

The House of the Week

# Ranch-Split Plan Creates Studio Room Over Garage



Brick veneer and wood shingles are used as exterior materials for this house which combines the structural technique of split level planning with ranch design. The studio is over the garage.

By JOHN O. B. WALLACE

A cheerful and practical union of ranch and split level planning distinguishes design X-13 in the House of The Week series.

An architect's desire to break from the traditional location of the recreation or family room in ranch

house designs was responsible for its creation.

Heretofore, Architect Herman H. York says, conventional locations for a recreation room or family room in ranch homes have been either the basement or, more recently, those areas adjoining the kitchen, dining room or living room.

To lift this room from its conventional setting and place it in a position of greater utility, the architect incorporated some structural techniques of split level planning into a basic ranch design.

From this combination came a studio room, located over the garage. High above the ground level, the studio or family room has a cathedral-type window wall arrangement, a wood-burning fireplace, a built-in bar and liquor cabinet and a high cathedral ceiling.

### Studio on Separate Level

By creating a higher but uniform roof line and locating the garage several risers below the main living level, the architect was able to achieve a split level structure above the garage and the main living area.

This arrangement puts the studio room on a separate level, half a story above the main living quarters. The arrangement also provides an expansion area on this level.

The architect believes his planning has resulted in "one of the most interesting innovations in ranch design in recent years." The expansion area includes two extra bedrooms, four additional closets and a third bath.

Located as it is away from other areas of the house, the studio room could be used for a variety of activities—by children as a recreation room, by teen-agers for parties and games, and by adults for both informal and formal entertaining.

"It also affords," says the architect, "excellent accommodations and maximum natural light for the growing army of amateur painters in this country who long have dreamed of a room of this kind." The studio is only one of many features enhancing this new design.

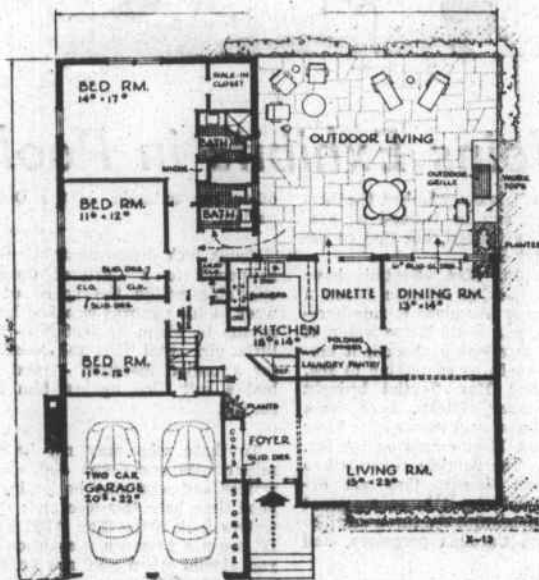
The main level has a living room, dining room, kitchen with dinette, three bedrooms, two baths and a garage. An outdoor terrace occupies a prominent part of the main area.

### Shielded for Privacy

The outdoor patio is directly accessible from the dining room, the kitchen-dinette and the bedroom wing. The main bath is adjacent to the patio entrance so that it may be conveniently reached from the outdoor area as well as the secondary bedrooms.

This area also has a mud closet. The outdoor living area is shielded by the house itself on two sides and a high hedge on the open side.

Occupying one corner of the patio is an outdoor grill, complete with work tops and cabinet storage space. The grill joins a planter



The main level of design X-13 is shown in this floor plan. The studio-attic area, not shown, has two bedrooms, a bath, fireplace, storage area, four closets and the large studio room.

unit which projects itself into the dining room.

The kitchen-dinette is a model of efficient planning. A window over the rear terrace for supervision of children at play. The U-shaped arrangement of the units sets the work area apart from the dinette.

The laundry-pantry area is only a step away from the kitchen; yet it can be concealed by folding, lowered doors.

For the studio, the architect suggests wood paneling in pecky cypress with matching bar and back bar. Wood paneling in vertical boards is recommended for the entrance foyer.

Exterior materials include brick veneer on all sides with wood shingles in the gable ends and asphalt shingles on the dormer. Asphalt shingles are used for the roof and walkways of flagstone.

### Statistics

House of the Week design X-13 has a total of 12 rooms, counting the baths, on two levels as follows: main floor—living room, dining room, kitchen-dinette, three bedrooms and two baths; attic floor—two bedrooms, bath and studio room.

The overall dimensions of the house are 52 feet 4 inches by 63 feet 10 inches. A minimum plot 70 by 100 feet is recommended. The habitable area of the main level has 1,895 square feet. The studio level has 1,112 square feet.

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# How Carteret County Had Its 18th Century Beginning

By F. C. SALISBURY

It is the dawning of the 18th century. The reign of Queen Ann is drawing to a close.

From out of that small group of precincts known as the Albemarle, there came the colony of North Carolina, extending from the Virginia border to the Cape Fear River, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans.

The precinct of Bath was laid out and a town by that name established in 1704. This settlement became the first incorporated town and port of entry in the new precinct.

A year following the laying off of this town, the precinct was divided into three counties. First known as Wickham, Archdale and Pamlico, the names of these counties, about 1712, were changed to Hyde, Craven and Beaufort.

It was not until ten years later, in 1722, that Carteret County was set off from Craven, being named in honor of Sir John Carteret, Earl of Granville, one of the eight Lords Proprietors.

