

# Center Gallery Key To Well-Zoned Split

By JULES LOH

A neat innovation in traditional split level design, based on an interesting and functional entrance gallery, enabled architect Samuel Paul to score a remarkable achievement in this house.

He has packaged four bedrooms, three full baths and an impressive exterior in 1,477 square feet of basic house—which has, in addition, expansion space for a large fifth bedroom or den.

Paul calls the house the Juliet. It is design B-87 in the House of the Week series.

The gallery, indented both front and rear from the rest of the house, serves as an entrance foyer in front and a glass-walled breakfast area in back. A double closet separates the two.

The indentation creates a covered porch (one of two) in the rear, and in front results in a striking entrance portico one and a half stories high.

The bonus space in this house—a usable attic which may be finished at some later date—is another benefit of the gallery idea.

The 15' by 12'6" room results by simply carrying the higher bedroom roof across the gallery.

An equally important effect of the gallery, if not more important, is that it makes for excellent zoning. Living, sleeping and informal areas are clearly separated to a degree not usually found in split level homes.

At the same time, the breakfast area serves as a connecting link between the kitchen, porch, playroom and two patios, integrating the entire rear of the house into a large informal living area encompassing two levels.

From the exterior, Paul's deft use of brick veneer transforms B-87 from a simple wood frame house to one of solid, suburban character. Its shape also facilitates economical construction: only 10,400 board feet of framing lumber are required.

Dimensions of the house are 65'8" wide by 23' deep on the living room side and 25'10" deep on the bedroom side. Paul suggests a lot of 80' by 100'.

Two balconies, on the front and back of the bedroom level, provide a touch of elegance at only incidental extra cost. They are built simply by overhanging the floor joists. Besides offering outdoor living on an upper level, they

also provide protection from the weather below—over the garage door and screened porch. If desired, the walls and floor of the front balcony can be eliminated and a decorative trellis thus formed.

A high cathedral ceiling in the living and dining rooms provides

another accent of glamor, as well as economy. A combined planter and lighting cove, passing in front of the brick fireplace and extending the full width of the living room, provides a subtle transition from the 8' high gallery to the 10' high living room.

All three full bathrooms in this house are well placed and of good size. The front bath has a built-in double vanity and a recessed tub, and both the master bath and bath on the playroom level (an optional feature) have large-size tile stall showers.

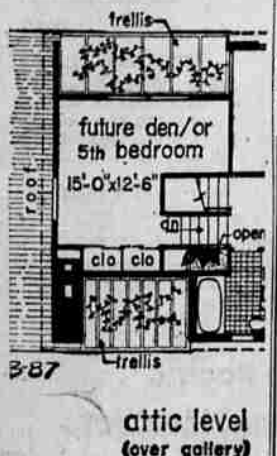
Large patios on two levels, plus a screened porch on the lower level, provide excellent outdoor living features, not to mention the two balconies and covered porch on the upper levels. Sliding glass doors in the dining room and playroom make both patios enjoyable from the interior as well as accessible.

Storage also is ample in this house. The closets are large, especially the walk-in closet in the master bedroom, and there is a full cellar under the living and gallery level.

