

THE HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Solid Comfort In A Big Family House

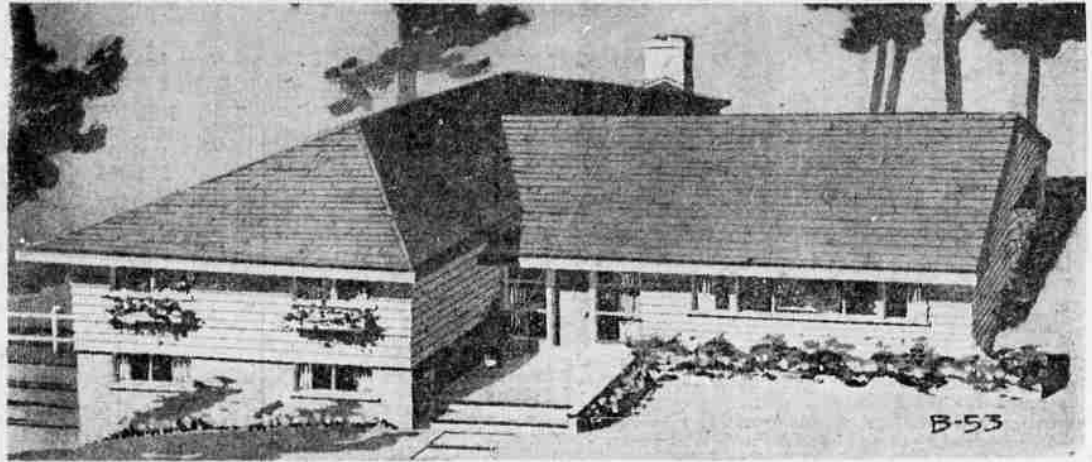
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Unpretentious comfort is the theme of this simple split level carefully designed to serve with complete adequacy every need of an active, growing family.

The house is large—as it must be to properly shelter a family of three to six children—but there are no expensive frills or fancy extras. Four good-sized bedrooms make up the main sleeping section, with a fifth bedroom or study on the recreation room level. The kitchen has dinette space big enough so that the whole family can sit in comfort for family meals. Living room, arranged in an L-shape with dining room, is spacious but not spectacular.

What is spectacular in House of the Week B-53 is the way Architect Samuel Paul has arranged everything with an eye on practical efficiency.

Take the kitchen. It has an excellent central location so that the housewife is only steps away from the front door, yet can serve either of the two eating areas with a minimum of walking. The recreation room (which has a fireplace while the living room does not) also is handy, just a half-flight down from the impressively roomy front foyer.



COMFORT WITHOUT EXTRAVAGANCE: There are no expensive frills in B-53, but lots of room for a big, noisy family. The home has nine rooms on three levels, with up to five bedrooms and three baths.

Habitable area on the living and bedroom levels is 1,976 square feet, not including the covered porch, with an additional 584 square feet on the Recreation room level. The plan measures 59' 2" by 41' 6" over-all and will fit comfortably on a 100 by 100' lot.

Additional Details

In the kitchen, Architect Paul calls for two counter-top cooking areas. A four-burner range near the wall oven provides for preparation of the main meals. The two-burner unit near the dinette is handy for preparing breakfast or midday quick lunches.

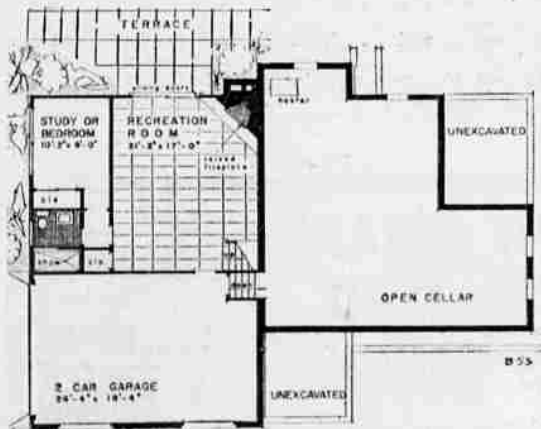
Inside the arms of the "L" formed by living and dining room is a covered porch, accessible from the dining room through sliding glass doors. This area could be converted for a year-round use by erecting jalousies, or simply screened for summer use only.

