

Home, Garden, Travel

By Lillie L. Madsen

House of the Week

Split Level Has Hospitality Porch



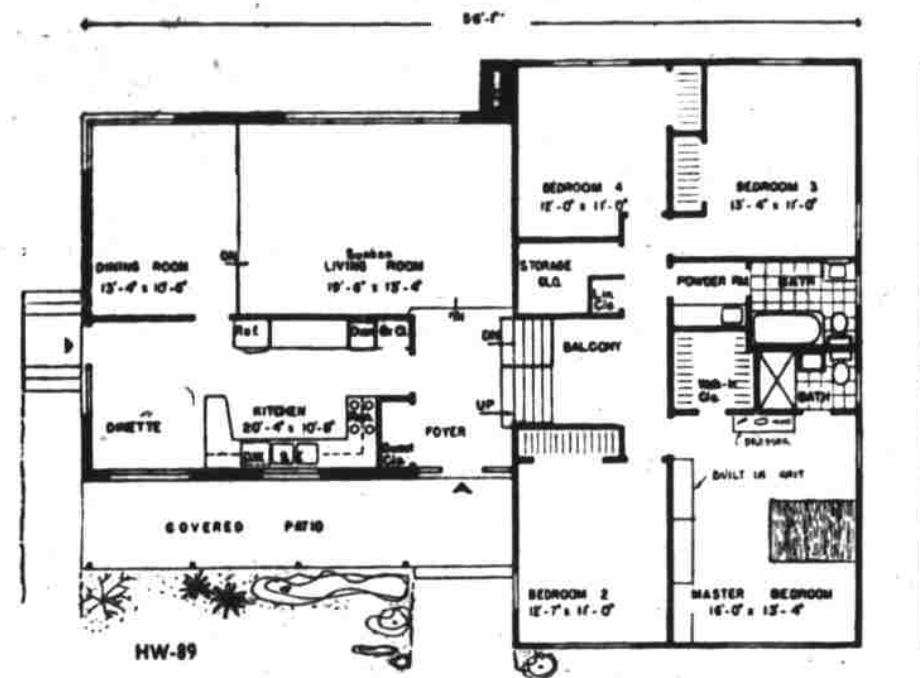
THE SIMPLICITY AND HARMONIOUS proportions of this fine American house are shown in this exterior perspective.

Lots of Space Provided in Typical Home

By JOHN O. B. WALLACE
Many a Midwesterner will find nostalgic satisfaction in this fine American house by an eastern architect.

A split level, ticketed as HW-89 in The House of the Week series, is reminiscent of the two-story farm homes with one story wings and wide front porches that still dot the plains in that part of the country that I come from. Its simplicity and harmonious proportions add to one's good feeling about it. But don't let appearances fool you. Samuel Paul of Long Island, New York, not only has provided more room than you might expect, but has incorporated in his plan a host of ideas that weren't even wild dreams in the long ago days when those comfortable farm homes of which I spoke were constructed.

Over Country
The split level, actually, is something that developed in the past, only to make its way west to nearly every part of the country, just as the ranch house as made triumphant conquest of the Atlantic seaboard. Both are distinctly American. With its antecedents, therefore, Paul's design can be called typically American indeed. You can count it as a nine and a half room house if you will, with two and a half baths plus recreation or family room. There's lots of space for a good big family.



THE FIRST FLOOR PLAN of the house does not show ground level areas. They include an open cellar, recreation room, two-car garage, lavatory and laundry room.

Also, privacy for the parents from rambunctious children.

Guided Tour
Let's set foot on the hospitable porch, ring the bell and step inside.

Hanging our coats in the cloak closet, we find ourselves in a well lighted and ample foyer that leads directly to nearly every part of the house.

We turn to the left and find an efficient but gracious kitchen with U-shaped installations, two sinks, dishwasher, refrigerator, built-in oven, counter top-range, an abundance of natural wood wall cab-

inets, floor cabinets and broom closet. There's an eating counter and a space for the woman of the house to do her bookkeeping and phoning.

Just beyond is the breakfast room. A right turn from it and we step into a good sized dining room.

Large Living Room
Facing to the right once more, we look across from balustrades to the large living room, 19 feet 6 inches by 13 feet 4 inches. Its rear wall, nearly all glass, gives us a fine view of the garden.

Sunken a foot below the level of the rest of this wing, it is thus set off very definitely from dining room and foyer. The sunken floor sits little because the floor simply is framed between the steel beams instead of on top of them.

