

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Ideal Setting For Graceful Living

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How would you like to build a house with practically everything?

From the footbridge over the garden pool to the front-to-rear flagstoned foyer gallery, this plan has the enviable combination of beauty and space that is the ideal setting for graceful living.

The habitable area is 2,392 square feet, large by almost any standard. But if you can stretch the budget—or think someday you will be in a position to build the house you really want—you'll need the Study Plan for B-5 in the House of the Week series.

It was designed by Architect Herman H. York, who decided to include in this plan not barely adequate but fully satisfactory space for a modern large family.

To insure an end to circulation problems, he started off with two foyers—one in the front and another at the rear, the latter sunken two steps for glamorous appeal. Four bedrooms are in the wing to the left of these connecting foyers.

L-shaped living and dining room



COMFORT ON A GRAND SCALE: This large ranch home features a foyer gallery which runs from front all the way to the rear of the house. There are four bedrooms, large

kitchen and dinette, luxurious living-dining room "L", and a family room.

open to the right of the front foyer and a huge 13 by 17-foot kitchen with balconied dinette and U-shaped work counters overlooks the rear foyer. The family room is one step down on the far side of the dining room, connected by sliding glass doors to the great luxurious rear terrace.

The home has 2½ baths on the first floor and provision for a third full bath on the basement level in conjunction with a possible maid's room and recreation room.

Exterior has been given a Colonial air, with 12 and 16-light windows, cross-hub main entrance doors and "gingerbread" treatment

at garage windows. Wood shingles, stone veneer and vertical boards and battens under the front eaves add to the atmosphere.

The over-all width of the house is 31 feet. Depth is 45'2".

Additional Details

One of the many areas of opulence is the master bedroom, a 14 by 17-foot room with full private bath and two walk-in closets. It also has sliding glass doors which lead to a bedroom balcony a few steps up from the garden terrace.

The other three bedrooms are all good-sized and one of these has a walk-in closet. The main bath is handy to all three and has a pair of vanities separated by a sliding door.

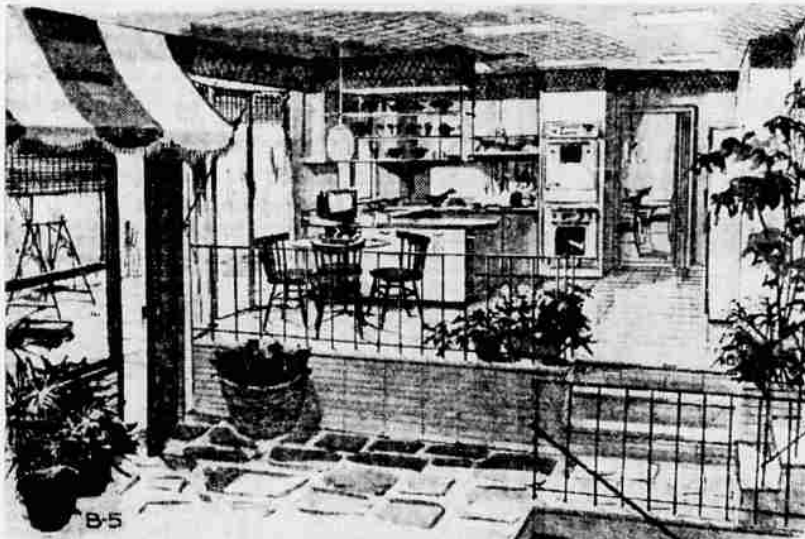
Desk in Kitchen

Wrought iron railings accent the glamor of the kitchen, dinette and rear foyer area. The bow window insures full visibility over the terrace and a corner is set aside in the kitchen for a planning desk.

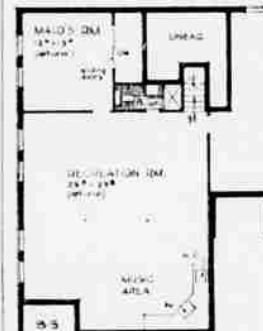
Only a difference in level and a railing separate the dining and family rooms, so these two have a visual length of 34 feet.

The architect suggests a departure from the usual rectangular shapes in the development of the outdoor area behind the house. He has plotted a free flowing terrace with picnic table and outdoor grille at the family room end and a shallow pool opposite the kitchen.

The two-car garage is extra large to make room for a work bench and storage of garden tools.



DREAM KITCHEN: Artist's conception looks across the sunken rear foyer to dinette and kitchen. Stairs in the foreground lead to basement recreation room.



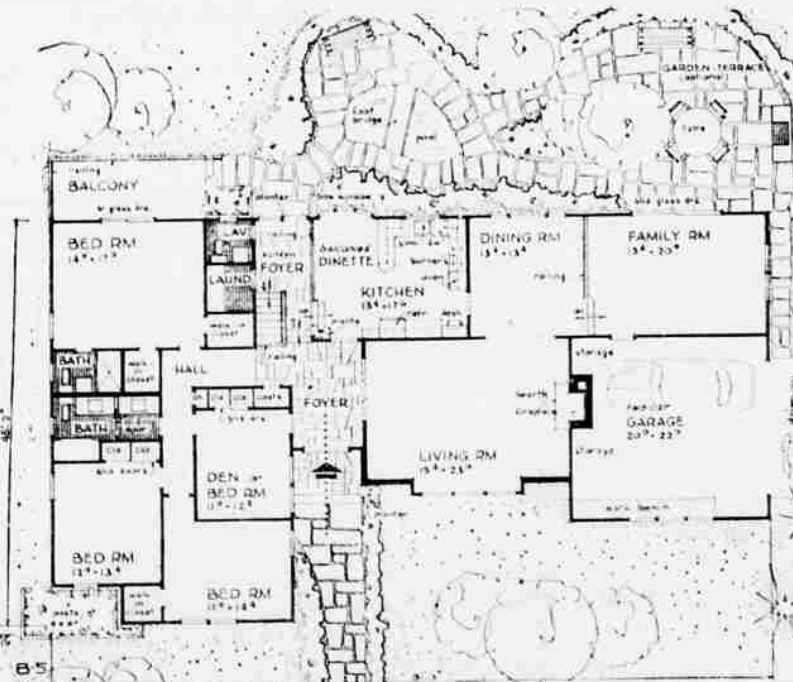
BASEMENT PLAN: Here's suggested development of the basement area.

B-5 STATISTICS

With eight rooms on the first floor, this ranch home offers 2,392 square feet of livable space on the main level. Recreation room and maid's room can be developed in the basement.

There are 2½ baths on the ground floor and provision for another full bath in the basement. Two-car garage is attached.

Over-all dimensions are 31' by 45'2".



FLOOR PLAN: Foyer arrangement is both glamorous and practical. Note the handy location of laundry room and lavatory at the rear and the private balcony off the master bedroom.

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