

Split Level Tops In Economy

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Prospective homeowners hunting for a house design that yields maximum usable space at minimum cost have a vested interest in the split level design.

Because it manages to make completely livable nearly half the space wasted as basement under a ranch, anyone building a split gets a built-in bonus. In B-55 in the House of the Week series, this bonus is paid in the form of a luxurious reception foyer, a family room with lavatory, and a garage.

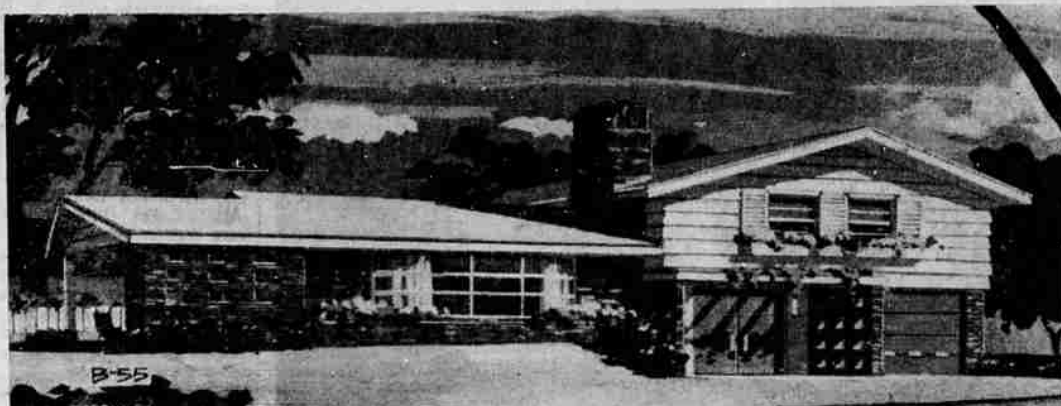
These features, gained at little extra cost, spell the difference between "just another house" and a home of distinction. The most remarkable thing about this home of distinction is that the area of the six rooms and bath on bedroom and living levels is only 1,098 square feet. If this were a ranch, that would be the entire house. Thanks to the space bonus of the split, Architect Rudolph Matern gained 288 additional square feet of space for use as family room, reception foyer and grade level lavatory. The single car garage is on this same level, but not included in the square footage total.

Other features are a "freshen-up nook" near the main bath, a covered porch off the living room and terrace off the dining room, a breakfast balcony, living room fireplace and dramatic entrance-way.

Long planters, a bow window, light overhang of the bedroom level and pierced brick screens give balance and interest to the front facade. The side porch contributes substantially to the appearance of generous width. Dimensions of the house itself are 43' 8" in width by 26' 3" in depth. Side porch adds 10' to the width.

Additional Details

The imposing double-doored entrance foyer is room size and has a 7-foot bank of closets. Slate floor, planters and the brick wall



SPLIT WITH DISTINCTION: There are only 1,098 sq. ft. of space on bedroom and living levels of this small split level, but the home has a character all its own. Among

special features are a large recreation foyer, breakfast balcony overlooking family room, living room and dining room terraces and the lovely exterior appearance.

extending from indoors to the outdoors add to the luxurious impression. A louvered door opens to family room through wood paneled wall at the rear of the foyer. In addition to serving as a glamorous reception hall for guests before they move up the wide carpeted steps to the formal living area, the foyer acts as a central traffic hub among garage, basement and family room.

An appearance of even greater length is added to the 20-foot living room by the sliding glass doors leading to the side porch. From the center of the living room a similar long sight line extends across the dining room to the terrace and beyond.

A kitchen breakfast balcony overlooks the family room to form another large open area, this one reserved for family activities. The strategically located kitchen serves formal, informal and outdoor dining areas with equal dispatch.

All facilities for family activities are focused in the rear of the house for privacy, but with good access to all other zones. The lavatory off the family room has

an outside door nearby to increase its usefulness and keep tracking from the outside to a minimum.

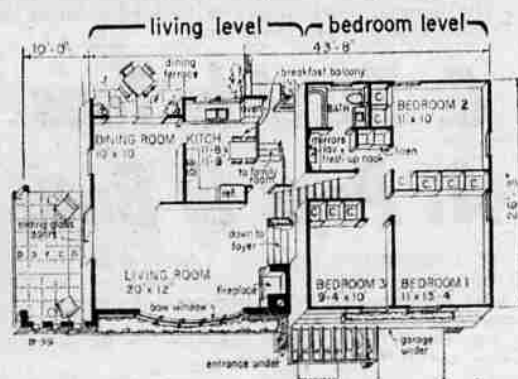
Three bedrooms with ample closets are concentrated in a quiet zone above. All can be entered from an efficiently short hall at the head of the stairs.

