

Q—While I was painting the kitchen woodwork a few spots of paint fell on the porcelain enameled surface of the stove and refrigerator and dried before I noticed them. How can I remove the spots safely?
A—These must be handled with care or you can ruin the finish of the appliance. Try rub-

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Up-Grade In Housing Needs Noted By Realtor Executive

Market activity in residential real estate strongly reflects the desire for improved living accommodations, according to Thomas H. Brenna, President of the Real Estate Board of Rochester. He declared that families throughout the nation and in the Rochester area are moving up in the housing scale. In support of his statement, Brenna cited findings of a recent nationwide survey made by the National Association of Real Estate Boards, of which the local board is a member. Brenna added that further support of this significant trend is reflected by related facts and findings from government agencies and the recent experience of Rochester Realtors.

The NAREB survey, Brenna explained, which summarizes prevailing conditions in 220 market areas across the nation, reveals that tenants and purchasers alike are now seeking living space of the design, size, and location better suited to meet their family needs. It also indicated, that renters, with more choice becoming available to them, are shunning makeshift quarters or those with inadequate facilities and accommodations, or in need of major repairs. It also indicated that home buyers are now apparently becoming willing to postpone other purchases and to assume substantial mortgage obligations to buy the house of their choice.

Recent personal income levels and a free and varied market of existing and new houses have combined to make effective the consumer demand for better housing, the Rochester Board Executive said. And it is this consumer demand that has kept habitable vacancies low, since World War II, and has continued to sustain the value of quality shelter while forcing the repair of deficient units or speeding their removal from the market. Brenna observed, in every sector of the market, the influence of consumer preference for good housing is apparent, and unless home production falters drastically, the filtration process will accelerate as more and more families assert their wish to live in greater comfort.

Brenna quoted a recent report of the Federal Housing Administration to the effect that in 1955 for the first time since the FHA has been keeping records on the area of typical new homes

shown by the fact that homes in this category accounted for more than two-thirds of the total built.

Reporting that the median proposed selling price for new houses has increased from \$12,300 in 1954 to \$13,700 in 1955, the Department said that a major element in the rise was the larger size of the houses being built. Other elements in the higher prices were rises in land, (Continued on page 15)

on which it insures mortgage loans, the space provided tops 1,000 square feet. This compares with 838 square feet in 1950, 924 square feet in 1953 and 961 square feet in 1954. The typical house in 1955, was made up of 5 1/2 rooms with three bedrooms, the FHA has said, noting that the three-bedroom house was also the most popular in 1954; although the 1955 house was slightly more spacious. A similar report pointing up the upgrading of housing throughout the country was made jointly by the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Labor. Between 1954 and 1955, the Department said, three-bedroom houses became much more popular as

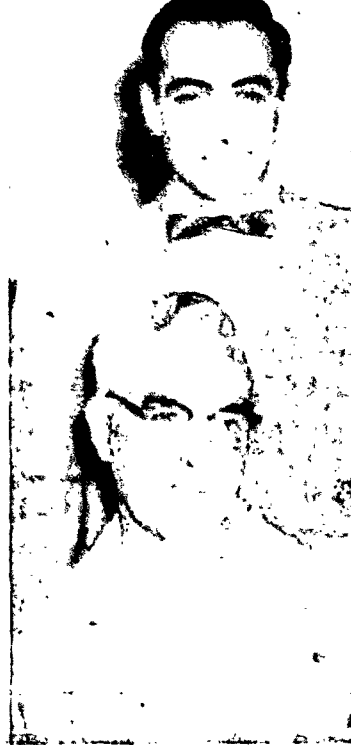


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