

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Hospitality Porch Graces Efficient Split Level

Plenty Of Space
Is Provided In
'Typical' Home

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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, it 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.

The split level, actually, is something that developed in the east, only to make its way west and to nearly every part of the country, just as the ranch house has made triumphant conquest of the Atlantic seaboard. Both are distinctly American.

With its antecedents, therefore, Paul's pet 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. Also, privacy for the parents from rambunctious children.

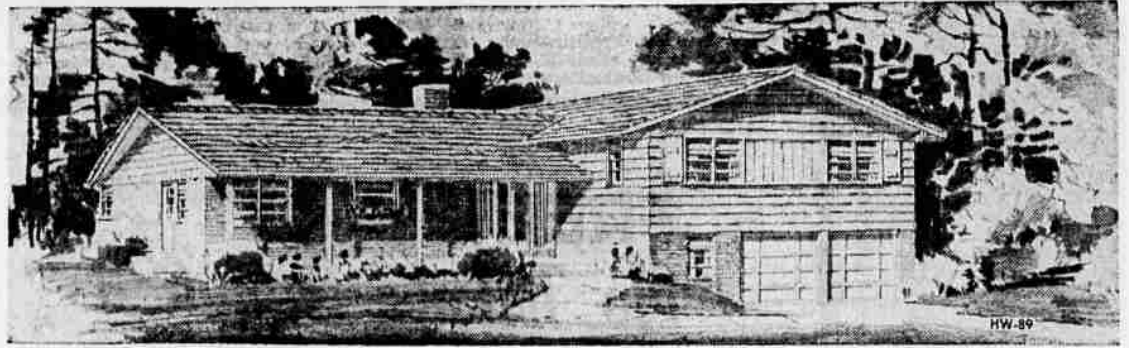
Let's set foot on the hospitable porch, ring the bell and step inside.

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 cabinets, 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.

Facing to the right once more, we look across iron 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.



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

Statistics

The necessary figures, to aid you in computing the building cost of the House of The Week HW-89:

There are 1,840 square feet on the living room and bedroom level, 475 in the recreation room and 504 in the two-car garage, laundry and lavatory.

The overall dimensions of the house are 56 feet 1 inch by 41 feet.

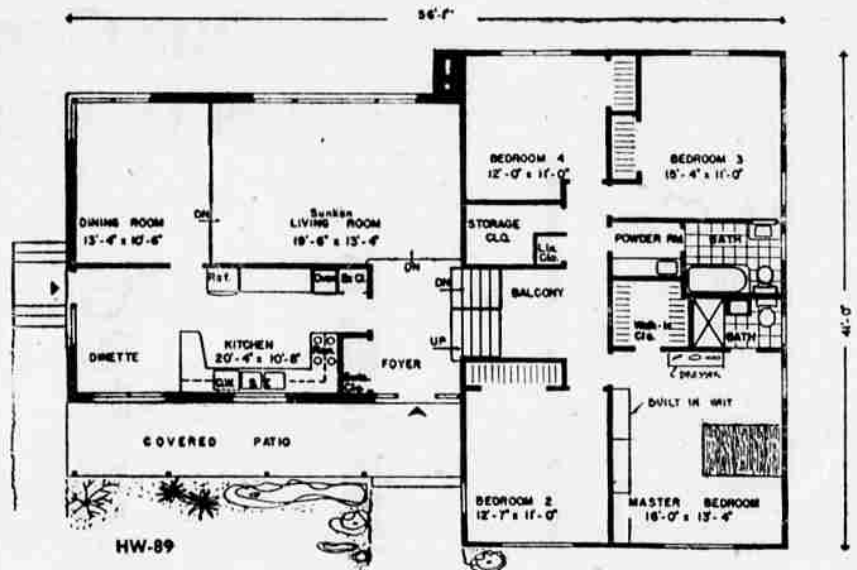
Sunken a foot below the level of the rest of this wing, it is thus set off very definitely from dining room and foyer. The sunken floor costs little because the floor simply is framed between the steel beams instead of on top of them.

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.

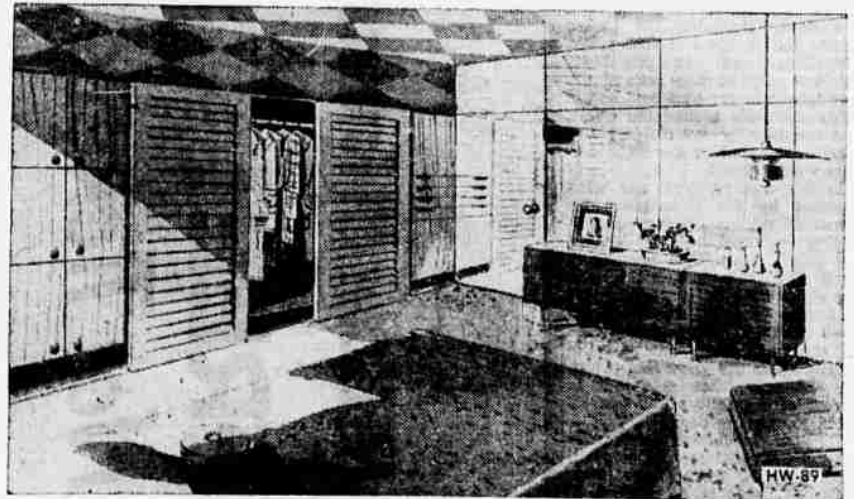
From the foyer also one descends to a truly enormous recreation room, integrated with an outside terrace to the rear. The garage of course is on this same level, along with laundry and lavatory. The open basement is another five steps down.

And how does the architect feel about all this?

"I attempted," explains Sam Paul, "to portray in the exterior design the quiet, gracious living to which the interior design lends itself. The exterior reflects a simplicity and honesty reminiscent of the early American style. The layout invites maximum living comfort and enjoyment."



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.



THIS INTERIOR VIEW of the master bedroom looks toward the built-in closets and the floor-to-ceiling mirrored wall.

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