

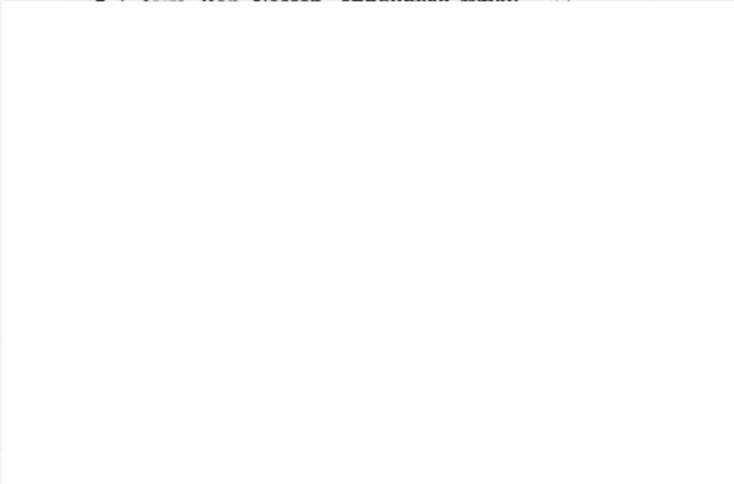
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Fords Plan to Sell House in Virginia
 WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 —(AP)—
 President Ford will put his Alexandria, Va., house up for sale, his press secretary announced today.



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Fords Planning to Sell House in Alexandria
 United Press International
 President and Mrs. Ford definitely have decided to sell their house in Alexandria, the First Lady told friends yesterday.
 The Fords lived in the Alexandria house in the years before he went to the White House and kept it because they planned to retire there some day.

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~~A WINTER WHITE HOUSE:~~ By the time the snow flies in Vail, something new may be added to the ski slopes, condominiums and apres-ski hangouts and discotheques of the Colorado winter resort area: swarms of Secret Service men.

Speculation in Vail is that President Ford, who owns a \$50,000 condominium there, may make Vail the site of a winter White House.

Ford, who has gone on record to say that sub-freezing temperatures with a snow cover are "my favorite kind of weather," has been a familiar sight at Vail since he bought the condominium for himself and family four years ago.

The President, his wife, Betty, and four children are all ski enthusiasts.

Middle Americans Know the Ford House

Bf-homes

It Is a Place for Growing Up

BY LOUIS COOK
Free Press Editorial Writer

THE PICTURE of the old frame home in Grand Rapids where President Ford lived as a boy fairly leaps out of the page. Without ever having been in the place, those who were reared in Middle America know almost exactly what it is like inside, and feel a wrench that it has fallen on bad times.

The house should be protected, of course, but not only because it now has historic value. It stands for a serene pattern of life that



trees and ran downstairs to walk barefooted in dew.

The kitchen is on the back, of course, with its thoughts of people waiting for the bread to come out of the oven, mouths watering.

Just looking at the house we can hear the rush down the stairs on Christmas morning, the clack of the lawn mower, the babble of daughters dressing for their first dates, boys complaining about being scrubbed behind their ears, a coal scoop scraping in the coal room.

It is most certainly a house where children stood over hot-air registers on cold mornings, their night gowns billowing. Babies were diapered.



Associated Press

President and Mrs. Ford leaving the White House on Saturday for Camp David, where they spent the weekend.

Ford's Michigan Home Rotting, And Apathy Annoys Neighbors

Special to The New York Times

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 21—A house Gerald R. Ford says that "trespassers will be lived in here is rotting and prosecuted to the full extent

Philip W. Buchen, chief White House legal counsel, said, he had discussed the matter with the President and that Mr. Ford had no interest in seeing the home preserved. It is one of eight he lived in during his years here.

"The house simply does not mean much to him," Mr. Buchen, a former Grand Rapids lawyer, said. "Nor do I think he would be pleased if it was done through private sponsors."

"They'd be quick to want it preserved if that same house had been in East Grand Rapids," said Fred Oliver, a black who lives two houses away.

Nancy Brown, who lives in a first-floor apartment nearby, agrees.

"They don't want anything to do with it just because it's in this neighborhood," she said.

The house's listed price was \$5,500 before the V.A. pulled it off the market to prevent speculation.

Smashed bottles had littered the lawn, and torn, rusted screens were removed from the front porch. Broken windows were replaced and shrubs rimmed.

Fords and Kissingers Relax at Camp David

CAMP DAVID, Mr., June 22 (AP)—The Ford and Kissinger families relaxed at this mountain retreat today.

President and Mrs. Ford came by helicopter yesterday night and were joined by Secretary of State Kissinger, his wife, Nancy and Mr. Kissinger's two teen-age children, David and Elizabeth. The Fords' son Mike and his wife, Gayle, were also here.

A White House spokesman said the visit was strictly as a social affair, but he said he would not rule out the possibility the President and Mr. Kissinger discussed business

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of the Nixon villa.

