

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Here's the ABC of Good Design

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The ABCs of this house stand out: it's Attractive, Balanced and Compact.

The artist's rendering testifies to the design's attractiveness. There is a pleasing blend of materials, a gracefulness of line, a satisfying compromise between two-story height and low-slung ranch in the efficient split-level construction.

The balance is apparent in the floor plan. None of the main areas of the home encroaches on the others; each is fully developed and uncramped. The three bedrooms on the sleeping level are all of generous size. Living and dining rooms are big but not overpowering. The kitchen is just right for efficient work without unnecessary steps. There's a den-family room on the ground level for children's play and relaxation.

And the house is compact. The living and sleeping levels contain 1,153 square feet of habitable area. The den-family room adds 274 square feet for a total of only

1,427.

X-83 in the House of the Week series was designed by Architect Samuel Paul. It has three bedrooms, 1½ baths, "L"-shaped living and dining room with kitchen set inside the two arms of the "L," and den connected to the rear terrace by sliding glass doors. The garage is neatly tucked away on the ground level underneath the bedroom level.

Squeezed Foundation

In order to gain extra floor area, Architect Paul extended a series of cantilevers out from the basic foundation wall in the bedroom wing, living room and kitchen. The result is larger floor area on a smaller basic foundation, thus decreasing expensive excavation and concrete foundation work.

The living room is located so that its major section is off the main traffic path. The focal point is the large picture window combined in the cantilevered bay with a built-in storage unit for TV, hi-fi, bar, record, book storage and heat-

er unit. This projecting bay gives interest to both the exterior and interior of the house while at the same time saving valuable floor space for furniture.

Borrowing Space

The dining room is open to the living room and directly accessible from the kitchen. The "L" arrangement allows dining and living areas to borrow space from each other while retaining their individual identity.

The kitchen is another of X-83's prime assets. It provides space for a wall oven, refrigerator, counter top range and full sink cabinets along with a considerable amount of countertop and cabinet space. On top of this, it is large enough to comfortably accommodate a table big enough for the entire family. There also is a rear door opening onto the back porch.

The kitchen is another of the areas profiting from the cantilever technique, since the area it gains by projecting beyond the rest of the rear wall makes the difference between comfort and congestion.

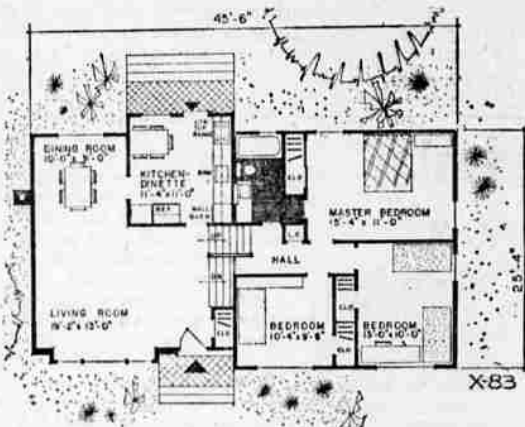
Private Bath Entrance

The bedroom wing contains three large and well planned bedrooms, each with an abundance of closet space. The large family bath is accessible from both the hall and the master bedroom, giving the master a private entrance to the bath, if not the luxury of a true private bath.

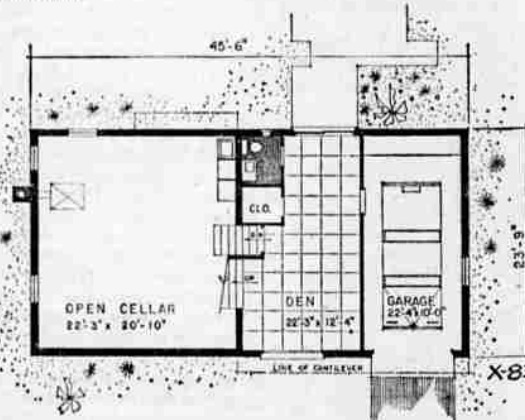
On the ground level below the bedrooms is the den, with big storage closet, a lavatory handy to

terrace entrance, and the garage. The cellar, a half-level below the den, provides space for heater and laundry as well as plenty of room for additional storage.

