

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Seeking Status? 9-Room Split Has Everything

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If you've made your mark and are now a full-fledged status seeker, here's a house guaranteed to make folks believe you're a millionaire.

In addition to conferring status, it will also make living a pleasure.

Actually, Architect Rudolph Matern designed X-84 in the House of the Week series simply to provide complete comfort to a large family of six to eight persons—of one or two generations—and that grand appearance just followed along naturally.

The architect also attempted to make it an "end" house, one that has no expandable sections nor is a stepping stone to a still larger house. This home is complete and expected to satisfy all family demands right from the start. Its five bedrooms make it a home that would be hard to grow out of.

An incidental feature, advantageous for some, is the fact that the on-grade level is a natural for a professional office-at-home for doctor, dentist, lawyer or engineer if that need is stronger than the demand for living space.

Bigger Than Average

X-84 is bigger than the average new home. It has nine rooms and 3½ baths. Its bedroom and living



FOR TWO-CAR FAMILIES: There are nine big rooms in this handsome split level home. An outstanding feature is the

levels offer 1,926 square feet of habitable space with another 430, not including garage, on the recreation room level. There also is a basement.

One of its most impressive features is the 1½ story entrance porch. On the outside tall columns, double doors, dropped lights and planters add to the impressiveness generated by size. The foyer inside continues this appearance of elegance with an extra high ceiling, masonry walls, an elevated planter, and a large open stairwell leading up to the bedroom hall and down to the inviting recreation room.

Impressive Views

Careful design has provided a powder room at the front entrance, a luxurious view from the foyer across living room and through glass doors to the covered rear porch, and a utility room and laundry linking family room-kitchen with side door.

"Too often a family complains it just doesn't have room to spread out and enjoy living," says Architect Matern. "For those who insist on space and can afford to have it, this house would be most satisfying."

Rooms Are Large

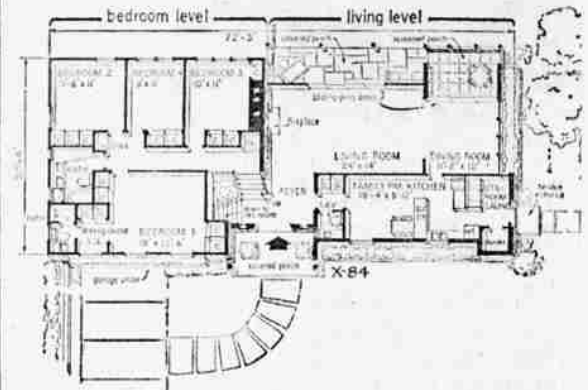
An example is the sense of spaciousness a person would get standing in front of the fireplace looking across living room and the in-line dining room—a distance of 35 feet.

Three bedrooms run across the rear of the sleeping level. A large master bedroom with dressing alcove and private bath takes up the entire front wall. The family bath is centered in the side wall at the end of the bedroom hall.

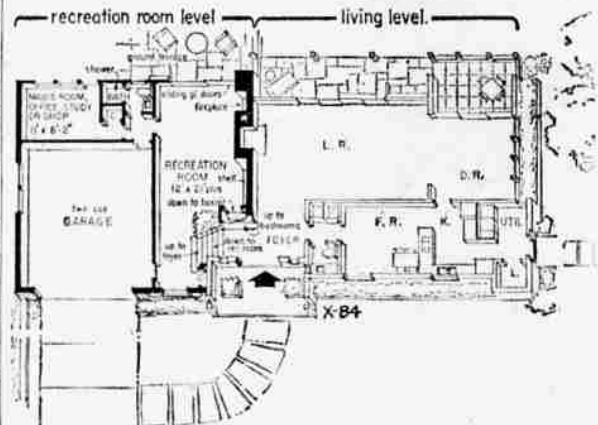
Downstairs, another bedroom and bath lead off from the end of the recreation room. If not needed as sleeping quarters, this bedroom could be fitted out instead as office, study or shop. The recreation room is 21 feet long, with its own fireplace and sliding glass doors looking out on ground level terrace.

The exterior is a pleasing combination of vertical wood siding and brick veneer with trim hipped roofs.

impressive entrance porch, which is pleasingly Colonial and modern at the same time.



UPPER LEVELS: Diagram of bedroom and living level shows generous size of rooms. Area of these two sections is 1,926 sq. ft.



GRADE LEVEL: Heavy lines mark off recreation room level, with fifth bedroom that could serve as office, study or shop.

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Decor Of White House

CHICAGO (UPI)—When it comes to furniture, the White House is un-American, says Arthur L. Margolis, a furniture man.

Margolis, vice president of a company (Dearborn) which manufactures Early American reproductions, believes at least one of the 107 rooms in the President's home should be furnished in this style.

"There are sideboards after Sheraton, chairs after Chippendale and tables after Hepplewhite, all Englishmen," he said. "But nowhere in the White House can you find a representative exhibit of our American folk art of cabinet making."

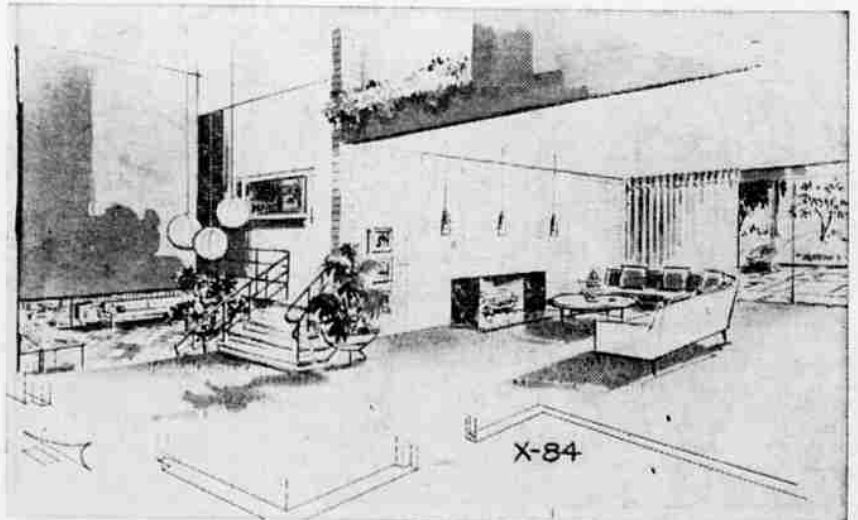
The few Early American pieces in the Executive Mansion are vir-

tually hidden by European imports, Margolis said, and the famous Blue Room looks more like the inside of a palace than the President's house.

"The only way you can identify it as American is by the United States seal repeated throughout the room," he said. "The furniture is all imported from France."

TAKE HEART

LEXINGTON, Mass. (UPI)—It's not always the end if you have a heart attack. Mrs. Louis C. Lerner has survived 243 of them. Before surgery corrected her condition six years ago, Mrs. Lerner had heart seizures repeatedly for 20 years.



GRAND FOYER: This cutaway view shows stairway up to bedroom hall and part of recreation room on lower level. Ceiling above foyer is 11½ feet high. Artist has removed wall that borders foyer on right and part of kitchen wall to show more of living room.