

# THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

New Concept in Living!

## Trim Ranch With Twin Living Rooms

**Unique House Also Features Inside Gallery**

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An adequate living area is the goal of any home. When you have a home with two living rooms, you know it's been designed for maximum living, and if this has been accomplished without an airport-sized plot, you have a design achievement.

This, happily, is the case with The House of The Week, HW-72. It has unusual features to recommend it to the home buyer looking for something special but at a price within his means. You can build this luxury house and still stay out of the luxury price range because it has a total of only 2,118 square feet.

This handsome ranch house was designed by Architect Alan Wood Fraser. Here are some of its features:

Three bedrooms. The master bedroom is 16 feet by 13 feet. Two baths. They're back-to-back for ease of plumbing installations.

The two living rooms! One is 20 feet by 15 feet. The other, for informal living, is on a higher level and is well over 400 square feet in area. Its actual dimensions are 21 feet by 21 feet.

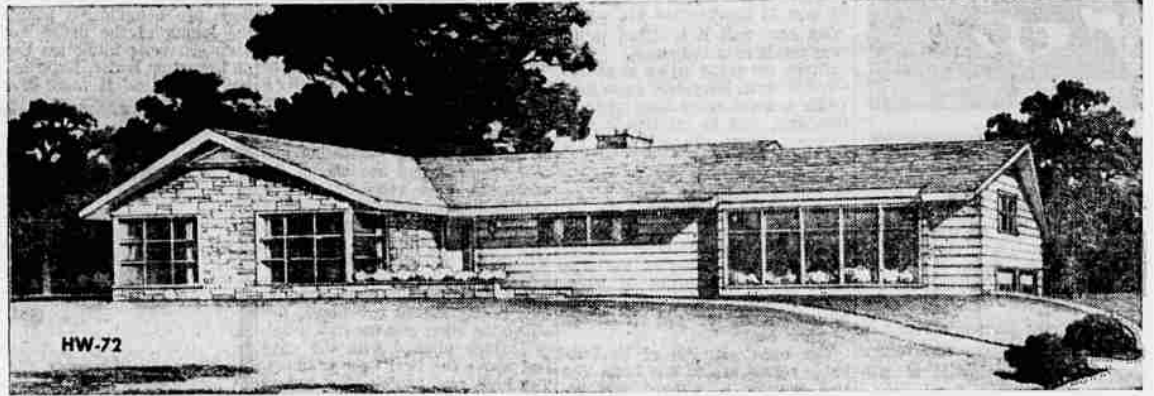
The dining room. It is below the informal living room and has an outside view through a large bowed-out window.

A roomy kitchen. It has a snack bar ideally suited as a breakfast nook for the modern family.

A two-car garage. It's on a lower level, at one end of the house.

An interior gallery! This is a unique contribution to the features of this home and can be put to many exciting uses.

A flagstoned entrance patio. This



HW-72

THIS SEVEN-ROOM house has two living rooms, an interior gallery and smart styling throughout.

**Statistics**

The overall dimensions of The House of The Week, HW-72 are 70 feet by 38 feet, 4 inches. The main level of the house has 1,572 square feet. The informal living room area has 546 square feet.

is a practical feature and also adds a mark of distinction to the exterior design.

This house lends itself to any locale and any climate. It is a year-round beauty for any American, anywhere.

The exterior design has been meticulously executed. The size, windows add unusual charm to the styling of this house; fullest use is made of all natural light sources.

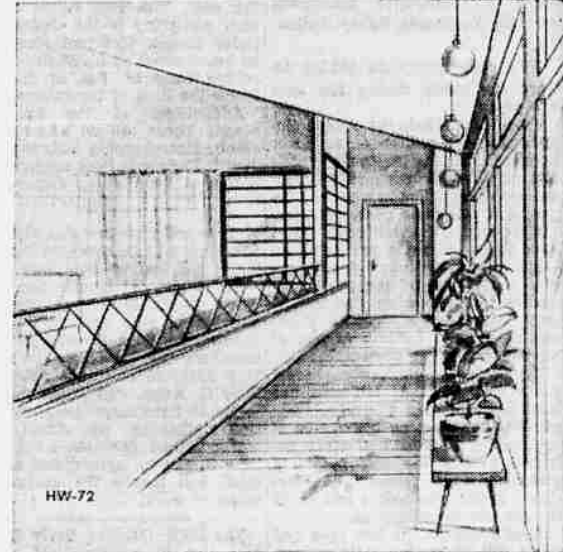
Flagstones, used on the entrance patio, also have been selected as exterior surfacing material for the front of the bedroom wing. Horizontal wood siding, asphalt shingles and a decorative

