

MANSION TAKING SHAPE AS HOME

Mrs. Nice Supervises Installing Of Furniture And Hanging Of Draperies

Much Of Original Furnishings Of Building Have Been Reconditioned

[By the Associated Press]

Annapolis, July 22—The rebuilt Executive Mansion took shape as a home today as furniture was installed in the many rooms, draperies hung at windows and mirrors and decorative ornaments placed.

Mrs. Harry W. Nice spent the day supervising the placing of the furniture and checking on the many details encountered in equipping the building. She expects to be busy at the mansion until the work is completed.

The mirrors which formerly hung in the large central hall were installed. Tables, chairs and sofas—the old rose upholstery contrasting with the buff walls and ivory trim of the lower floor—were arranged.

Stairs Rise Three Floors

The walnut rail and treads of the winding stairway that runs through the entire three floors of the building gave additional color to the hall.

In an alcove, halfway up the stairs from the first floor a bronze figure was placed, carrying a garland of grapevine, with concealed electric lights.

The buff and white finished dining room, with its two fireplaces and crystal chandelier, was equipped with the original furniture, which was reconditioned. Blue draperies hung at the windows, blending into the color scheme of the room.

Old gold window drapes set the color scheme of the public reception room, also finished in buff and ivory. The electric candle lights in the crystal wall brackets have golden hued shades. Many of the chairs and sofas in this room are upholstered in old gold.

Old Furniture Is Used

The public drawing room to the left of the main entrance was equipped with the reconditioned old furniture. The upholstery in electric blue, with small figures, blended with brocaded silver and old rose draperies at the windows.

The family dining room gives a touch of color to the first floor of the mansion. The foam green woodwork and wall covering is set off by crimson window draperies and a crimson rug. A Duncan Phyfe table was placed under the crystal chandelier, with an early American sideboard and china closet. The chairs are upholstered in crimson.

The Governor's office, in the northwest wing of the building, was furnished with a large flat walnut desk and walnut-finished chairs and a day-enport upholstered in leather. There is a Colonial built-in bookcase and fireplace. The woodwork and walls are finished in old ivory.

Early American Touch

An early American touch is given in the entry to the Governor's office by a chandelier with shades resembling those used on kerosene lamps.

Orchid and green predominates in the family bedroom in the central front of the second floor. The large central triple window is draped with taffeta, carrying out the color scheme. Twin beds, bed tables, shaded lights and comfortable chairs complete the room.

It adjoins the family sitting room, which has green window drapes edged with orchid. A tile bath and large cedar closet open from this room. In the remaining bedrooms on the second floor corn, pink, peach and old rose window draperies set the color scheme.

Billiard Room Reconditioned

The billiard table and its equipment has been reconditioned and is installed in a special room of the second floor. The lighting is in keeping with the purposes of the room.

Mrs. Nice said the family expected to occupy the mansion by the latter part of next week. She said there would be no period of open house.

Mrs. Nice will entertain at least during the fall. The regular Governor's reception for National Guard officers and the public, and the reception to be held for members of the 1937 Legis-