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Upstairs, the master bedroom includes walk-in closet, dual sink vanity, shower and cathedral ceiling. Three other bedrooms, all with ceiling lights, share a second full bath.

"We've got everything people require," Cook said of the model.

Base price is \$173,900. Other plans range from a three-bedroom, two-bath ranch of 1,625 square feet priced at \$163,900 to a four-bedroom, 2½-bath colonial

of 2,250 square feet for \$184,900.

Exterior materials include brick, vinyl and wood accents.

Fox Creek South is serviced by city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The property tax rate is now about \$30.89 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owner of a \$173,900 house in Fox Creek South would pay about \$2,685 the

first year.

The typical buyer, Cook said, would be a second timer either moving up from an existing house or who has built new before. Many will work in the auto industry.

"This is a family neighborhood," Cook said. "There's a lot of kids. Now, it looks like they average two or three kids per house."

Colonials seem to be the most popular plans among visitors,

said Debby Dittich, sales rep.

"Most people coming in here have two children," she said. "Colonials are cheaper to build than ranch-style homes."

Anthony Cabrera and his fiancée, Joanne Bidigero, are building the Aspen, a four-bedroom colonial. He had previously bought a Cook house with his brother.

"There is probably some of the most generous lot sizes in this price range I've seen in Canton,"

Cabrera said of Fox Creek South. "You get a lot of square footage for the money."

"It's a nice open floor plan with a loft area," Cabrera said. "The elevation has nice transom windows that give a dramatic look to the outside."

Bill and Kitty Culp bought a Montany.

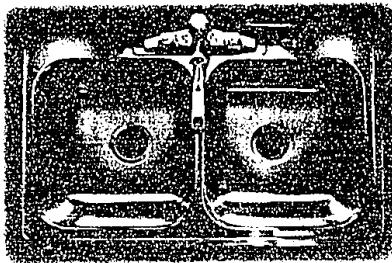
"The model was partially done," Bill said. "I liked the design, liked the way it looked. I even liked the workmanship."

The couple, though retired, wanted a four-bedroom house for resale value. They also wanted a lot that backed up to a nature preserve.

"Everything I looked at was basically what I wanted — just the complete layout," Bill said.

The sales office at Fox Creek South, (313) 844-7144, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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## Fleet says suit without merit

BOSTON (AP) — Fleet Financial Group officials say a lawsuit filed by mortgage holders in Detroit was meant to embarrass Fleet, which is in the midst of hearings by federal regulators considering its proposed merger with Shawmut Bank.

P. Emory Covington, vice president of Fleet Finance Inc., the bank's mortgage subsidiary, said Saturday that the lawsuit by five low-income Michigan loan recipients was without merit.

The mortgage holders filed suit against Fleet Finance on Friday, claiming they were misled by independent mortgage brokers into signing costly loans they could not repay.

Terrence Drent, executive director of the Washtenaw County Council on Aging, the Michigan group suing Fleet, testified against the merger during a hearing Saturday before the Federal Reserve Board.

"I urge the Fed to halt the merger until

Fleet makes restitution to Michigan homeowners," Drent said. "I'd like them to rewrite the loans to a level the people can afford."

Fleet officials said they stopped buying individual loans from third parties three years ago, after similar lawsuits were filed by borrowers and state officials in Georgia. But the lawsuit covers the period from the mid-1980s through 1992. It claims loan brokers made high-cost loans on Fleet's behalf to hundreds of "naive, older, poorer, more desperate" customers.

The brokers then resold the loans to Fleet's mortgage division and allegedly received kickbacks, in violation of federal truth-in-lending and consumer protection laws. One of the borrowers named in the suit, Leno Jaxon, received a \$31,600 loan at 18 percent interest and now faces foreclosure.

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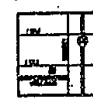
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