

Book Notes

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What Do You Want Your Home To Do For You?

When you have thought a lot about this question, you should be able to make better decisions about renting, buying, building and remodeling. Most people are aware of what they want in housing to meet their physical needs, but even professional designers are still learning about all the possibilities in housing design that can help people meet their emotional and social needs.

Research by professional designers, sociologists and psychologists has included asking people to express their ideas about what the word "home" means to them. The following ideas are important for the design of the physical structure:

- Home is a relationship with other people. This includes a sense of belonging, love and togetherness, people caring about each other, warmth and security, a feeling of always being welcome.
- Home is a symbol of how people see themselves and how they want to be seen by others. Home is a reflection of a person's ideas and values, and is an important influence on a person's self-image and sense of identity.
- Home is a place of privacy and refuge, a secure haven that protects a person from outside threats and pressures. It is a place for retreat from interaction with others, a place for peace and rest.
- Home is a place where surroundings can be made personal, where a person can express his or her own personality.

- Home is where belongings can be stored, food can be prepared, and all of the other necessary activities of daily living can take place.

This is the introduction to a seven-page extension service bulletin.

Harwood, Bruce M. *Real Estate Principles* (Reston, Virginia: Reston Publishing Co., Inc., 1977) 576 pages, \$15.00 clothbound.

Do you know the meaning of avulsion, acceleration clause, counteroffer, coinsurance, littoral rights, or points? Does the color of title matter; and can a naked title be covered by a blanket mortgage? Has anyone asked you lately to translate these to English: CRV, REIT, TDR, EIS, CPM, MGIC, or GLITAMAD? Do you understand economic base, economic and functional obsolescence, and the effect of cost-push, demand-pull, real cost, and monetary inflation on housing prices? Finally, are Fannie, Ginnie, Maggie, and Freddie in your intimate circle of friends? These questions introduce partially the content of this volume written for the reader who has not previously studied real estate principles. Its objectives are to help understand the whys and wherefores of real estate as applied to personal transactions, and to educate those planning professional careers in real estate. Generally the content includes real estate economics, transfer, investment, rental, appraisal, finance, law, management, insurance, land use control, and professional training/licensing requirements.

Each chapter begins with brief definitions of key terms and ends with vocabulary review, ques-