



# Shall we rent? Shall we buy?

Where to live is one of the most important matters for young marrieds to tackle.

Another question is when to rent. Some budgets can't absorb an extra month or two of rent before the wedding to insure a desirable apartment after the honeymoon.

Carolyn Koppy and her fiancé have got the problem licked. The couple will move into his apartment in Southfield after their marriage.

"MY FIANCE'S had the apartment for a couple of months now and the lease won't be up for 18 months," she said.

"We hope to be house hunting by that time, if we can afford it."

Laurie Goodman and Peter Winston won't be married until July but are already apartment hunting in Ann Arbor.

ONE COUPLE looking for a house in a particular area went to a real estate office where agents said there were only a few homes in their price range.

"I don't want to live in an apartment because I make too much noise," said a young bride. "We're looking for a three-bedroom home in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 price range, but we've been looking for more than a month with no luck."

Others are having a difficult time finding an apartment available this month.

MANY APARTMENT owners are saying they don't have anything available until April.

"We're looking mostly in North-east Detroit for an apartment. We don't want a house because my future husband has a position that could send him out of the state in a couple of years," said another bride.

One couple has already found an apartment but would prefer living in a home or condominium.

"WE'D GO INTO a home now, but we want to wait until we have more money for a larger down payment," she said.

"Without a sizeable down payment, monthly payments would be just too high for us to handle," she said.

Roberta Hordes and Steve Levitt will make their first home in a Troy apartment.

"IT'LL BE A WHILE before we can afford a house," he said.

Diane and Wayne Wink looked for apartments and then decided to move into his Royal Oak apartment.

"It was the most practical thing to do," he said. "It's close to my work. I already had furniture and she didn't, so we just moved in here."

ROY AND ANN SAWYER came to the same conclusion but moved into Ann's apartment.

"We like the location in Troy and the layout of her apartment better," said Roy.

"With my furniture and hers, we're all set. We even had to sell a few things that wouldn't fit in."

Kay and Paul Cushman chose a motor home.

"The down payment was much cheaper than on a house, and we feel our payments are like saving money for the future," he said.

"WE ENJOY LIVING here because there are a lot of other young couples around. We'd like to get a house in about two years and start a family too."

When Valerie Madison marries James Winkes, they'll move into a suburban apartment.

"It's the only thing we can afford for the present," she said. "We're already saving what we can for a house, but with prices so inflated, I don't know when that will be."

HELENE AND DOUGLAS SIMMS have put off renting an apartment of their own for now.

"We couldn't really afford it because we are both still in school," Helene said.

"We're living with my parents but we hope to be in a place of our own in about six months. It will have to be an apartment because of finances."

Bernard and Jill Lancoste waited an extra year to get married so they could have their own place.

"BOTH OUR PARENTS offered to let us live with them, but we felt the waiting was worth it," he said. "We made up our minds to start married life together and alone and we're not sorry."

"Now that we have our furniture all paid for, we're starting to save for a down payment on a home. We want to be in a house when we start a family."

"It's a good feeling to have a goal and a house is our main one now."

Cheryl Von Hatten will have to travel overseas to set up housekeeping for the first time.

HER HUSBAND Gary is serving in the U. S. Army.

"Right now he is in Vienza, Italy," she said, "and I'm planning to join him there as soon as I can."

The Von Hattens expect to be in Europe for one to two more years.

"It will be exciting to live in a foreign country. It's like starting out on an adventure because I've never traveled before."