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## look first at neighborhoods

Choosing the right neighborhood is almost more important than picking the right house. Because neighborhoods, like families, have their special personalities. And it is important for you to find the one that's right for you.

Some people like peace and quiet. Others prefer a friendly-neighbor atmosphere. Some like conventional neighborhoods. Others want to live informally, where they can wear casual clothes on Sunday. Before you start looking, ask yourself and your family what's most important to you.

Then look at various neighborhoods to see which has more of the conveniences you want most. Ask yourself how convenient to work, to schools, to shops. Is a church of your denomination nearby? What about cultural interests? Are the neighbors your kind of people?

Ask about fire and police protection, taxes, playgrounds and public transportation. don't take anything for granted. Inquire about water, electricity, gas, telephones, sewers, street lights, trash collection and mail delivery. Your Realtor will have most of the answers.

Don't overlook zoning. You want to be sure there is no possibility that the nice residential neighborhood you're interested in won't have a factory in the future. Drive around the neighborhood to see if the streets are clean and in

good repair, and if the lawns are well kept. The value of your property will be directly affected by the way your neighbors maintain theirs.

Get out of your car and walk through the streets. If any of your prospective neighbors are outside, say hello and ask about the area.

Look in the daytime, and look again at night. Look in good weather and bad.

It is possible today to find an attractive neighborhood in almost any price range. The important thing is to look thoroughly before you leap, especially if you have lived in one area for some time and plan to move to another.

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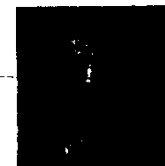
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