Up a wide staircase from the traffic-sorting main foyer are four bedrooms. The 16' by 15'6" master bedroom has an entry guarded by two 8-foot closets. This room also has its own full bath.

The other three rooms on this floor are uncrowded and have abundant closet space. The large bathroom has a twin lavatory to adequately handle the morning traffic. The lavatories are set into an 8-foot long vanity with linen storage below.

The recreation room downstairs, used as a maid's room, study, guest room, or an extra bedroom, faces the rear yard. Sliding glass doors effectively convert this space into an indoor-outdoor area in pleasant weather. The corner fireplace makes it a cozy nook in bad weather. Off the recreation room is a spare room that can be

used as a maid's room, study, guest room, or an extra bedroom. On this same level is the two-car garage, deep enough to store bicycles, carriages and bulky toys without interfering with parking. Laundry is in the open cellar.



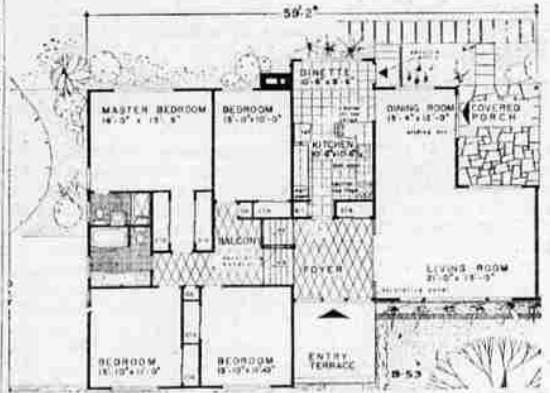
LOWER LEVEL: The recreation room, instead of living room, has the fireplace in this home, helping make it the true center of family activity.

B-53 STATISTICS

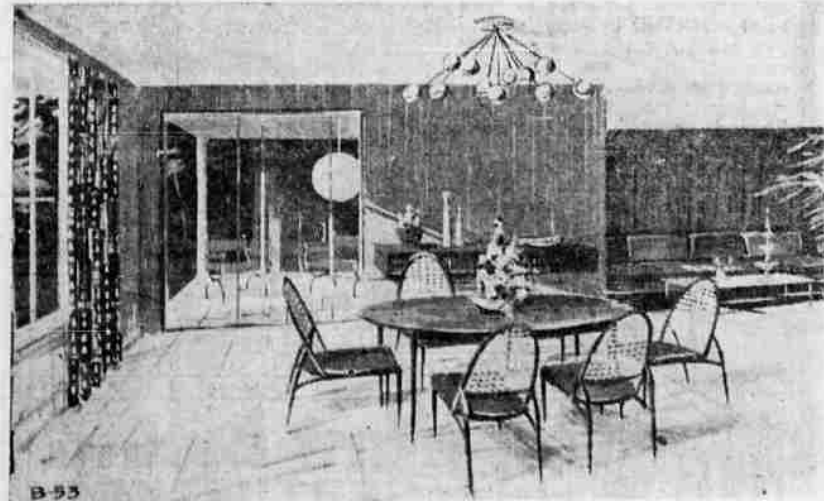
The seven rooms on living and bedroom levels of this contemporary split level cover 1,976 sq. ft. of space. There are four bedrooms in this total.

On the lower level are an additional 584 sq. ft. divided among large recreation room, study or fifth bedroom, and a third bath.

The plan has a width of 59' 2" and is 41' 6" deep.



UPPER LEVELS: The impressive entrance foyer is the key to the excellent circulation, providing a hub through which traffic can move to reach any section of the house.



FOR FORMAL ENTERTAINMENT: This artist's view shows one decorating treatment of the formal entertainment rooms. Dining room is in foreground, with living room at right and covered porch visible in the background through sliding glass doors.

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