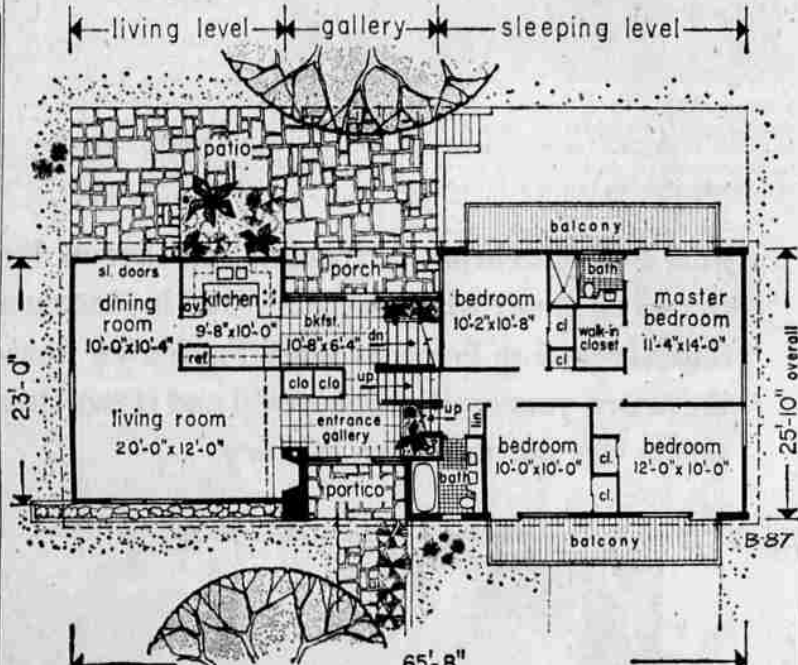


**STRIKING AND NEAT:** Unusual split level, with four bedrooms and three full baths in 1,477 square feet, features a center gallery which makes for excellent zoning

as well as providing expansion opportunity for a fifth bedroom or den. Note dramatic one and one-half story entrance portico.



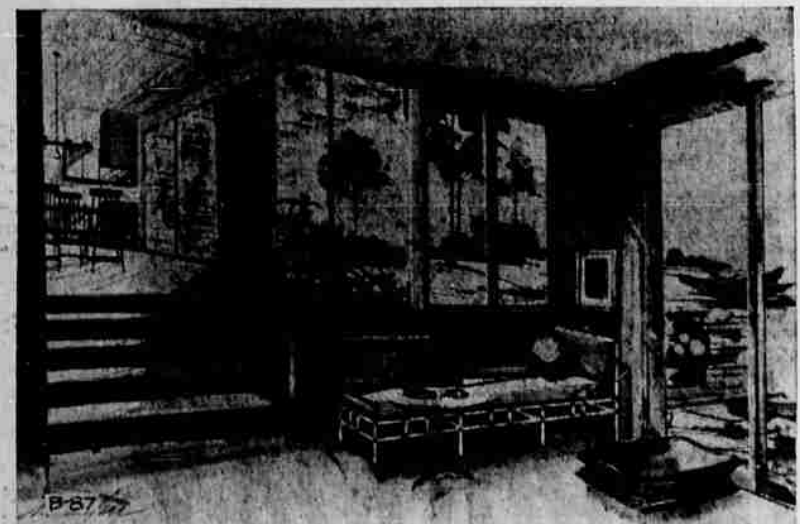
**B-87 STATISTICS**  
Four bedroom split level with three full baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast nook, entrance gallery, playroom, laundry, attic room, screened porch, double garage, cellar.  
Basic house contains 1,477 square feet. Width is 65' 8". House is 23' deep on living room side, 25' 10" on bedroom side. Suggested plot: 80' by 100'.



**FLOOR PLANS:** The center gallery, indented front and rear from the rest of the house, provides excellent traffic circulation, dividing home into clearly zoned areas. Basic house contains 1,477 square feet in overall dimensions of 65'8" by 25'10". Lot size of 80' by 100' is suggested.

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**GLASS-WALL BEAUTY:** Artist's conception shows view from playroom up stairs to glass-walled breakfast area, which is the rear of the center gallery. To the right is lower level patio. The outdoor barbecue shown is an optional feature.

## Two Convicted Of Conspiracy

SEATTLE (AP) — Two Seattle men were convicted Wednesday night by a federal court jury of conspiring to forge and cash postal money orders stolen from the Spray, Ore. postoffice June 26. U. S. District Judge William J. Lindberg set Oct. 23 for sentencing of the two, Malcolm R. Collins, 29, and Earl Phillips, 26. James F. McAteer, assistant United States attorney, introduced evidence that the two men conspired to cash the forged post-money orders here in July.

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## Many Modern Homes Are Fire Traps

By CLAUDE COX  
United Press International  
NEW YORK (UPI) — Some of America's most modern homes are fire traps, the National Board of Underwriters charges.

The board, in its annual Fire Prevention Week appeal for safety in the home, warned that many new houses, particularly split-level and ranch-style, have been built with windows so high and narrow that they are difficult escape routes in a fire.

Some other new houses are without the traditional inside doors between rooms. They are equipped instead with folding or

slatted interior doors — or they have no doors at all. The new family togetherness concept of constructing homes so that living, eating and playing areas flow together is regarded as a potential hazard.

The fire underwriters recommend that such modern homes should be equipped with fire alarm systems, which can be obtained for \$33 a unit, to alert sleepers as soon as fire breaks out.

