

Patio Brings Outdoors Into This House

By JULES LOH

A dramatic interior garden surrounded on all four sides by glass brings the crisp outdoors right inside this versatile four-bedroom ranch home in winter or summer, spring or fall.

"This is a patio in the true sense of the word," said architect Samuel Paul, who designed House of the Week B-91.

"The Spanish word 'patio' is used to describe an open courtyard, such as this one—and if you're familiar with the knack Latins have for easy living, it isn't hard to see why a patio is characteristic of their architecture."

The interior garden is only one of three fine patios in this home, including a luxurious 22'4" by 19'6" private terrace off the master bedroom.

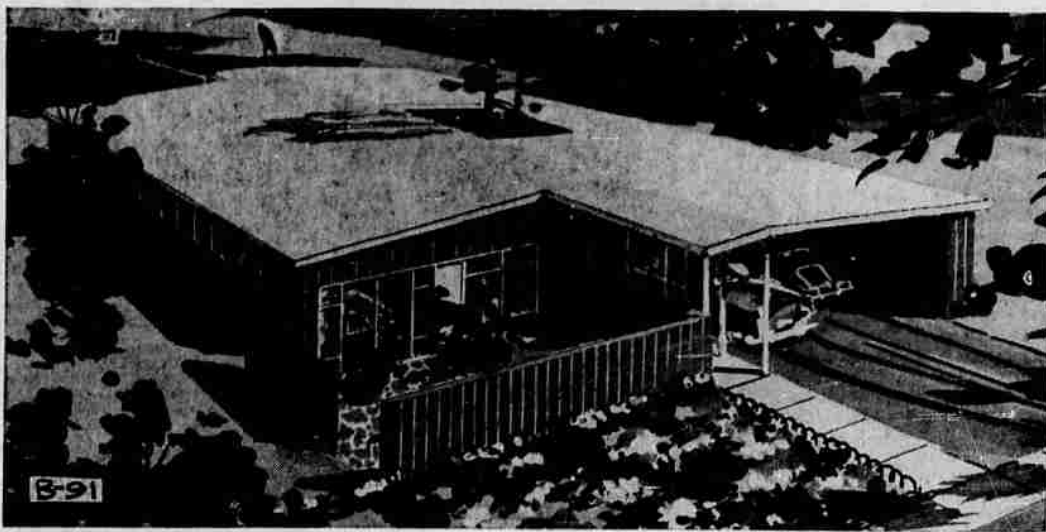
Moreover, all these outdoor facilities, usually reserved for homes in the far out suburbs where lots are large, are available in this house which would fit comfortably on a "city" lot as narrow as 60' wide. This is because of the front-to-back planning of the house, rather than the customary side-to-side design. The house contains 2,105 square feet in overall dimensions of 50' wide and 65' deep including the double carport.

Access to the interior garden is through sliding glass doors in the family room; but sharing its freshness and charm are the living room, the informal family room-breakfast area, and the spacious entry which will be bathed in daylight all day long.

The sleeping area, which is well zoned for privacy, incidentally has two large bedrooms, one with a double lavatory and the other, adjoining the master bedroom, with a broad, L-shaped vanity.

A third lavatory is located off the laundry and convenient to the family room-kitchen area. Note the excellent step-saving design of the large kitchen, and its good location between the formal and informal entertaining areas.

Additional Details
While this is a large house with room enough for a family of as many as seven or eight, architect Paul provides an expansion plan so that a couple could start with a two-bedroom, 1,406 square foot basic house and add on from there.



