

What do you really want in new housing?

If you will be among the 40 million Americans looking for a new place to live in the next year, you should make a realistic appraisal of your personality before your final choice.

This is the advice of United Northwestern Realty Association (UNRA) members.

"Apartment, condominium, and housing complexes, as well as some neighborhoods, tend to take on a distinct personality reflecting the chosen activities of their residents," said Michael Samonek, UNRA executive vice-president.

"It is part of the job of our members to help match clients with the type and location of a dwelling compatible with their own personalities.

"Some families rate privacy and seclusion above all else and want to have complete control of the home environment to follow their own pursuits without unwanted interruption by neighbors.

"Others look for the easy sociability usually found in high-rises and cluster housing where a common swimming pool or recreation area is shared by all.

"People who like to garden, hold large family gatherings, or maintain a base-

ment workshop likely wouldn't find happiness with 'drop-in-at-anytime' neighbors or a nightly party atmosphere. The same would be true for the extrovert who moves into a neighborhood of 'homebodies.'"

Establish your profile on the following test as a clue to where your next residence should be. Circle either A or B under each question:

1. My idea of a dream vacation is . . .

- A. A skiing trip to Vail.
- B. A lake, lots of sun and an armload of good books.

2. Weekends are the best time . . .

- A. To discover what's new in the boutiques.
- B. To get my clothes in shape for next week.

3. If the Christmas bonus is big enough, I'll make a downpayment . . .

- A. On a sailboat.
- B. On a tape-cartridge stereo.

4. I like to stretch my Monday coffee-breaks . . .

- A. Getting acquainted with the new employees.
- B. Reading the weekend sports coverage.

5. Before an out-of-town business trip . . .

- A. I let old schoolmates, former business colleagues, even relatives know I'm coming.
- B. I arrange to see at least one show or art gallery in the other city.

6. When I entertain, the menu usually . . .

- A. Includes a ham and sides that will serve an indefinite number of guests.
- B. Highlights my favorite rock Cornish hen recipe.

7. When it comes to clothes . . .

- A. I'm particular about style and cut.
- B. I'd rather be comfortable than up-to-the-minute.

8. The big event of the sports year, for me, is . . .

- A. The day I can get in the first round of golf.
- B. Watching the Superbowl on TV.

9. My home area is a great place to live because . . .

- A. There's always a new night spot opening up.
- B. It's so convenient to the state parks and good fishing places.

10. When I retire, I'd prefer . . .

- A. To take a trip around the world.

B. A big, rambling home in the country.

If you circled seven or more As, chances are you'll find enjoyment in a bustling

atmosphere of a major complex with a big pool, social rooms and an activities committee. Four, five, or six As suggests you'll do better in a neighborhood

where several friends already are located. Three As of less tabs you for a comfortable private house surrounded by trees and shrubs for quiet seclusion.

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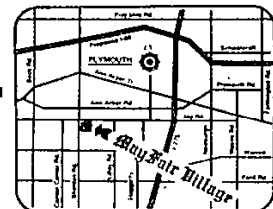
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Solar heating catch your eye?

A simple, inexpensive solar heat collector made of fiberglass and ordinary aluminum roofing has been developed to cut the soaring costs of home heating.

The developer of this low-cost hot air heating system is the newly formed Solar Energy Construction Association, a nonprofit organization devoted to solving the problems of builders and homeowners caught in the cost-of-energy squeeze.

The association will supply house plans designed by architectural solar designer Huntley Houck to home builders who want to use, at low cost, the power of the sun to supply heat, air conditioning, hot water, cooking fuel and refuse incineration in a traditional-style house with an optional greenhouse. Houck's heating system can be adapted to existing homes and office buildings.

Solar Energy Construc-

tion Association is collecting and computerizing solar data and packaging the information in a total energy portfolio for homeowners and builders, complete with news of the most recent developments in solar energy and information on obtaining government grants, facts that are supplied by the government, manufacturers, scientists and architects.

In using the new solar collectors, any existing home can be adapted to harness at least a portion of the sun's power to cut fuel bills. A newly constructed house of Houck's design can be built for about the same cost as a conventionally heated home of the same size. However, in Houck's design, solar power would be put to its most efficient use in supplying all the heating and cooling needed in the home.

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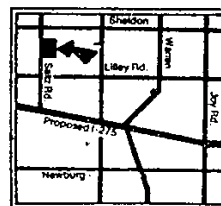
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