● BALTIMORE (AP)—Former President Nixon telephoned ex-White House aide Herbert G. Klein on Monday for making derogatory comments about him, the Baltimore Sun said in its Tuesday



Until Monday morning, this boyhood home of Gerald Ford in Grand Rapids, Mich., could have been bought for \$9,000, but the Veterans Administration took it off the list later in the day. Ford lived in the house at 649 Union St. in the years 1923-1930. It was a ritzy neighborhood then but is badly run-down now. —AP Wirephoto

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Ford, but I'm not a Model T."
It was plain talk and the Congressmen loved it.
And more than any other

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The Democrats were warm

sident's address to Congress

Grand Rapids Press
11/20/76

Betty Says Fords to Sell Home, Leave Alexandria

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Betty Ford has told friends that she and President Ford have decided to sell their house in suburban Alexandria, Va.

The Fords lived in the Alexandria house in the years before he went to

is too small to provide room for the Secret Service and other aides who will accompany them.

Ford looked at houses in Palm Springs, Calif. while vacationing there.

Betty Says President's Not Despondent As Home Goes on Market For \$137,000

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WASHINGTON (AP) — First Lady Betty Ford says her husband has not become despondent and that he lost last month's election because the voters favored a candidate who ran an antigovernment campaign.

said Ford's attitude is "very good."

"We worked as hard as we could to give the people a picture of what we could offer ... and obviously it was the choice of the people to pick someone that was, I think,

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The Miami Herald

Wednesday, September 11, 1974 PBX

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Fords' House For Rent

The White House has received about 150 inquiries, some from foreign countries, about the Alexandria residence occupied until recently by President and Mrs. Ford.

They are being referred to realtor Pat Golubin, who plans to put the four-bedroom house with pool on the rental market shortly. The property, boasting a showplace garden planted



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and tended over the years by First Lady Betty Ford, will cost \$800 per month plus utilities.

The Fords are asking for a two-year lease. But with Ford planning to run in 1976 and the Democrats thus far failing to come up with real competition, the new tenant has a reasonably good chance of staying on.

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FIRST LADY Betty Ford has been candid about the medication she takes to relieve ten-

homes



FOR NORTH RESIDENTS

Mrs. Ford once wee Chicagoan

BY HOWARD S. MARKS

THE THREE-STORY apartment building at 1252 W. Columbia Av. [6750 North] looks like just another typical Chicago apartment

Stephenson Bloomer, 42, and Hortense Nearh Bloom, 32, moved into the newly completed Columbia Avenue building.

MRS. ROTMAN was not beyond boasting

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Ford Asks \$137,000 For His 4-Bedroom Home in Alexandria

By Patricia Camp

Washington Post Staff Writer

President Gerald R. Ford is asking \$137,000 for the four-bedroom, 2½-bath, colonial-style brick home in Alexandria that he bought in March, 1955, for \$34,000.

The \$137,000 figure is an average of two independent appraisals made of the home, located at 514 Crownview Dr., according to Susan Goldwater. Goldwater heads the Washington of-

terday, the spokesman said. He said he was not certain if some items will be removed.

Louise Abbruzzese, who lives across the street from the Ford home in the quiet Seminary Hills community, said, "We will miss them. It's always hard to lose somebody that you care for."

Susan Ford often babysat with the Abbruzzese children, and a copper sculpture over the Abbruzzese garage announced that it served as the "First

Today in Michigan 

Will State GOP Make Use Of Ford Coattails?

LANSING UPI - Will the sudden elevation of home-grown Gerald R. Ford to the Presidency give Michigan Republicans a windfall at the polls this November?

Still reeling from the furious pace

McLaughlin, "I don't know if the 100 days will be operative this year or not."

More than one report published the day Ford officially replaced Richard M. Nixon at the nation's

Ford Slept Here, And So Can You ^{of home}



GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Jerry Ford slept here. And if you're interested, it's yours from the Veterans Administration for \$500 down and a \$9,000 mortgage.

For seven years Ford lived at 649 Union Street, which was then in the ritzy section of town. But in 1974, the three-story wood frame house where the President lived as a teen-ager is not exactly a national shrine.

In fact, it is empty. Bottles are shattered on the lawn, some windows are long since broken, and weeds grow in the crumbling walkway. The porch screens are ripped and rusting, and a white cardboard sign warns the VA will prosecute trespassers.

crime-ridden. Sylvia English, 78, who has lived on the block long enough to remember Ford's father, says she's been robbed "two or three times, but I'm not afraid. I can live here nicer and cheaper than if I moved."

Ethel Henderson said it was crime that forced her to move out the former Ford home and across town five years ago.

"When I go back now and see what bad shape it's in it just makes me sick," she said.

Rosie Sylvester, who lives next door, thinks it would be nice if the government restored the home in view of its presidential significance.

