory. If you build this house with a basement under the living room, there are only seven steps down to an open cellar of 700 square feet.

From the foyer, you look up to a balcony dining room on the living room and kitchen level which is just four steps up from the entrance. The living room, measuring 23 by 15 feet, has a glass wall facing an upper garden terrace. The living room ceiling rises nearly two stories high at the fireplace wall. Here you can look up to a balcony den which is easily curtained off to form a studio bedroom for a guest.

You can have three or more fireplaces. In addition to the main



SMART STYLING gives this split-level house unity in design. The wide sweeping roof is covered with marble chips. Heavy butt shingles and vertical siding with panels of flush plywood distinguish the facade. Note vine trellis in front.



UPPER LEVELS, showing front entrance at grade with balcony dining room, living room and kitchen four steps from foyer. Bedroom level is nine steps up from living room. Three fireplaces and garden terrace are among features.

fireplace in the living room, the big chimney can accommodate flues for a barbecue fireplace on the terrace, a fireplace in the balcony den, and there is a good space for a fireplace in the recreation room.

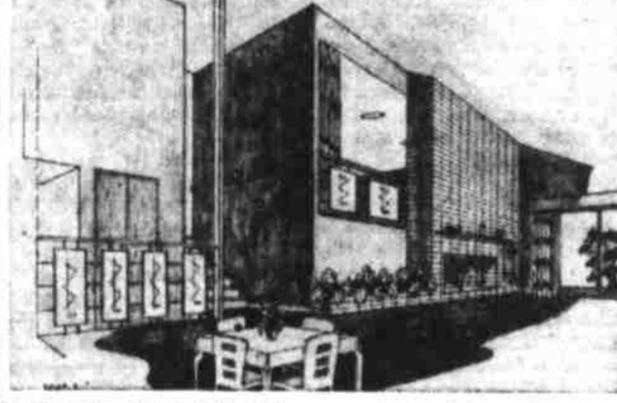
Big enough for a family needing three or four bedrooms, this house has two complete bathrooms in addition to its extra lavatory. One bathroom serves the master bedroom and has a stall shower. The other is a divided bathroom with a spare lavatory in its entrance alcove, separated from the other facilities by a sliding door.

A semi-circular breakfast nook is a feature of one corner of the big kitchen. This room is planned for a maximum of modern equipment. There's a place for a wall oven, an electric sink under front windows, separate top burners, a broom closet, large refrigerator and ample work counters. This is a plan for comfortable living.

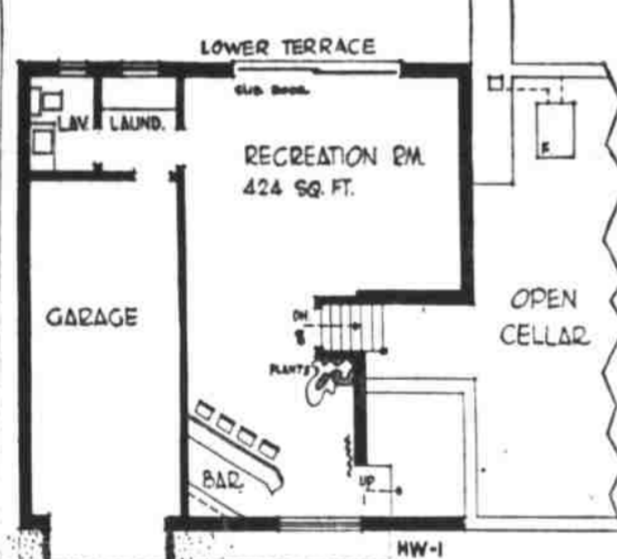
Furniture Easy To Redo Outside

When purchasing chairs be sure the rungs are firm, although a good glue will solidify an otherwise sturdy chair. If cane is broken, consider the chair's value to you before your purchase. It. Recaning is expensive. Rush seats are less expensive to replace and you might be able to do them yourself.

Summer is an ideal time to visit the used furniture market, country auctions, and to brighten up things you corral. Sanding and paint removing may be done easily and safely outdoors.



FIREPLACE WALL of the living room, showing balcony den above. Glass doors to upper terrace are in right background. Railing at left separates dining space from foyer.



LOWER LEVELS include large recreation room with sliding glass doors to lower garden terrace. This room is one step down from foyer. Optional basement is seven steps lower.

Some Types Patios Are Inexpensive

It is patio planning now. Get your ideas down on paper, as summer building weather is almost here.

Your patios can be modest or elaborate, large or small. Patios can adjoin the home or be completely separate installations.

Here are a few ideas for simple and inexpensive patios adjoining the home: The simplest is a terrace floor of brick, flagstone or fir two-by-four just big enough for a few lounging chairs, a bridge table or a snack table. If you use wood, allow for drainage underneath and lay fir two-by-fours with space between each one to let hose water drain away.

Next step is to add a wooden louvered screen to keep off sun glare. Four-by-four posts of fir or cedar will support a simple screen built up of one-by-six or one-by-eight inch boards. Permanent wooden benches with comfortable backs can be installed along one or more sides of the patio floor. Portable barbecues work well or you may have time and money to build your own barbecue pit. Study prevailing winds before you locate it, to keep smoke from blowing into guests' faces. Build it to suit need of the sun—cool or hot.

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POLES HAVE AVERSION

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