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House Buying

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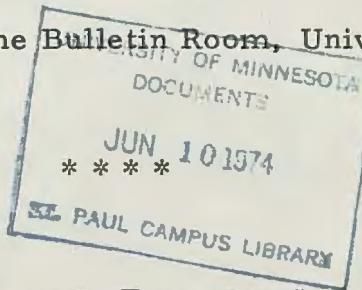
Here's a tip from University of Minnesota Extension

Housing Specialist Bill Angell:

When selecting a pre-owned house, obtain as much information as possible and avoid decisions based on opinions and first impressions.

The house you buy will be sold "as is," so any deficiencies will become your problems unless you discover them before you buy and demand that they be corrected or the price reduced.

A three-part "Selection Guide for Pre-Owned Houses" has been prepared by Angell for the Agricultural Extension Service and is available from the **Bulletin Room, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 55108.**

Summer Cooling

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University of Minnesota Extension Specialist Linda Reece says cooling a room with uncovered windows may take as much as 35 percent more energy, depending on the direction the windows face.

Lined draperies insulate against incoming heat and thermal linings serve double duty by keeping your home cooler in the summer and preventing heat loss in the winter.

Homeowners who are building or remodeling may want to consider installing reflective window glass, particularly on south exposures where glare can be a year-round problem. Studies show that this glass reduces solar heat coming through windows by 40 to 70 percent.

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