



Nice To Have Nine Bathtubs In New Executive Mansion

*One Is In Room So De Luxe It Has Glass-Doored
Shower—Observer Looks In Vain For Old
High-Legged Contrivances*

The Sun sent Miss Muller to Annapolis to report on the condition of the Executive Mansion shortly after the election of Governor Nice. The following article deals with its present condition—after rebuilding. The mansion is not yet quite completed, but the Governor's family expects to move in next month.

By AMELIA MULLER

The Nice family may or may not like their new mansion when they go into it in July, but, at least, they cannot quarrel about the bathtubs. Altogether there are nine of them—two in the servants' quarters, five on the second floor and two on the third floor.

The bath adjoining the family sitting room, close to the Governor's bedroom, has "de luxe" written all over it, even to a glass door enclosing the shower. All the baths have tiled floors and most have tiled wainscoting.

Nor will it be necessary for the uninitiated to practice gymnastics as they might have been obliged to do in the old bathtubs—those with high legs—for the new ones are low on the floor.

Some May Criticize—Others Praise

There may be persons who will visit Annapolis and criticize the mansion. They will say the building is too large for the grounds, that the dormer windows appear too small, that a conservatory in one wing does not seem to balance an office in the other. They may object to the ghost of the old mansion peeping shyly over the wing that provides for the conservatory. There will be some who will point to the Harwood House and wish the Executive Mansion had the same beauty.

But there will be others who will

see a vast improvement in the present mansion over the mid-Victorian one. They will enjoy standing on one wing of the mansion and looking through doorways to the conservatory in the other wing. They will like its spaciousness, its brightness.

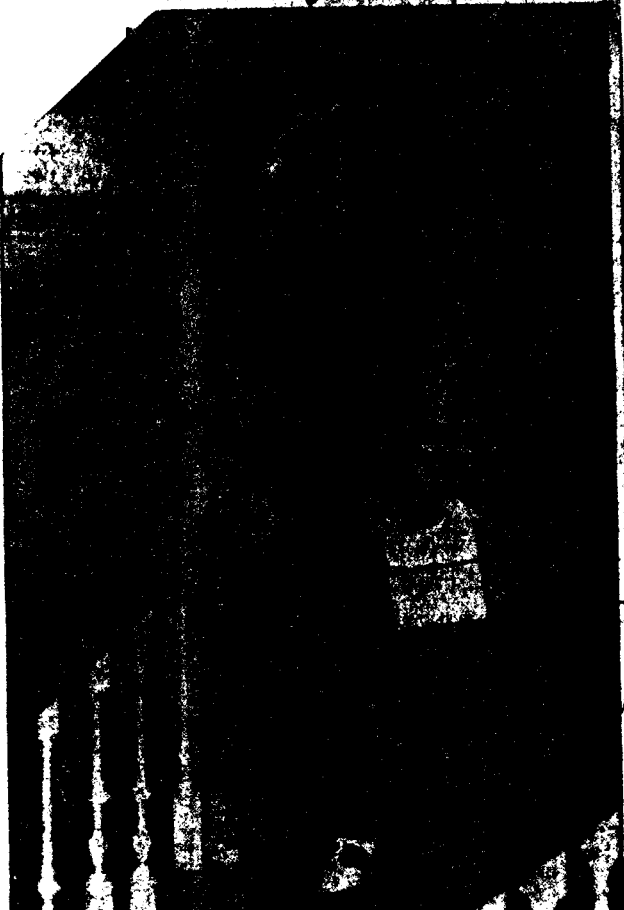
They will like especially its third floor with its outlook from the dormer windows. They will observe with delight the new doorways on the first floor with their Colonial effects, and point with pleasure to the reconstructed balustrade of the stairway. They will like the small panes in the windows of the mansion. The simplicity and grandeur of the interior will impress them.

Paint In Evidence

And the front door, if it is lighter in weight, will not be cracked; the front staircase leading up from the entrance hall and climbing spirally up to the dome will not be on an obvious crutch (called by architects a "strut") close to the foot of the staircase. All that is gone, and the quartered oak parquet floors will be clean, very clean. Men are at work on them now.

The woodwork has stopped its howling for paint and is a new soft ivory.

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and the walls of the first floor, for the most part, some papered and some painted, give the same soft ivory or gray effect, except in the family dining room, which will be papered in a soft green.

Expects To Move Next Month

Mrs. Nice, wife of the Governor, said yesterday she expected to move in in the middle of July.

And when she does, she will have all the appointments of a well-managed hotel, the reconstruction of which, it has been estimated, will cost the average tax-paying home owner of Maryland an assessment of about 15 cents.

Yesterday, Mrs. Nice was at the mansion giving specific directions that the dumbwaiter from the butler's pantry to the basement kitchen be made to work and calling attention to such details as the need for cleaning out fireplaces and the sealing of spaces between walls of a cedar-lined closet.

Hand Of Woman Seen

It was plainly to be seen, going over the renovated mansion, that a woman had a hand in it all. The "slop room" that was in the old mansion on the second floor has been relegated to limbo. On the third floor where an old bathroom had been is a large linen closet and also on this floor is a store room, with many shelves.

To the glory of Maryland there is a drain board in the kitchen, something

unknown in previous regimes. There also will be a new stove to supplement the huge kitchen range, and a commodious built-in closet with glass doors for china. The laundry is not completed, but will be equipped with modern appliances by the time the Governor and his family move in.

Place For Women Guests

There will be a place for women guests to powder their noses and use their lipsticks in the "powder room" in the mansion before appearing at the reception. Their wraps and the wraps of their escorts also will find a place in the cloakrooms that have been provided in the basement.

Governors of other States visiting Maryland's Governor in the future will be able to place their automobiles side by side that of Maryland's Governor in the garage under his office, a garage large enough, it seems, for five or six good-sized cars.