

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

A House With Room At The Top

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In a middle-sized home too small to contain a recreation room on the ground floor, the setting for teen-age record rumbles and informal adult entertainment is usually in a basement playroom.

This works out fine, if the site permits a perfectly dry basement, if the foundation permits adequate light and ventilation, and if your esthetic sensibilities are not offended by entertaining in the cellar.

A basement playroom is not the only solution to the problem of where to find the extra space, however. There's another way—cheaper than building a wider house although not as inexpensive as sprucing up the basement. Architect Herman H. York suggests this different solution is moving the informal entertaining area to the second floor.

He advances the concept in B-36 in the House of the Week series of distinguished architect-designed homes. A wide shed dormer in the back makes room in this house for a large 22½ by 25½ foot "sky room," complete with raised hearth fireplace, beamed ceiling, and sliding glass doors leading to an open-air sun deck.

Off the sky room there's a bath and a guest room. The plan is conceived so that this area need not be developed immediately. Until it is, the family can make out nicely downstairs with three bedrooms and a bath and one-half, inviting living room and dining room, and roomy kitchen-dinette.

Additional Details

The habitable area on the ground floor is 1,452 sq. ft. The optional space upstairs is 871 sq.

B-36 STATISTICS

There are six rooms on the main floor of this 1½ story design, with three bedrooms and 1½ baths. Special feature is provision for development of a "sky room" recreation and entertaining area on the second floor, with open sun deck.

Living area of the ground floor is 1,452 square feet. Second floor adds 871 sq. ft. Over-all width is 71' 8" by 34' 5".



SOMETHING NEW: It looks like a conventional ranch from the outside, but this 1½ story design has an unconventional second floor with a "sky room" for family

use and informal entertaining. There are three bedrooms downstairs.

ft. Over-all width of the plan with two-car attached garage is 71' 8" and depth is 34' 5".

From the front the home has a ranch look, because the upstairs dormer shows only from the rear. Entrance is set in to provide weather protection for the front door, which opens on a foyer. The arriving guest immediately gets an impressive view across the long living room and through its window wall onto the terrace.

To the right of the foyer is dinette and kitchen, with efficient U shape. Access from kitchen to garage is ideal, and basement stairs are also handy.

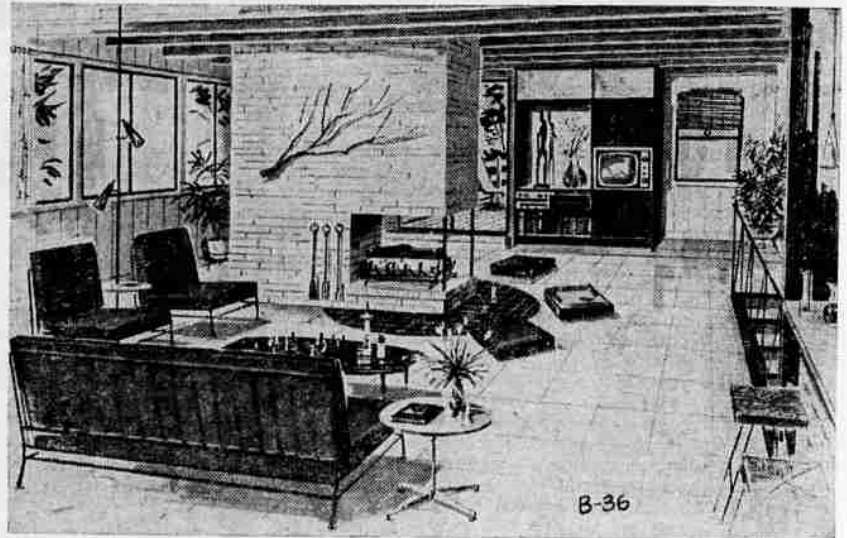
In the rear of the house, dining room adjoins the living room around a peninsula fireplace which highlights the living room without hogging wall space. Sliding glass doors lead from the dining room to a small covered porch, equipped with outdoor grill, and then the open terrace.

Bedrooms are down a center hall from the foyer. Main bath is side-by-side (for plumbing economy) with the half-bath serving the master bedroom.

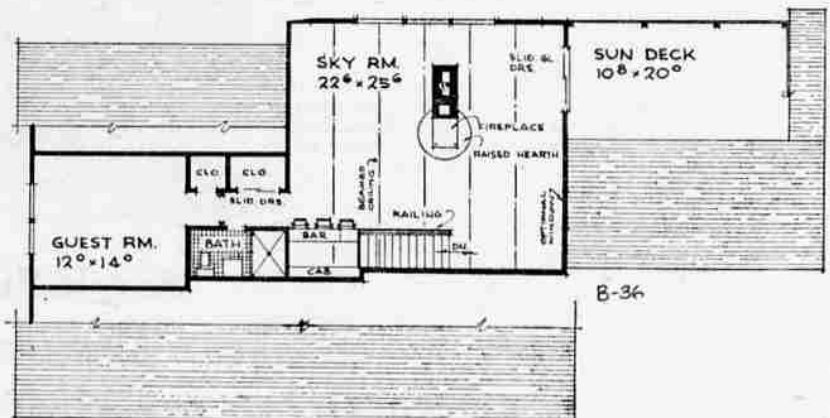
Stairway to the sky room adds an attractive design note to the foyer area and is centrally located for easy access from any part of the house.

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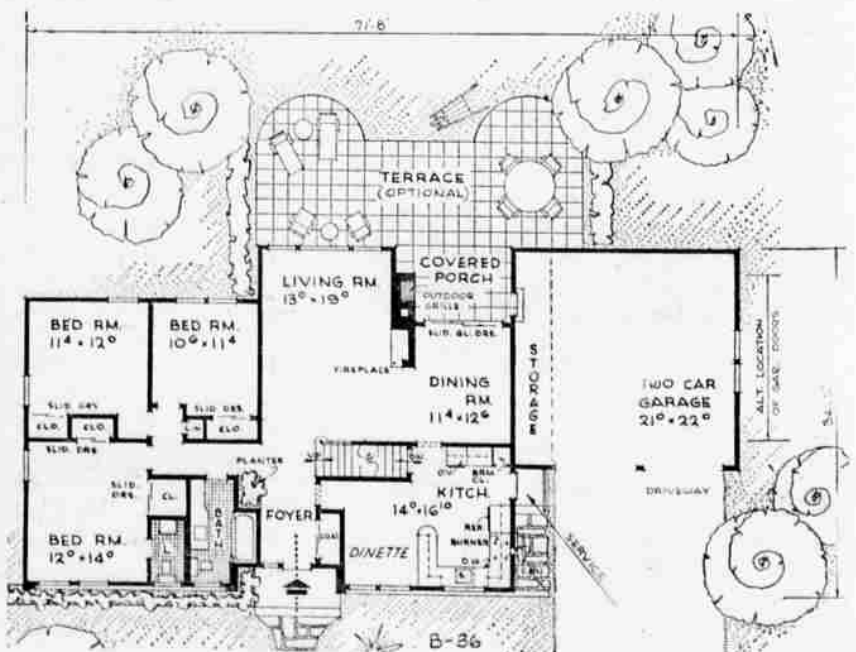
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MAIN FLOOR PLAN: Foyer insures good circulation pattern and relationship of living and dining rooms is especially pleasing. Master bedroom has private one-half bath.

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