Smith Residence
East Kildonan, Man.

Architects:
Smith, Carter, Searle & Assoc.
Winnipeg

General Contractor:
Fuji Builders & Contractors

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This house was designed for a family of five — an architect, his wife and their three children. It was desired to have all areas in the house well related to each other and arranged in a fairly strict architectural order — as a background for family living.

The heavily treed site is located between the approach street, (which is a protective flood dike), and the Red River. The site is low behind the dike and to fill would have destroyed the trees.

The design which developed allows the site to be kept at the natural grade. The main entry to the upper level of the house is approached by a bridge. The lower level plan is at grade, which allows a ramped approach to the garage and garden access at the rear from the family room by sliding glass doors.

The plan is developed on a 4'-0" x 4'-0" module, horizontally and vertically.

The foundations are spread bore concrete piles carrying grade beams, precast concrete joists and concrete lower level. The superstructure is wood frame walls, floor and roof.

The exterior is faced with vertical West Coast Cedar finished natural with a pressure treatment. Brilliantly coloured mosaic tile panels flank the main entry. The interior walls carry through the vertical cedar in the entry and living room and the remainder of the walls are painted smooth plaster.

Ceilings are sand plastered in the entry and living rooms and smooth plaster in all other areas except the family room which is acoustic tile.

Floors are natural slate in entry and screened patio, broadloom in living and master bedroom, cork in dining and music rooms and pure vinyl in the remaining areas.

All doors and cabinet work are of white oak.