

Getting your house ready

It's almost time for the *For Sale* sign to go up, and time to make sure your house will be looking its best when the first prospective purchasers walk through the door.

A clean, uncluttered house looks bigger and more inviting, so begin by packing away bulky or unused furniture and making the best use of your space. Be ruthless when you go through closets, spare rooms and cupboards.

If you haven't used that bread-making machine for a while, and if you're not likely to need that extra set of china or cutlery in the next few weeks, pack it away. Those knick-knacks on the mantlepiece may have sentimental value to you, but they'll just look like knick-knacks to the people who come through your home. Take a deep breath and move them out of sight.

You can make a head start on packing by cleaning off bookshelves, clearing clothes, shoes, extra towels and bedding out of closets, and boxing the kids' toys, out-of-season sports equipment and garden tools.

Take a tour of your house and make a note of all those easy-to-miss spots that need a good cleaning. Wash down the walls, windows and wood-

work. Scrub sinks, toilets, bathtubs and kitchen appliances until they shine. Clean out the cupboards under the sink, dust the tops of baseboards and wash all window coverings.

The more thorough the initial clean-up, the easier it will be to keep the house looking

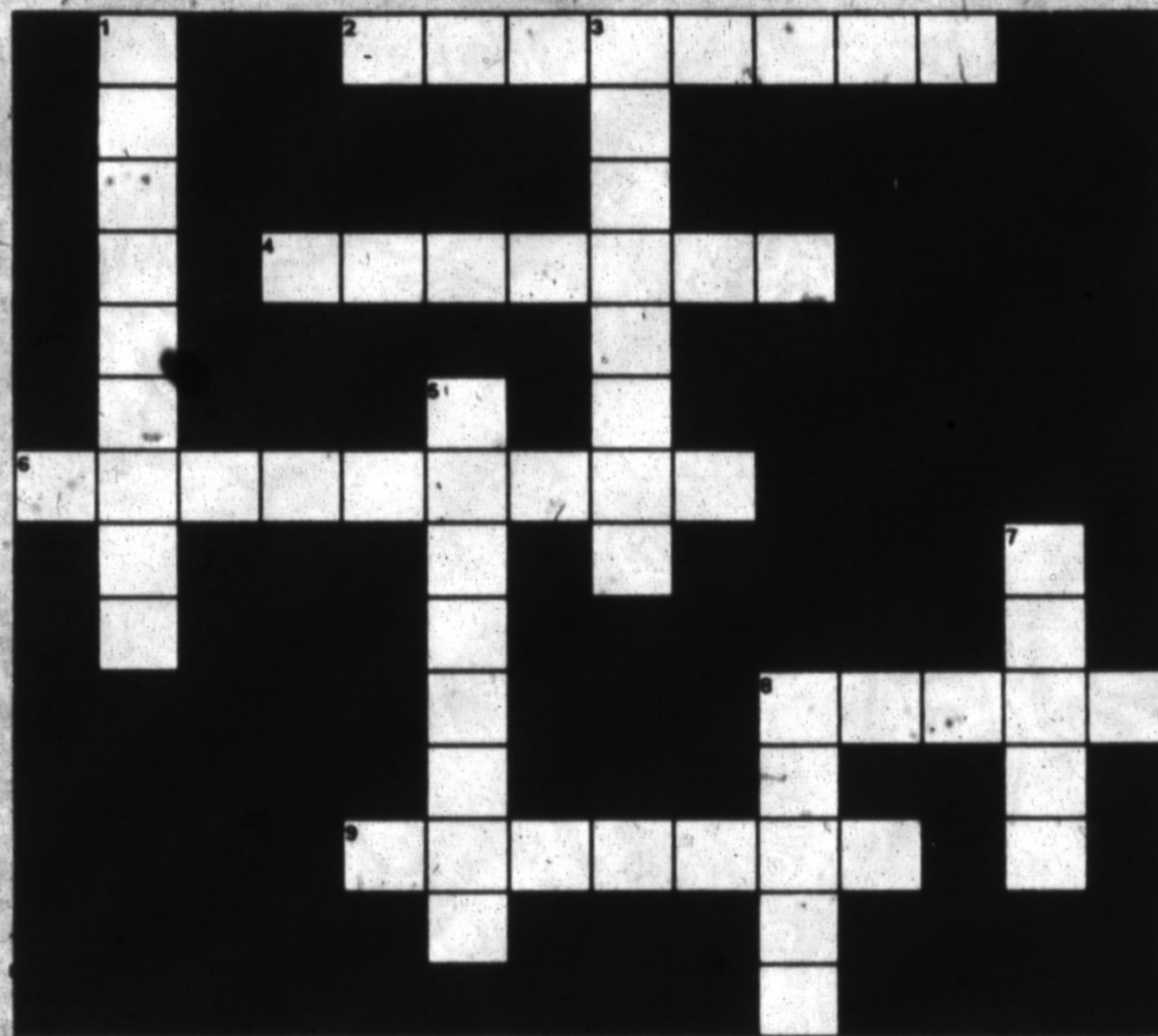
its best for visits from your realtor and prospective buyers.

Now is the time to fix the cracked light-switch plates, broken door handles, leaky faucets and squeaky doors you've learned to live with for years.

Shabby kitchen cupboards • see TIPS on page 5

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- 8. instrument
- 9. bedroom for newborn

DOWN

- 1. wall to wall
- 3. old possessions
- 5. family cookout
- 7. waxable flooring
- 8. outside _____ swing

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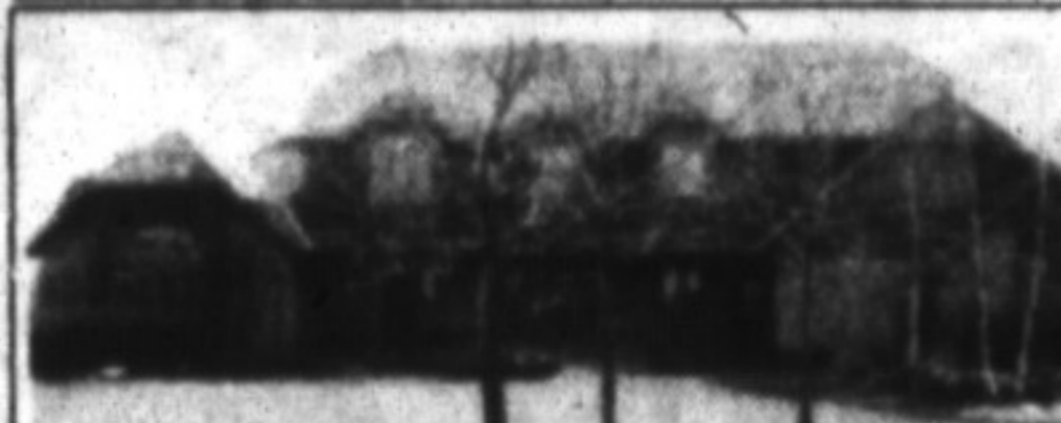
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