

HISTORIC HOME MODERNIZED WINS \$1,000 AWARD



Dr. M. C. Del Manzo of New Hope, Pa., won the sweepstakes prize of \$1,000 in the 1933 Better Homes & Gardens contest for his modernization of the home shown here. The house, first built in 1747, served as headquarters for officers and also as a hospital in the Revolutionary war.



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When Dr. M. C. Del Manzo of New Hope, Pa., decided to restore and modernize his historic, 200-year-old home, he showed so much good judgment and intelligence in carrying out the work that the judges in the National Better Homes contest, sponsored last year by Better Homes & Gardens, have awarded him the sweepstakes prize of \$1,000.

More than 18,000 entries from 42 states competed for the \$3,000 in prizes offered by Better Homes & Gardens. In addition to the sweepstakes prize, there were 115 other cash awards, and 95 certificates of merit. A similar contest, with \$3,000 in prizes, is being conducted by the magazine this year.

The 1933 sweepstakes home, known as "Inghamdale," was built in 1747 on the old York road near New Hope, not far from Washington's Crossing. During the Revolutionary war, it served as headquarters for officers and also as a hospital after the Battle of Trenton. Samuel Dulusuma Ingham, a great grandson of the builder, was born in this house, and became secretary of the treasury under Andrew Jackson.

The success in remodeling this house, according to the judges, consisted largely in "taking away" and simplifying rather than "adding to" and elaborating. The old home had had numerous additions. In 1864, it was almost demolished when the second owner added a huge Victorian addition. Fortunately, the main part of the home remained undisturbed. The first step in restoration was the removal of the Victorian wings. An old stone wall enclosing the barn lot afforded colorful well-aged stone which was used in the new addition, and exactly matched those of the main home.

"Our aim," says Dr. Del Manzo, "has been to make this home of two hundred years ago comfortable and livable without destroying any of the old lines or detracting from the beauty and simplicity of the Dutch-Colonial architecture of 1750. The interior trim and panels of the old home were all hand-made. We have carefully carried out the same detail for all replacements and new work. Quite to our delight we discovered that the panels over the fireplace are identical in disposition and dimen-

sions to those of the Washington Headquarters House at Valley Forge. The original floors of old pine and hemlock were used in the entire second floor. With very few exceptions, the original hand-wrought hardware is in place. Any additional items were either secured from antique dealers or copies made of original pieces.

"The home has a most pleasing and homelike appearance, both from within and without. It is compact and its design simple and beautiful. The years that lie ahead promise many delightful hours cultivating an old-fashioned garden and spending the evenings before the fireplace. The project has been one of utmost joy in anticipation and execution—a venture that we feel has been well worth the time and effort."

This year, as last, leading daily newspapers throughout the country are co-operating with Better Homes & Gardens by putting on local Better Homes contests in their own communities. In 1933, 176 newspapers sponsored such contests.

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Fair Flower Garden to Bloom With New Beauty

A complete change has been made in the gardens adjoining the Horticultural building at the World's Fair in preparation for this summer's exposition. Twenty or thirty carloads of trees, shrubs and greeneries have been added in rearranging the four-acre plot. Rare poppies from China, zinnias, gardenias, snapdragons, delphinium, peonies and other blooms and blossoms of nearly every known variety, will be seen.

WILD FLOWER EXHIBIT

A ten-day exhibit, open to the public without charge, will be held in the assembly hall on the ninth floor of Mandel Brothers store, by the Wild Flower Preservation society. The exhibit opens today (Thursday) and continues until June 2. Information about wild flowers, weed control, and similar subjects will be given. The exhibit is held under the auspices of the Clubwoman's bureau.

Get your bedding plants properly spaced and thin them by pinching out straggly stems. It will help a lot in getting a fine mass of bloom.

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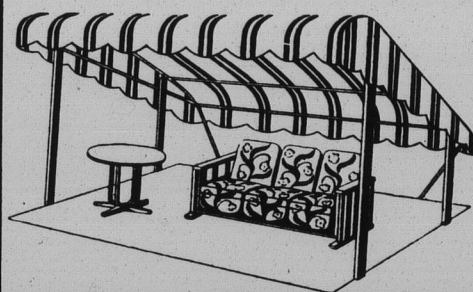
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