overhang on the roof add contrast. A flagstone wall extends from the corner of the bedroom wing to make an enclosure for the entrance patio.

Inside, there is a center hall. An angled lattice wall is a modish touch between the front door and the living room. The latticed wall also forms a vestibule which enlarges the apparent space of the living room but at the same time maintains the center hall plan.

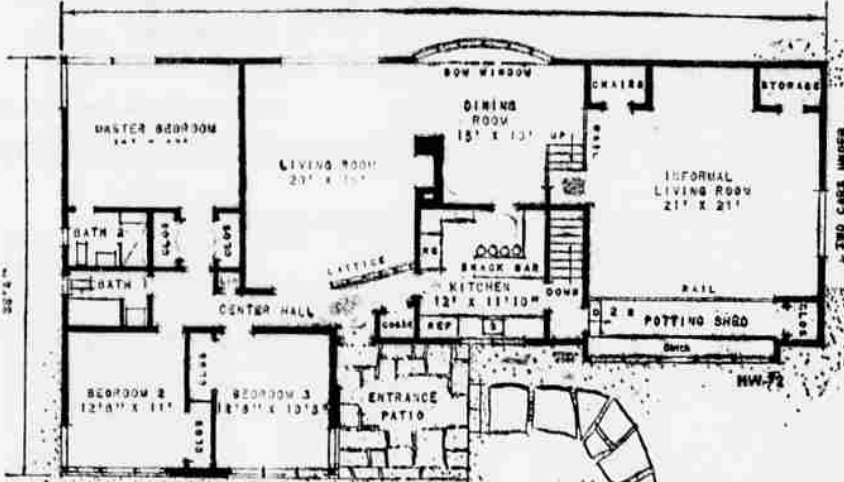
Each of the three bedrooms has corner windows, good wall areas and spacious wardrobe closets. Double closets in the master bedroom form an unusual entrance; they also serve as insulation against noise from other parts of the house.

One bathroom is convenient to the center hall. The other, with a stall shower, is private for the master bedroom. A lavatory for the living areas could be installed in the corner of the informal living room marked "storage" on the floor plan.



HW-72

AT THE FRONT of the informal living room is the gallery; its uses are varied.



A TWO-CAR GARAGE is located under the elevated, informal living room.

A graceful, open stair takes you from the dining room to the higher informal living room. A wrought iron railing gives a balconied effect to this room.

A striking feature of this house is the gallery. It has a "two-story" window exposure, offering a wide and high vista. The gallery floor is reached by going down two steps from the kitchen hall. An openwork railing separates the gallery from the informal living room.

There is a closet at one end of the gallery for storage purposes, and there is ample space for the hobbyist to move around below in the gallery. In this plan, a bench has been placed for potted plants. This area could serve as an indoor greenhouse. But it also could be used for other purposes. The "two-story" windows would provide abundant natural light for sketching and painting. The gallery has a cement floor.

easy to keep clean. The gallery's uses could be as varied as the interests of the homeowner. Also, there is space for an optional door from the outside leading into the kitchen and down into the gallery. The basement could be finished into still another living area. There is space, too, in the basement for an optional fireplace.

The kitchen, nearly square in shape, combines ease-of-work area and room for a family snack bar. The L-shaped counter area is convenient to the dining room.

Throughout this comfortable, spacious home, full advantage is taken of the views at both the front and the back. The dining room captures the rear view through a huge bow window. The living room next to the master bedroom has a picture window nearly 10 feet wide. The master bedroom has corner windows—and the front bedrooms have full scale windows.

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