

# Buying A New Home Can Be An Enjoyable Experience

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Buying a new home can be one of the most enjoyable experiences you'll ever have. You'll get a wonderful feeling of pride when you've found exactly the house you want, made all the mortgage arrangements, completed the physical "moving-in" and begun to give the place personality with your personal touches.

And that will be just the beginning of your enjoyment. Your new home will probably bring you happiness for years to come.

One of the most important decisions you must make in choosing a new home is in selecting a builder. America has become the best-housed nation in the world because of skilled workmen and competitive free enterprise builders who aim to do a good job in

a complex business and to deliver a good product.

Keep in mind that you're making what is probably the largest purchase of your life and that you want to make the wisest choice and the fairest deal possible.

In order to assure yourself that you are doing just that, there are a number of things you should look for in your builder. Is he financially responsible? Is he technically competent? Does he have a reputation for fair dealing with his customers? And most importantly, is he willing to stand behind his product and his work?

Sounds like a tough assignment, doesn't it? Of course, you ask previous customers what they think of him, his customer service and post-sale performance. You can find out from the builder in advance what kind of warranty he gives, and if it's in writing. You can find out how long he's been in business.

You can check with home builder's association in the area and the Better Business Bureau to get a feeling about his reliability and professional standing. Or you can buy from a builder who is registered with the Home Owners Warranty Program.

HOW, the Home Owners Warranty, is a relatively new, national program which enables builders who meet certain qualifications to provide their new home buyers with a major and unique safeguard - a 10-year insured home buyer protection.

In addition to that, the 10-year HOW Program provides for a written warranty, warranty insurance, and extended

insurance on the structural integrity of your new home.

In the first year, your HOW builder's written warranty protects you against defects in workmanship and materials. Through the second year, you are protected against major structural defects and defects in the wiring, piping and duct work in the systems of your new home. An important aspect of HOW's coverage is that if your builder for any reason cannot or will not fulfill his warranty obligations during those first two years, the national insurance coverage arranged by HOW assumes his responsibility. And on top of all that, HOW's insurance protection extends for eight additional years to cover major structural defects which may occur in your home. You as a new home buyer is through its established complaint-handling procedures. If you feel you have a defect in your home under the warranty

in the first two years, you notify your builder in writing.

If he doesn't remedy it or if you and he cannot agree on the validity of the complaint, you can contact the local HOW Council in writing and ask for conciliation of the problem.

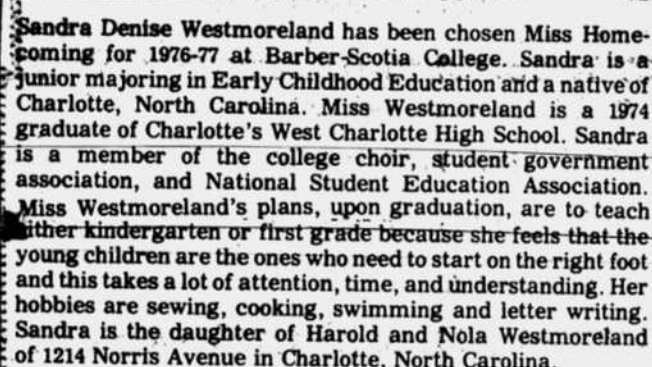
You are required to post a \$25.00 deposit with your request. The deposit is intended to prevent frivolous and nuisance complaints that would increase the cost of the program to future participants and is refunded if the complaint is found to have sufficient merit.

point a conciliator who will attempt to get you and your builder to reach a "meeting of the minds." In the unlikely event that either you or the builder are not satisfied with the result of the conciliation effort, you may request arbitration which will be handled by the prestigious American Arbitration Association. The requesting party pays a \$75.00 fee which can be refunded in

part or in whole at the discretion of the arbitrator.

HOW's complaint-handling procedures are faster and less expensive than going to court and do not require the services of an attorney, although the use of an attorney by either party in the dispute is certainly not barred. And HOW's insurance carrier has agreed to fulfill the builder's obligation under an arbitration award should he fail to do so himself.

This comprehensive warranty-insurance package is available only through builders registered with a HOW Council. Through them you get HOW's protection at an incredibly low cost. The HOW fee is \$2.00 per thousand on the final sales price of the home, or \$60.00 on a \$30,000 home (minimum of \$50.00). This is one-time-only fee which covers your home for the entire 10 years of the plan and which the builder has included in the sales price.



Sandra Denise Westmoreland has been chosen Miss Homecoming for 1976-77 at Barber-Scotia College. Sandra is a junior majoring in Early Childhood Education and a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. Miss Westmoreland is a 1974 graduate of Charlotte's West Charlotte High School. Sandra is a member of the college choir, student government association, and National Student Education Association. Miss Westmoreland's plans, upon graduation, are to teach either kindergarten or first grade because she feels that the young children are the ones who need to start on the right foot and this takes a lot of attention, time, and understanding. Her hobbies are sewing, cooking, swimming and letter writing. Sandra is the daughter of Harold and Nola Westmoreland of 1214 Norris Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## McCrorey YMCA Sets

### Winter Registration

By Deborah Gates  
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Winter registration at the McCrorey Branch YMCA is getting underway with classes in the areas of physical fitness, yoga, general and advanced sewing, basic sewing, and skin care.

For those interested in general conditioning and muscle toning exercises, the six week session will be held Monday thru Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. Are you looking to improve your concentration and increase your awareness? Come get in shape mentally and physically at the eight week yoga session on Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m., and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Come learn to sew for yourself and your family with instructions on altering patterns, making buttonholes, choosing material and sewing

simple items, learning about fabrics, threads, stitches, linings, interlinings, and interfacings," invites a McCrorey news release, which informs that general and advanced sewing and basic sewing sessions will be offered for six weeks on Thursday mornings at 10-12, and on Monday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

A private class in basic skin care and glamour will be taught weekly. Each person will receive a complimentary Mary Kay facial which no one is obligated to buy, and a door prize will be given at the end of the course.

For any further information concerning registration, contact the YMCA.

### Red Cross To Teach Courses

The American National Red Cross will be teaching a Preparation for Parenthood course each Monday evening from seven to nine o'clock p.m. from January 17 through February 21.

This free course which is designed for expectant parents will be taught by Donna Ferraro, R.N., and will be offered at 2425 Park Road Red

Cross Center. The course will include discussions of pregnancy and parental care, labor and delivery, care of the infant, and supplies and equipment needed.

Any one interested in registering for the course should call the Red Cross nursing program office at 376-1661, ext. 232, between nine and five p.m.

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