

# MRS. NICE TO OUST HIGH OLD BATH TUBS

## Plans To Install More Modern Ones As Mansion Is Being Redecorated

When the redecorating of the Executive Mansion at Annapolis is completed Maryland will have on its hands a quantity of large enameled bath tubs perched on high legs. Mrs. Harry W. Nice let it be known yesterday.

Not only is Mrs. Nice planning three new bathrooms on the second floor of the mansion but she intends to take out all the old tubs that have served Governors of Maryland for years and replace them with low, modern models.

A great deal of the furniture in the building will be retained, Mrs. Nice said yesterday, in revealing her plans. A lot of assorting has been going on while the mansion is being rebuilt, and what there was that seemed good to the State's First Lady has been sent out to be reupholstered and refinished.

### Real Antique Found

There was, for instance, an excellent winged chair, that was found huddled in a room on the third floor with three beds. It was the only real antique in the place, Mrs. Nice said. When its value was discovered, it was sent out to be fixed up and will be given a place of honor on the first floor.

All the furniture from the State dining room is being retained. It is probable that reproductions of early American furniture will replace the cumbersome bedrooms suites of the second floor. One of the old suites, containing a poster bed, may be kept, however.

### Rugs Being Freshened

The old mansion's fine Persian rugs are being scoured and freshened and will go down again when the carpenters are through. New flat silver will be bought to add to the assortment already belonging to the mansion's furnishings.

Mrs. Nice said color schemes are only tentative at present, but that she hopes to have the walls of the first floor painted old ivory. New satin brocade draperies will be hung at the windows of the lower floor except in the family dining room, where the red curtains formerly used will be hung after they are cleaned and repaired.

Out of the family dining room will go the ornate corner cabinets and early American pieces probably will be used in this room.

Window draperies of the drawing room will be gold brocade, the dining

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room blue and the small reception room rose. There will probably be no drapes at the doors.

Draperies at the windows of the second floor bedrooms will more than likely be moire or taffeta, orchid in one room, pink in another, blue in a third and corn in a fourth. Mrs. Nice, however, has reserved her woman's prerogative of changing her mind.

#### New Closets Planned

Besides the three new bathrooms on the second floor, Mrs. Nice has seen to it that the rebuilders were furnished with plans for six new clothes closets and a linen closet. The billiard room on the same floor will be made smaller and used for the same purpose or else transformed into another bedroom.

The servants have not been neglected. Their quarters in the basement will be modernized completely, as will the laundry and the kitchen. The mansion recently acquired an electric washing machine and an electric drier, but Mrs. Nice privately is of the opinion that fresh air and sunshine are still best—an old-fashioned notion, she says.

On the ground floor also will be cloak rooms for guests at receptions and other large functions.

When all the work is done, there are going to be a lot of things left over. Most of the bric-a-brac that will be discarded is in a storeroom in the Statehouse.

There are washstands and pitchers that Mrs. Nice doesn't want, especially since the new bathrooms are going in. There is a roll-top office desk that's outmoded, there are old brass and iron beds, and of all things, an egg stove. Then there are auditorium chairs and other gilt pieces that Mrs. Nice thinks won't fit in.

What the State is going to do with it Mrs. Nice doesn't know. She hasn't any plans. The idea of a rummage sale left her noncommittal, as did an auction for some State charity.

Maybe, though, somebody will come along who'll cherish the idea of a perforated kitchen safe that kept some long-gone Governor's food from spoiling, or a wash-basin some Maryland statesman used for his morning ablutions. In that case, Maryland may yet be saved.