Checklist handy in old house buy

Meet Your New Neighbor!

(AP) — It's fun to daydream about how a vintage home will look after the remodeling is finished. Be carfoll, though, not to overlook hidden problems that can make costs skyrocket.

• Jump in the centers of the rooms to check structural sound-may Sythory floor, may institute.

rooms to check structural sound-ness. Springs/floors may indicate saigning beams and jolats. They can be strengthened, but the job can be expensive.

Poke exposed joists and sills with a screwdriver or penk-nife to detect possible termite-infestation is discovered, forget-the house.

the bouse. Damuge caused by carpenter ants and powder-post heetlen is usually less serious. An expert can determine the seriousness of the problem, whether insects are currently chewing away at the wood, and whether it's worth the money to exterminate them and make repairs.

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• Check all surfaces for stains, peeling paint, and failing pluster. If moisture has ravaged, large parts of the house, only uxtensive and expensive measures will repair the damage.

• Assess plumbing carefully.

Older homes often have an array of patched-on pipes. Remodeling can involve replacing all the supply lines. Compared with other repairs, this is usually neither expensive nor difficult to do. But replacing drains can put a higher death of the property of t

Check the water pressure and observe how fast the water drains. With one clogged drain, the location of the clog can be pinpointed. If only one fixture doesn't drain, the problem is near that fixture. If two or more fixtures work drain, something is blocking a main drain.

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iring causes concern

(AP) Q. — We bought a 13-year-old house that has aluminum wiring throughout: Can you tell me if the wiring is safe? We've read a number of horror stories about fires caused by electrical problems with it.

A. — The safety of aluminum wiring depends on whether currective. measures were taken by the previous owner. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says that houses with aluminum wiring are a potential fire hazard. During, the period between 1965 and 1973, because of the shortage of copper and its high cost, aluminum ass used to wire about 1.5 milliam houses. Although aluminum wiring was approved by the National Electrical Cole, it was inter found that there was dangerous overheating in 16- and 20- amp branch circuits at some of the connections between the aluminum wires and outlet receptacles, ewitches, fixtures and appliances. Anyone who has aluminum wires and outlet for the fallowing tradible algan; cover plates on outlets of switches that feel warm to the touch; sparks, arcing or smoke at outlets or switches; strange olders, expectally the small of burning plastic around outlets and switches; outlets, lights or entire circuits that don't work.

Even though you may not find any of these trouble signs, the potential for a fire may exist. It can occur at an outlet that has nothing plugged

Into it.

Correcting the problem does not require rewir-Correcting the problem does not require rewiring the entire house. The method recommended by the Consumer Product Safety Commission requires connecting a short piece of copper wire to the end of the aluminum wire by using a special compression-type crimp connector. The coper wire is then used for the connection to the outlets, switches, fixtures and appliances. The especial connectors, called Copulum Compression Connectors, and the crimping tool are manufactured by AMP Special Industries, Valley Forge, PA 19482.

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The corrections described should be made by a licensed electrician who has this equipment. Connecting the copper pigtall to the aluminum wire using a wire nut is not an opproved method.

You can check your outlets and switches to see if the wire terminations were pigtailed prior to your purchasing the house.

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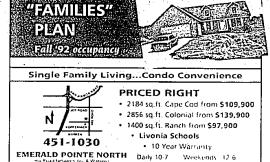
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