Now we turn right to make the circuit of the living room wing, step up into the foyer, and then mount five steps to the bedroom wing. Right ahead of us is the door of the powder room, leading to the main bathroom. The master bedroom at the front of the house has another bath, a walk-in closet and a storage wall. Besides three additional bedrooms there is a storage closet, linen closet and balcony.

Garden Gabbing

By GARDEN GADDER

CLOSE TO HOME—We didn't gad far this week but we heard and saw a lot. We just walked around the corner to the YMCA and sat in on the Salem Rose Society meeting. There was a good turnout of visitors and members but we thought of a lot of others who might have benefited from it too.

HOW TO PRUNE—Ollie Schendel, an ardent rose society member gave a good demonstration on pruning. He used some of the rose bushes on which to demonstrate, which were later given away as door prizes.

Said Ollie: "Some of you may be afraid to prune away the nice lush growth that is coming out now. But when pruning time comes around in late February or early March—this can just as well be pruned away. It's just tuffs at the tops of the bushes. It takes around 30 days to develop a show rose from date of pruning. . . . Pignisk gloves are about the best to use. They stand a lot of abuse and yet are pliable. . . . Raspberry cane borer is working on rose bushes. It is wise to paint over cuts with any good garden paint or grafting material. If you leave the top cuts bare, the borer will probably enter and later on you'll be asking what is wrong with the bushes. . . . A carpenter's apron is one of the best to wear for garden work. There is plenty of pocket space for tools and things. . . . Leave three to five good canes. If your bush is prone to crawl, bring it together by leaving inside buds when pruning. . . . Don't send away for your rose bushes. They've probably made one trip across the country. Buy them where they are grown in the first place."

THEN CAME MRS. SCHOEN—the national vice president of the American Rose Society. She came down from Vancouver, Wash., to discuss roses and she was entertaining as well as informative. She is no stranger to Salem—as program chairmen like to remark—she has entered a number of Salem rose shows—and won. She said that the new beginner in rose culture usually started out his collection in one of three ways: 1, he picks them from the beautiful colored pictures in catalogues, without any study of their adaptability to the place they are to grow; 2, he picks colors to blend with color scheme of home; or he tells the fellow that is putting in his lawn to "go buy a dozen or so roses and plant over there."

ALL WRONG—The first method of choosing a rose bush is wrong. "I like fairy tales, too, but I don't guide my life by them," was the way Mrs. Schoen put it. The second method is obviously wrong because sometimes roses don't come in those colors—or they may not be the roses that are suited to the place. The third method—well, Mrs. Schoen didn't think that this gardener should plant roses—or garden, for that matter—in the first place.

MAKE UP YOUR MIND WHICH—She listed three kinds of growers and told her listeners to make up their minds to which class they belonged before they began selecting their roses.

There are those who grow for exhibition only and care about no varieties which will not produce exhibition blooms. There are those who don't care whether they ever see a rose show so long as they can pick nice blooms for their own home, their office and their friends. The third class is a combination of the first two.

ROSES FOR SALEM'S AREA—for the grower who both likes to enter an occasional show and who likes quite a bit of bloom for home use, too. For these, Mrs. Schoen listed: Ena Harkness, a good red; McGredy's Yellow, and Mrs. Sam McGredy, a coral pink. Both of these have lasted for 20 years and are still good. Crimson Glory (the parent of Ena Harkness, Harkness also comes in as an excellent climber).

Peace, never a failure; Pink Favorite; Burnaby, a light yellow; Saturated; Josephine Bruce (deep velvety red); Summer-time, a big rose; Lady Elgin, an orange tone; Golden Melody; Montezuma.

ROSES FOR CUTTING AND GARDEN DECORATION—Audie Murphy headed this list. Then came Queen Elizabeth, Eclipse, Mojave, Fred Edmunds, Picture, which should be planted with the Vigor; Michelle Mignon.

THE OH, MY ROSES!—There are those varieties which do not produce an abundance of roses, but the blooms that do appear are unusually fine. In this class Mrs. Schoen listed: Sam McGredy, Ulster Monarch, Charles Mallerin, Bristol Robe, Carl Hurst.

AND THE FLORIBUNDAS—which Mrs. Schoen said have come to stay and "they have a definite place in the garden."

Here she mentioned Moulin Rouge, a vivid red which loses its foliage well in the winter (a decided point in its favor, she said).

Then—Wildfire, Little Darling, China Doll, Baby Alberic, Scarlet, Oregon Centennial.