Fire strikes an average of 800 American homes a day and a person dies in fire every 45 minutes. Safety experts are convinced

many blazes are the result of negligence, carelessness or inadequate precautions, and that many deaths could have been averted with well-planned escape procedures.

Every family is urged to hold periodic fire drills, with at least two escape routes charted for each person. The most important step is to get everyone out of the house. Then call the fire department. A moment wasted in escaping can cost a human life.

The escape routes should be planned so that everyone can leave from an upstairs bedroom. If one route is cut off, an alternate way should be available.

In some cases, safety experts advise, a rope fire ladder should be

stored in a bedroom closet for use in an emergency.

Every guest and member of the family should be informed of what to do in a fire so that all can escape in no more than 60 seconds.

The Fire Underwriters recommend bedroom doors closed. In a fire, this is one more protection of life. A person who awakens smelling smoke is advised not to rush out of bed and into the hallway. He should, instead, place the palm of his hand on the closed door. If the door feels hot, the hallway may already be on fire.

The next step is to awaken the rest of the family and alert the neighbors by shouting "Fire!" out a window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department.

Safety experts warn against jumping from a window. They suggest that blankets, bedding, pillows or anything that would cushion a fall be thrown out the window first. Then the escaper should lower himself from the window sill as far as possible and drop to the ground.

But what do we do with the outdoor cooker and utensils if the cellar is inadequate or too loaded? The garage bulges with bicycle, baby carriage and little red wagon in many homes. Then there's the garden equipment, outdoor furniture, wheel barrow and lawn mower. An easy-to-build shed on the side of a garage could be the solution if this is your problem.

Clothes closets are likely to be inadequate too. Many men like their own closet with shelves top to bottom. No more digging through bureau drawers or competing with the wife for closet space.

The lady of the house, who needs more hangar space than anything else, also could use a row of shelves, perhaps on one side of her closet. Pocketbooks, belts, scarves, hats and gloves at a glance save a lot of rummaging.

The main thing when planning a closet is to decide what your most pressing storage needs are, figure out a place where these needs can be met (while you're at it, a lot of generous amount of space) and design the closets interior down to the last placement of pole, shelf and wall hook.

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## No Closet Space --- Don't Grumble, Build It

By VIVIAN BROWN  
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Everyone talks about the closet shortage. Few do anything about it.

But if your problem is the lack of closets, don't just sit and grumble. McGee.

Build them yourself. Or have them built. Or buy them ready-made.

Many modern homes are little more advanced than America's first houses—a roof over some rooms. Builders include a few extra closets in higher-priced homes, on the theory, I presume, that only people who can afford to buy expensive homes use many closets.

So you're faced with doing it yourself.

Lop off part of a room if need be and install a ready-made closet for ever-increasing paraphernalia. You'll be so happy with the results that you won't miss the space forfeited.

If your family is sports minded, as more and more families are these days, equip your home to accommodate your equipment. No more running to the garage for water skis, bureau for snorkel and basement for outdoor motor. Collect the tennis rackets, skis, golf clubs, fishing rods, reels, guns, bats and all the rest of it and design yourself a sports closet. Built in or have built in racks, shelves and pigeonholes

to hold the equipment you have (and some bonus shelves for equipment you will get). You don't want to build a sports closet only to find everything in a clutter on the floor.

Now what about a closet in the living room? Perhaps you could work it in under a built-in bookcase. If shelves go all the way to the floor and you don't need so many, put doors on the lower ones and store your records, cameras, projector, screen, films, slides, albums, tape recorder, tapes, games and musical instruments.

Working hobbies—such as typing and sewing—if pursued in the living room, should have their equipment stored in that room. A closet possibility for typewriter and sewing machine is to build a wooden chest out from one wall, perhaps under a window, covering the lid with cushions. You can vary this, of course, substituting drawers for top-opening chest. Both make a nice window seat.

Couples who are Saturday night bridge or poker players need to store card tables. Look around for something nearby to slip them under or behind. One suggestion—open a trap door under the shallow end of your stairway. They'll slide in there, and you possibly may find room to store a set of folding chairs as well. We've become barbecue fan-

ciers. But what do we do with the outdoor cooker and utensils if the cellar is inadequate or too loaded? The garage bulges with bicycle, baby carriage and little red wagon in many homes. Then there's the garden equipment, outdoor furniture, wheel barrow and lawn mower. An easy-to-build shed on the side of a garage could be the solution if this is your problem.

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