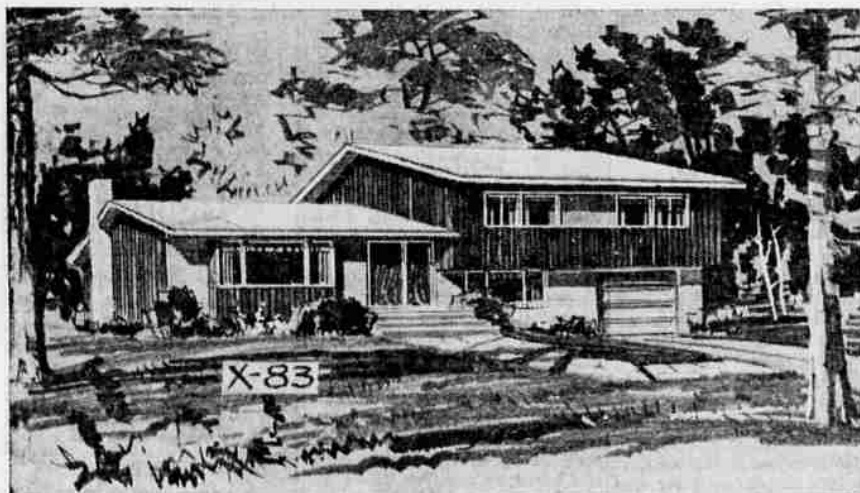
The architect suggests an exterior finished in brick veneer and natural vertical wood siding. The double gable roof should be of light blue asphalt shingles, thus creating an interesting color contrast among the three basic materials. Over-all dimensions are 45' 6" width, by 25' 4" depth.



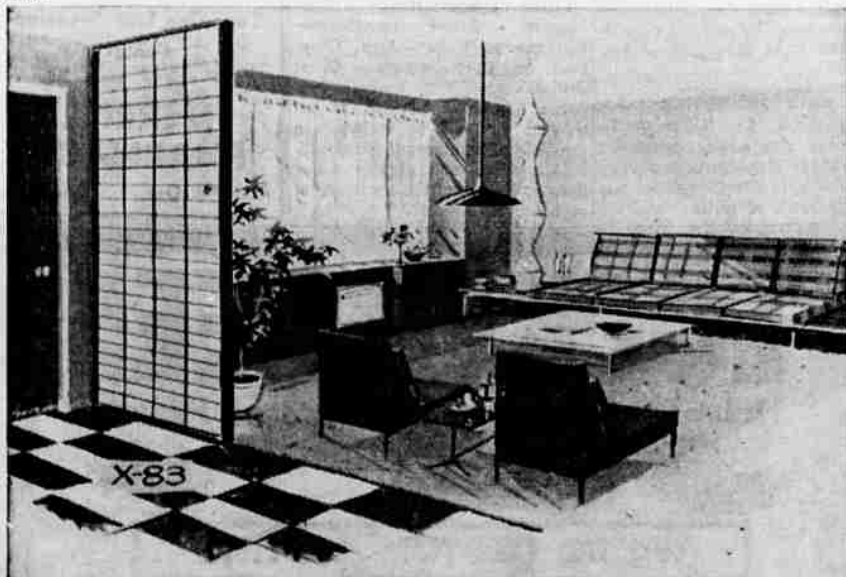
LIVING AND BEDROOM LEVELS: Furniture outlines show comfortable size of all rooms. Note the two entrance to main bath.



GROUND AND CELLAR LEVELS: Location of garage saves money and adds convenience.



SPLENDID SPLIT: Doubled gable roof and satisfying blend of materials give this contemporary split-level a warm, inviting appearance. The home has three bedrooms, 1½ baths.



GLAMOR IN THE LIVING ROOM: Artist's view looks from kitchen across living room to bay window, with its built-in TV and hi-fi cabinet. Use of screen sets off area of living room as a foyer, a decorating device aided by use of contrasting floor coverings.

BUSY BEATER
BOSTON (UPI)—If you live to be 70, says the Massachusetts Heart Association, your heart has beaten more than 2½ billion times and has pumped more than 100 million gallons of blood through your body.

IN THE MOOOOD
NORTHFIELD, Vt. (UPI)—Each month Mr. and Mrs. Roger Conant and their seven children consume a total of 256 quarts of milk. In fact, the Conants have installed a 24-quart dispenser in the kitchen.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER
Edward Everett, former president of Harvard University and senator from Massachusetts, made the principal address at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg, speaking for about two hours.

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