Calendar Of Events

- Feb. 3—Salem Garden Club meeting, 2 p. m. Salem Woman's Club House, Cottage Street.
- Feb. 4-5—Florist and Nurseryman's Short Course, OSC.
- Feb. 9-March 2—Azalea and Camellia Show, Chicago Park District, Chicago, Ill.
- April 13-Mt. Angel Primrose Show, Juliana Dehler, chairman.
- April 15-May 15—Tulip Time in Netherlands.
- Nov. 21-23—Northwest Home Builders Association, Marion Hotel, Salem.
- April 23-27—Multnomah County Spring Garden Show, Gresham.
- June 6-7—Salem Rose Show.
- June 7-8—Vancouver, Wash., Rose Show.
- June 7-8—Corvallis Rose Show.
- June 11-15—Portland Rose Festival.

Fireplace in Corner Gives Big Problem

A corner fireplace usually presents problems in arranging furniture. If one does not care whether he sits up close to it, just ignore it, decorators tell us. If one does want a grouping in front of the fire, use two comfortable chairs on each side facing it, or a curved sofa or sectionals. But if one prefers a view window or television to be the center of interest rather than the fireplace, place the comfortable furniture elsewhere. Or perhaps the room is actually large enough to have two groupings? One of the greatest problems with a corner fireplace is the carpeting. A regulation large rectangular rug will be impossible for a corner of it will jut out awkwardly toward the hearth. Such a room usually requires an all-over carpeting or a large oval rug. If the flooring is attractive and the furniture grouping permits it, an area rug in the center of the room could be a good carpet solution.

East Considers Giving Rebirth To Erie Canal

Those to whom Erie Canal sounds like a page out of an old history book will be glad to know that the New York State Legislature is now struggling with a proposal to make a living museum and tourist attraction of a two mile strip along the old historic canal.

Answers to Garden Questions

Question—Received two African Violets for Christmas. These are my first and don't know how to take care of them. Were in good bloom when I got them. Now they've stopped blooming now. S.S.

Answer—African Violets must have almost constant moisture. Water given them should be room temperature. If you water them from a saucer, the water may be even warmer. Cold water shocks them and frequently stops their blooming. Let water soak up from bottom until soil surface is damp but not soggy. Do not let them stand in water. Rewater when topsoil shows slight dryness, which could be very other day or even every day, depending on many factors such as type of soil, type and size of pot and room conditions. Feed every two or three weeks with fish emulsion, according to directions on the fertilizer package. African Violet fertilizer can be bought in special packages, but any fish emulsion will serve plenty of light if not direct, hot sun.

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Installation of Garden Group Officers Due

Mrs. Lue A. Lucas will be installed as president of the Salem Camellia and Rhododendron society Tuesday night at the January meeting of the group.

Answers to Garden Questions

Question—Wish I could answer this, so far as late frosts are concerned. Certainly wouldn't set out any geraniums or other tender plants yet. We could still have some pretty severe weather. Biggest snow storm I ever saw here in the valley started on Jan. 31 and lasted a couple of weeks. But there have been winters with very little more frost than we had this year so far.

Answers to Garden Questions

Question—We are having relatives visit us in May or June. They want to come during the rose show time and possibly during the spring flower season in Victoria, B. C. Could you give us some of these dates so that we could advise them? They have to plan their vacations quite a while ahead. D. C.

Answers to Garden Questions

Question—Have a Chrysanthemum given me at Christmas. It is beginning to fade now. Should I set it out? L. F. S.

Answers to Garden Questions

Question—When is best time to transplant and trim roses? I've bought new plants with good rose buds (we were told) but it is mess now. Rose bushes tall and old of weeds. Would like nice ones for spring shows. G. H.

Answers to Garden Questions

Question—Can transplant any now that weather is not too hot and soggy. Would not prune established rose bed until late February. See rose information in Garden Gadding on this page. You could pull out weeds any time you can get soil without being too full of moisture so you pack it down.

Question—We are from Minnesota. Came out to live in late September. Hadn't understood that you get through winter without some killing frosts and snow. It safe to set out geraniums? Or will there be late frosts? C. S.

