

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Unusual Split Has Living Room Glamor

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A different approach to basic split-level style produces a balconied dining room and glamorous living room in this eight-room home.

The design has three principal levels, not counting the basement, just like the usual split. However, the living room—usually on the middle level with dining room and kitchen—has been dropped down to within two steps of the first level. This creates a dramatic relationship between dining and living rooms which is emphasized by liberal use of decorative wrought iron railing.

Architect Herman H. York, designer of B-50 in the House of the Week series, has made the ex-



UNCONVENTIONAL SPLIT: Special handling of the living room makes possible this unusual treatment of the split level style. The home has a total of eight rooms, with three bedrooms and 1½ baths.

B-50 STATISTICS

There are a total of eight rooms, 1½ baths and three bedrooms in this unconventional split level design. The living room is only two steps above the entrance level, and separated from the dining room by a glamorous balcony.

The home may be built with one or two-car attached garage. Over-all width in the two-car version is 55' 2"; 45' in the one-car version. The depth is 33' 5".

Living area on the living and bedroom levels is 1,301 sq. ft. Another 508 sq. ft. of finished area is added by the entrance level.

terior of this split as unconventional as the interior. The upper level roof blends into the roof over the lower section and a horizontal cornice line extends across the entire front in an unbroken sweep.

Another special feature is the outdoor dining deck directly behind the kitchen and on the same level. It's connected by stairway to the ground level terrace behind the recreation room and makes a pleasant setting for outdoor relaxation or dining, with food service possible either from the kitchen or an outdoor barbecue in the rear yard.

There are 1,330 square feet of living area on the bedroom and living levels, with another 508 in

the foyer, recreation room and study on the entrance level. With a two-car garage, the overall width is 55' 2". This drops to 45' if only a one-car garage is included. The depth is 33' 5".

Additional Details

With the entrance on the ground level, a minimum of grading is necessary on level or gently sloping lots. The entrance is sheltered and nicely framed on both sides. Inside the front door both coat closet and powder room open on the foyer.

The long sight lines from the foyer through the recreation room and its sliding glass doors to the rear terrace, and across the 18 foot living room, contribute to a feeling of spaciousness.

Family areas of the house can be reached from the front entrance without entering the living room. A half-flight of stairs from the recreation room reach the dining room alongside the kitchen door and a U-turn at that point will take you the rest of the way up to the bedroom level.

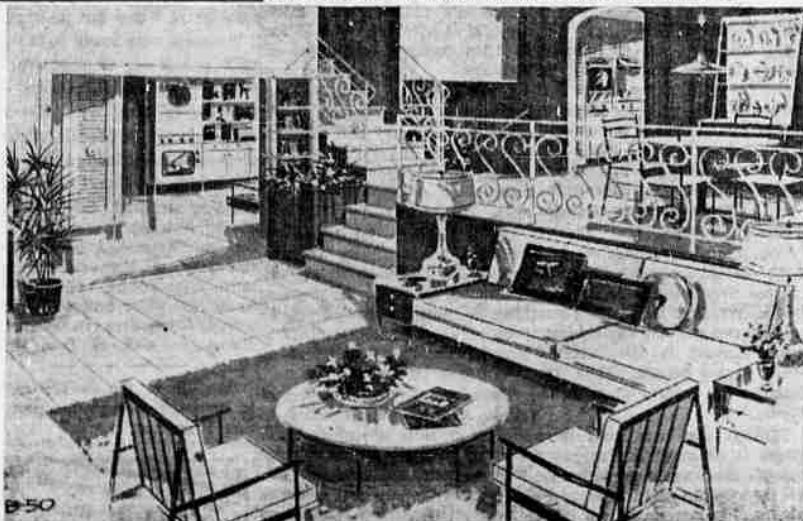
Off the recreation room to the left is a small study, guest room or fourth bedroom. The kitchen is 18 feet long, with ample space for family meals.

On the upper level are three bedrooms and a large bath. The bath is accessible both from the

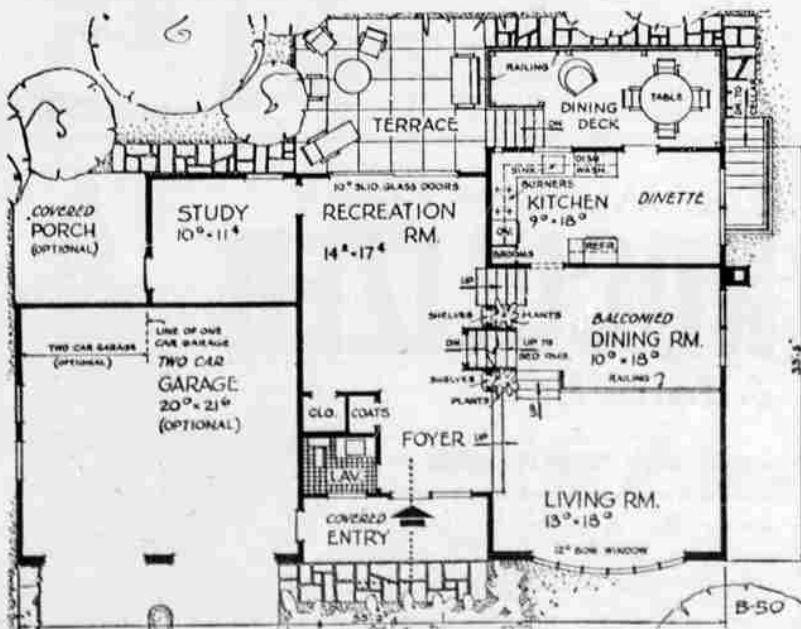
hallway and from the master bedroom through a compact dressing room. Master bedroom also has a walk-in closet.

Architect York has indicated stone on the front facade of B-50, but brick may be substituted without materially changing the character of the design. Should a fireplace be desired, the chimney can be located outside the living room wall at the side.

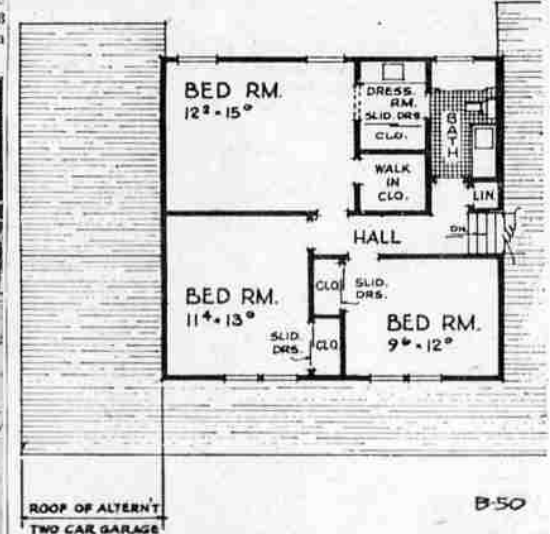
The small basement can be reached either from the recreation room or from an exterior entrance sunken at the right rear corner of the house.



SOPHISTICATED SETTING: Wrought iron railings, multiple levels and lovely wall contrasts all contribute to the glamor of this entertainment area. The living room is in the foreground, with balconied dining room to the right and part of the recreation room visible in the background.



LOWER LEVELS: Recessed entry provides practical shelter for the trip from front door to garage. There is a choice of routes to the upper level, either from the foyer or from recreation room.



BEDROOM LEVEL: Master bedroom is large and equipped both with walk-in closet and a dressing room which leads to main bath.

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