### First Ventures

During the early years of the century, emigration had started southward, seeking new lands and adventure. First to venture into the new and unexplored territory were hunters, trappers and fishermen, who worked their way down rivers and sounds until they reached the shore of the mighty waters of the Atlantic.

These adventurers were followed by sturdy men and women, some coming by water, others beating their way over unbroken Indian trails, to reach the new land lying to the south.

Day followed day as these migrants rumbled along roads and trails, their cart wheels creaking, their lean nags or bony oxen trampling the dusty trail southward. Others came in crude sailing craft or by rowing or poling their way.

Ahead of them was the land itself, rolling in vast gentle waves under a clear sky; great pines, mostly, with a sprinkling of hardwoods, brown matted needles and leaves underfoot; there was the great stretch of sand, a golden border on the water, to meet many at the end of their long trek.

### Indian Tribes

Early comers in the new territory encountered three tribes of Indians in the section that was to become a new county. They were the Hatteras, a tribe friendly toward the whites, having their settlement on Hatteras Island and Shauford Banks.

The Coree, later to become enemies of the settlers, lived along the shore of Core Sound. This body of water is named for them. Another tribe, the Neuse, after which Neuse River was named, had two villages in the northwest part of the Merrimon township where Adams Creek and Neuse River meet.

Along the rivers and sounds sprang up small camps of the early fishermen, hunters and traders, many of such camps to become the site of small present-day settlements. The first settlement to be named and recorded in early history is Fish Town, later renamed Beaufort and made the county seat.

First known as Hunting Quarters, for it bordered on that vast Indian domain of hunting and fishing, is the town of Atlantic. At that point was located one of the first fishing camps along the coast, to become a shipping point, later, of salted fish and hides to the warehouse at Portsmouth for shipment to the Old Country. Down through the years, Atlantic has maintained a reputation as a seafood shipping center.

### Water Roads

The highways of those early days were the waterways of the new county. Along their shores large acreage was obtained by grants or purchases. Even today it is said that any settlement in the county can be reached within one mile by some navigable stream.

The outbreak of the Indian war in 1711, known as the Tuscarora Massacre, killed off most of the settlers along the eastern coast. The Coree and Neuse tribes for several years were at odds with the white hunters and traders for taking more than a fair share of game from their Hunting Quarter. When the Tuscarora rose in arms, these two tribes were only too

willing to avenge themselves for the wrongs of the whites.

It was the Equinox of 1711. Indians from five tribes gathered on Indian Island in the mouth of Pamlico River for their war dance and then taking canoes, started their attack on the settlers.

This was retarded the growth of this section for the next few years, although the Indians had been brought under subjection, either driven farther west or placed on reservations.

By 1722, when the precinct of Carteret was set off from Craven, and Beaufort named and established as the seat of county government, a greater impetus was given to new settlers. It was then that groups of families worked their way down from the upper precincts and farther north, by trail or water, seeking new land, freedom of worship, and adventure.

Mixed Stock Little is known about these settlers who came into the county. They were a mixed stock of Huguenots, Germans, Scotch-Irish, French, English and Quakers, as varied as the history of the county has been.

The Scotch-Irish gave to the county its first educational advantages. The Huguenots came from France by way of the West Indies, establishing themselves as ship owners and traders.

Although families of Quakers were well established in the Albemarle precinct, most of this sect coming into the county in 1721 were from Rhode Island. They settled mostly along the north side of Newport River.

Prominent among the families were the Stantons and Bordenes. Stantons became large land owners and planters. The Bordenes were craftsmen, building some of the finest schooners that ever sailed out of the Port of Beaufort.

By the middle of the 18th century, as the land in the eastern part of the county and along Newport River became occupied, new arrivals began pressing westward to the shores of the White Oak River, which eventually became the western boundary of Carteret County. After the formation of Onslow County in 1734 from part of Craven and Carteret, Swansboro became a port of entry.

### Trading Center

At the head of Newport River, a settlement known as Bells Corner, then Shepardville and later, Newport, became the largest trading center in the western section.

Some historians give credit to the Quakers, coming from Newport, Rhode Island for naming the river and town. However, in early deeds registered, before the coming of the Quakers, description of the land about Newport and the river carry the divided name, New Port. This might indicate that the place was a shipping point and river port, known to shippers as a new port at the head of the river, to distinguish it from the Port of Beaufort.

The largest plantations, either given by grants or purchased, were in the central and western part of the county. Robert Williams was a large land owner in the Harlowe section. At Cedar Point along White Oak river and the Sound, were the plantations of Borden, Hill and Ferrand consisting of more than a thousand acres each.

No large pillared houses were built on any of the large plantations, such as one finds in other parts of the state and Virginia. Robert Williams built the first brick house in the county on his large holdings, but being a Quaker, it was of the plainest design.

Such homes of any pretension, built in the early period, have long since gone. A few structures can be found, built within the past century on mounds. Of unusual interest is an octagon style of house on the old Hill plantation at Cedar Point, owned and occupied by John S. Jones, a direct descendant of the Hill family.

### Lumber Important

Although products of the plantations, tobacco, grains and salted meat and fish, made up a portion of exports to England, the vast forests furnished the essential shipments. Lumber to a large extent was exported, but the most significant commercial industry was naval stores—tar, pitch, resin, and turpentine.

The lumber industry was more widespread than that of naval stores and in some respects more

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