Question—Have a little tree I started from a seed. It was doing well and now all of a sudden it began to turn brown around the edges. I lifted it out carefully and

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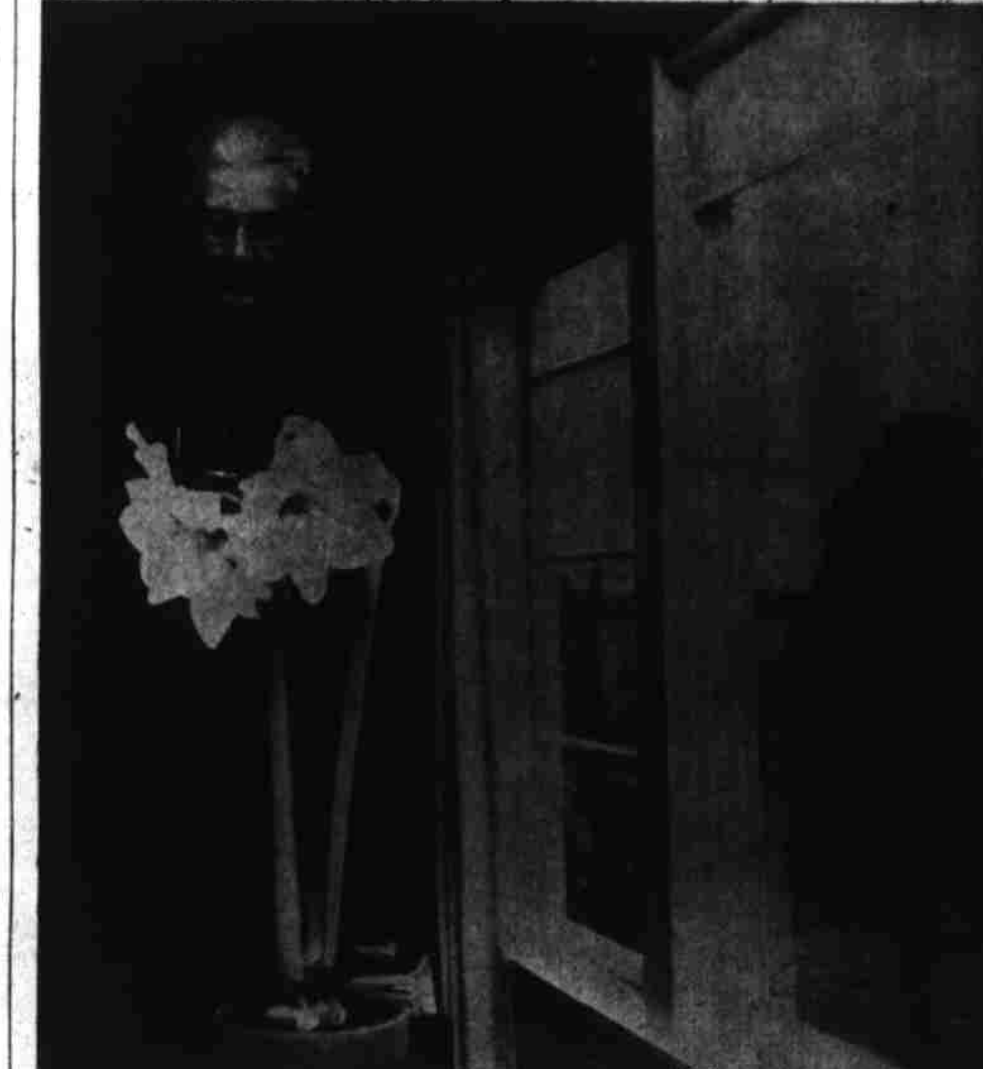
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Amaryllis in Fourth Year of Bloom



Actually, Ray J. Bunnell, 410 Eastwood Dr., says this amaryllis is the work of Mrs. Bunnell. She grew it and he admires it, he said. It is now in its fourth year of bloom. (Statesman Garden Photo)

Valley Winters Permit Wandering in Gardens

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Garden Editor, The Statesman
Today (Thursday) as I'm putting my garden page together, it is rainy and chilly and I'm wondering if we'll have winter weather after all.

Wood Particle Floor Tiling Under Study

Floor tiles made from wood and cork particles are being studied by Oregon's Forest Products Research Center in Corvallis.

Want to Save Trees

The Bunnells bought 10 acres of ground out on Eastwood Drive, and they still own all of them. Between the front lawn and Eastwood Drive there's a small grass acreage which they also still own but rent out. It keeps anyone from building in front and spoiling the view. In the back, a lawn and garden about the size of half a city block stretch toward the "woods." There are three acres in this woodlot, which "everyone always wants to cut down. It's funny how many people can only see board feet and dollars in a tree," Ray explained. He and Irma have been planting all kinds of flowers in these woods—native ones, and

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