LATIN LUXURY — An interior garden — or patio, in the sense of the word — is only one of three dramatic terrace areas in this luxurious ranch. The front terrace is entered from the master bedroom, and has high garden

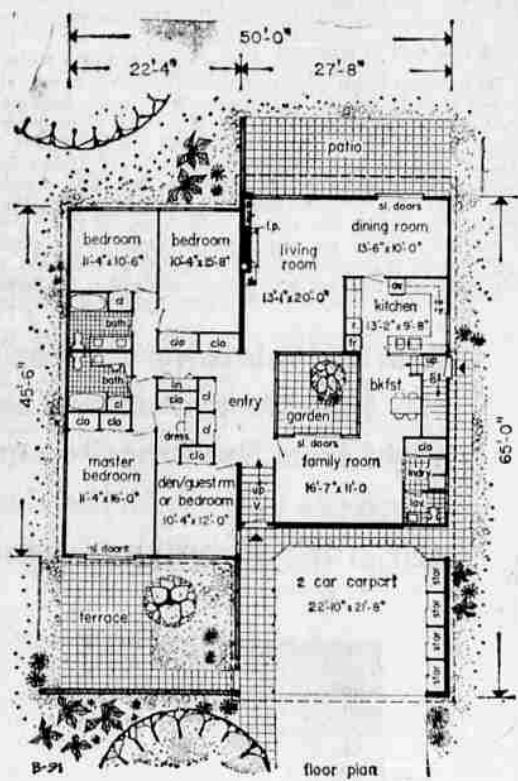
The first stage would include the two front bedrooms and one bath in the sleeping wing; and the breakfast room, family room, kitchen and part of the living room. In the condensed version, however, the breakfast and family rooms would be the living and dining rooms; and the area to the left of the kitchen would be the family room. Paul's blueprints show how the two other bedrooms and bath, and the extension of the living area, could be added later.

Another feature which would be dictated by the desire of the builder would be the design of the front bedroom next to the entrance. Simply by arranging the doors and walls as you want them, the room can be a den, nursery, guest room or library; the dressing room could be eliminated in favor of a walk-in closet or any other innovation.

Luxury touches abound in this lovely house, not the least of which is a vertically jointed brick wall in the living room: intercepted by a contemporary fireplace with a copper hood. The brick wall carries over to the entrance, which is further accented with a quarry tile floor.

Another luxury feature is the

walls for privacy. The main terrace adjoins the carport. The house contains 10 rooms with four bedrooms in 2,105 square feet.



FLOOR PLAN — Interior garden is surrounded by four glass walls and entered through sliding doors from family room. Service entrance is through breakfast room adjoining kitchen. If basement were not built, furnace room would occupy stair well space. Note abundance of large closets, especially storage bins in carport.

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Written for

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Walking around the house with a lighted candle in your hand might give some observer the notion that you've gone off the deep end, but it's a pretty good way to locate drafts.

Maybe you don't need the candle. Perhaps, you've already noted some of the cold breezes that give your home an unwelcome, outdoors feeling. If you haven't by

now, you will some really cold day when the wind is howling at high speed.

Whatever method you use to locate the source of the draft, do something to block it.

Doors and windows are the worst offenders. They seldom fit perfectly and they do not improve with age.

Weather stripping is the obvious answer to the problem of drafty doors and windows. You can find materials that can be tacked, stapled, or just pressed into place.

Most permanent—also most costly—is metal, generally brass. Measure carefully and nail along the track in which the window sash travels. Around a door, mount it on the inside of the jam so that the door will compress it as it is closed.

Felt is cheap, less permanent and should not be used where it might come in contact with moisture. There are also combinations of metal and felt that are flexible.

A rope-like plastic putty can be mounted quite easily by just pressing it into place. But the window will have to remain closed all winter. The material must be removed every time the window is opened.

Often a draft from a window is caused by loose and broken putty. Remove the old putty and replace it if this is the case.

The draft may not be air that enters from the outside, but indoor air that is set in circulation as it comes in contact with a cold wall or window. Drapes, heavy curtains and furniture arrangements can alleviate some of this.

If had enough, consider some sort of independent heating unit, such as an electric baseboard heater, to warm the offending wall or window.

If the fireplace is idle it may be furnishing a path for warm air to escape and for cold air to enter. Make certain that the damper is closed and fits snugly. Keep it closed so long as there is no fire.

Pipes coming up through floors and walls provide an entry place for air. Loose insulation, asbestos cement or some other filler should be placed in the opening. Hinged plates or grommets which will go around the pipe and cover the opening are available.