The freshen-up nook on the bedroom level—a vanity top with lavatory and splayed mirror walls—is an unusual extra feature for a small home. It's intended both for guest use and as a temper-saving overflow facility for the morning rush hour.

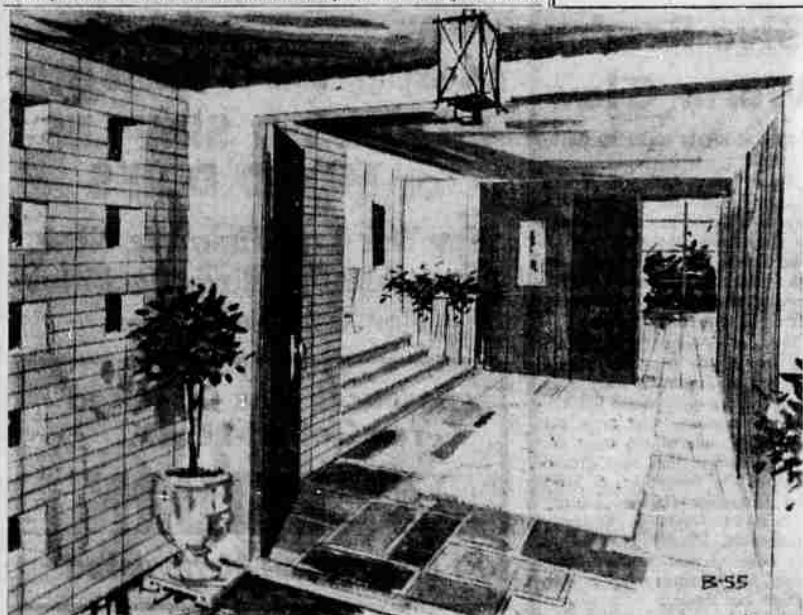
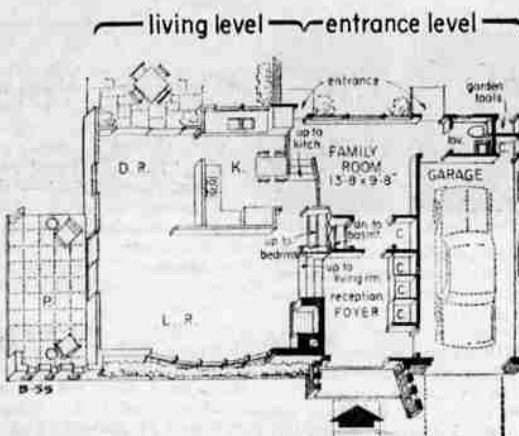
B-55 STATISTICS

This small split level has 1,098 sq. ft. of habitable area on living and bedroom levels, with an extra 288 sq. ft. of "bonus" space on the grade level. There are seven rooms, with a luxuriously large reception foyer and 1-1/2 baths.

Over-all width, including covered side porch, is 53' 8". Without the porch the house is 43' 8" wide. Depth is 26' 3".



FLOOR PLANS: Breakfast balcony glamorizes the kitchen-family room area at the rear while combination of large reception foyer, wide steps up to the living room, fireplace, bow window and covered porch accomplish same feat in the front of the house.



GRAND FOYER: This artist's view looks from just outside the wide open double front doors across the 8' x 10' foyer into the family room at rear and living room up the wide steps to left.

Math Class Rescheduled At Campus

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — A second seven-week summer institute for 50 mathematically-gifted high school boys will be given at Oregon State College this year. It will be one of only two or three such programs sponsored in the U.S. by the National Science Foundation.

OSC held a similar experimental program for 50 high school "math whizzes" a year ago with students attending from New York City, Alaska, and points between. Inquiries about the program were received from 545 high school students.

Robert L. Brown of Malin was one of the 50 high school students enrolled in last year's institute. High school sophomores and juniors will be selected for the institute, according to Dr. Robert E. Gaskell, professor of mathematics, who will be in charge again this summer. Students picked will receive study grants covering a part of their expenses. OSC received a grant of \$18,560 from National Science Foundation to conduct the special program, which is designed to enrich the mathematics background of the gifted students. The seven-week

course will include a "taste of everything" in advanced modern mathematics, Gaskell said, and its application in science, engineering and industry. It will cover such topics as numerical analysis, linear algebra, electronic computer design and logic, and group theory. A typical weekly schedule will include 16 hours of math lectures and class discussion, 6 hours of laboratory work, and special study periods to allow students to do daily assignments.

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