"It would certainly help increase property value," she said.

Bf-homes

Ford Home to Stay Put, VA Says

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deluged with offers for the house since it became known that the president spent his youth there, will recommend a buyer to the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation and

area in 1923. The Fords as well as most other whites left the neighborhood about 1930. Ford's parents are dead.

Moving the Ford house out of its original neighborhood would also destroy any outside

But the Grand Rapids home, which invokes more of a sense of decay, than anything else, still has a chance, Howland said.

"It's grown shabby, but that doesn't make any difference.

ter of Historic Places.

The VA has already begun to clean up the property and repair the vacant, deteriorat-

ing house. Grand Rapids Police regularly patrol the premises at the VA's request, one official said.

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said.

"Frankly, we were not aware we owned it until you folks wrote the story," one VA spokesman said. The Free Press disclosed Monday that the house was up for sale.

GERALD R. Ford Sr., the president's stepfather, moved his family into the house in the then-white, upper-middle-class

Ford to Keep Home bf-homes
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Miss English said she stays on in the home, where she nurtures a rare climbing hydrangea, because "I can live here nicer and cheaper than if I moved."

She said she's been robbed "two or three times, but I'm not afraid." Still, she keeps a double lock on her front door even in daytime.

Mrs. Sylvester said "gobs of people" came to take pictures of the old house when Ford was appointed vice-president last fall. Since then hardly anyone has come by, she said.

EVEN ELLIE LAWHORN, who lived in the upstairs in 1969-71 after it was converted

into an apartment, didn't know the president had grown up there until informed by a reporter.

"It wouldn't have meant anything to me then," he said. Ford was only a congressman at that time. "But now, hey, I lived in the house where the president used to live," he exclaimed.

Mrs. Henderson said she also hopes the house she used to own will get fixed up now that Ford is president.

"I paid \$13,000 when I bought the home. I was the first colored person in the neighborhood and the neighbors all tried to buy me out," she recalled.

"I kept it up just fine. It was a beautiful home. I had the porch screened in and the yard was beautiful," said Mrs. Henderson, who now lives in an apartment across town. "Bue when I go by now and see what bad shape it's in, it just makes me sick."

Ford Signs Are Tough to Change

GRAND RAPIDS (AP)—The city fathers of President Ford's hometown tried to pull a fast one on souvenir seekers and wound up almost sticking it to themselves.

When Ford was named vice-president last year, the city erected signs welcoming visitors to his hometown. It wasn't long before the signs

were gone, victims of souvenir hunters armed with pliers and a wrench.

The city replaced those with a new set of signs, welded to their posts.

Friday, when Ford took the presidency, the city wanted to take the old signs down to pre-

pare for a new set of signs, taking the vice out of president.

Trouble is, they couldn't get them down. The welding was too tight. City workers went out and cut the signs off their poles, and Saturday police said the task was complete.

Ford, GOP Meet to Discuss V-P Possibilities

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Congress and ask for co-operation in return.

Ford began his second full day as president by driving with his wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan, 17, from their suburban Alexandria, Va., home to the nearby Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill for the regular Sunday morning Episcopal service.

Kneeling in a back-row pew, Ford heard the church's assistant pastor read a special prayer from Suffragan Bishop John A. Baden.

"Give him the strength of spirit, body and mind needed for the tasks; the wisdom to see, listen and act for the good of all people," said the prayer, adding:

"Oh Lord, helpeth Gerald to know he is not alone, that he is one of us with you . . ."

"Bless our country with honesty, love and concern for each other . . ."

The Rev. Patricia M. Park, also asked for comfort for the president, whose resignation Friday elevated Ford to the nation's highest office. She said later it was a "prayer for the despondent" taken from an Episcopal prayer book.

AFTER CHURCH, Ford returned home for a brunch of waffles with sour cream and fresh strawberries, then drove to the White House and met for a half-hour with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

He then began the series of 11 meetings in the Oval Office to "milk some more transition ideas" from long-time congressional and political friends.

The separate half-hour sessions were with former congressman and Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird, former Eisenhower and Nixon adviser Bryce N. Harlow, Reps. Elford A. Cederberg of Michigan, Conable, Leslie C. Arends of Illinois, and John J. Rhodes of Arizona; Sens. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, Barry Goldwater of Arizona and John G. Tower of Texas, and national Republican Party chairman George Bush.

White House press secretary Jerald F. terHorst said the main purpose of the meetings

was to "tackle problems."

Rockefeller vice-president Scott said "Face it: those naming forgotten is."

Griffin, "Issues are out that inhibits the being from the president that make publican definitely eration."

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Ford Picks Photographer

WASHINGTON (AP)—David Hume Kennerly, a prize-winning photographer, was named by President Ford as official White House photographer.

Kennerly, 27, left Time Magazine to replace the post. The 27-year-old Kennerly, who sported a mustache, was named as the new White House photographer.