Painted Furniture Latest Thing

By VIVIAN BROWN

AP Newsfeature Writer

Painted furniture is in fashion. Therefore, now is the ideal time to make use of that odd bench, chair or table that doesn't quite fit into the decorating scheme of your home. It will take on new congenial personality when painted.

French, Italian, Spanish and American furniture in painted garb was highlighted at the recent Decoration and Design 1962 show in New York where members of the American Institute of Interior Designers showed their new ideas.

Straight back white painted dining chairs were used with yellow

cushions. There were beds painted red, wooden benches painted mustard, cabinets painted in multi-colored folk designs.

If you want to experiment on new unpainted furniture, it is available in stores, some of it in French and Italian designs in beechwood and other woods.

Old furniture will need a cleaning to remove dirt, polish residues or wax. The surface should be sanded to roughen areas of high gloss and provide adhesion for the new finish. An undercoat of shellac prevents a dark wood stain from bleeding through an enamel topcoat, paint experts advise.

New painted furniture should be

The WEEDERS GUIDE

By EARL ARONSON

AP Newsfeature

As each crop in your garden is harvested, destroy the plant residue as quickly as possible. Plow or spade the debris under so that you will add organic matter to the soil. You also will destroy food for insects and a repository for plant diseases, and help control weeds and grass.

Autumn is a good time to test your soil. A test at this time will determine what you need to build up your garden. If lime is lacking, you can apply it in the fall, especially in the southern states, and have the soil in a better state for next spring's planting.

Tulip Planting Time
For gardeners who like to make a patriotic display, there is a Rembrandt tulip called American Flag. The interior of the cup is blue, in contrast to the red and white of the petals.

American Flag, which grows 24 inches tall, is very effective in a mass planting as the pattern of the color is variegated.

Tulips of various species will bloom from late April or early May until June, some along with daffodils. Many of the early varieties are low-growing. They include Species Tulips, Fosteriana, Kaufmanniana and Praestans. Reds and whites predominate here.

Single and Double Earlys are next. These range from 10 to 16 inches tall. Some of the yellows and oranges are fragrant. This type has a long blooming life and is among the easiest to force as indoor house plants.

Triumphs and Mendels, relatively new crosses of Single Earlys.

NEW JETLINER
HATFIELD, England (UPI) — The first jetliner to have three jet engines mounted at the tail, the de Havilland Trident, has rolled off the British aircraft company's assembly line here. Test flights of the plane, which will carry 100 passengers, will begin in December.

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GLAMOROUS LIVING — Artist's conception shows view from living room toward interior garden. Front entry vestibule is in right rear. Living room is accented with a vertically jointed brick wall intercepted by a contemporary fireplace with copper hood. Entry vestibule also has brick wall, and quarry tile floor.

Did You Pack Shrunk Head--It Scares Maids

By WILLIAM D. LAFFLER

NEW YORK (UPI) — A maid

went into a vacated motel room in Washington, Pa., to clean. Moments later she ran out screaming.

The guest had left behind a shrunken head from Ecuador.

An Ivy League undergraduate checked into Ye Cooke & Kettle Motor Inn at Seabrook, N.H., worked several days on his master's thesis and then drove off without the important papers.

But one of the strangest of all "left behind" stories involved a large family. Papa, in checking out of his motel, left behind one of his nine children and did not discover the loss until he was

40 miles away. This story had a happy ending.

There was a time when an innkeeper or hotel manager worried about guests' taking away towels. Now they worry about items guests forget to take with them.

Tommy Tucker, president of Quality Courts, said his group of motels could open up a department store if all articles left behind in the course of one year were not returned.

Tucker said one of the most common possessions which tourists forget to pack is one shoe.

John Lacoek, manager of the Washington Motel, said he thought the shrunken head was the strangest of all the left-behinds. He said the maid almost fainted

when she found it on a closet shelf.

The manager of the Belle Mad Motel in Harrisonburg, Va., found a mounted sailfish in one of his vacated rooms. He shipped it express collect to his guest the following day.

Motel operators often are confronted with problems of housing animals.

The manager of a motel in Lumberton, N.C., was asked by a woman if she could keep two of her horses in the room with her. He finally persuaded her into having them housed in a nearby barn.

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