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# Colonials retain popularity

In spite of the popularity of contemporary architecture, the traditional colonial house is a favorite in New England. Many, both old and new, are featured in house tours during the summer.

On Tuesday, six Scituate houses were on view when the League of Women Voters of Scituate had its 15th annual house tour. Tea was served in the antique barn of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Tilden at 11 Elm Park.

The house was built about 1790 by a Hatch, who belonged to one of the early Scituate families. A Cape Cod type, it has 8-over-8 window panes and a neat picket fence. The barn was built in 1858 and four generations of the Harrub family farmed the land.

In the early 1930s the house was remodeled, carefully retaining the old features, by Dr. Arthur Rogers, a Winchester dentist, for a summer place. The Tildens have owned it for 10 years and this is the ninth year it has been included in the League's house tour.

Thursday, contrasts of "then" and "now" will be shown in the 10th annual Tides of Time house tour in Exeter, N.H., to benefit the New Hampshire-Vermont blood program.

The long low Flynn house is styled like those built in the area 200 years ago. Built primarily with antique woodworking tools,

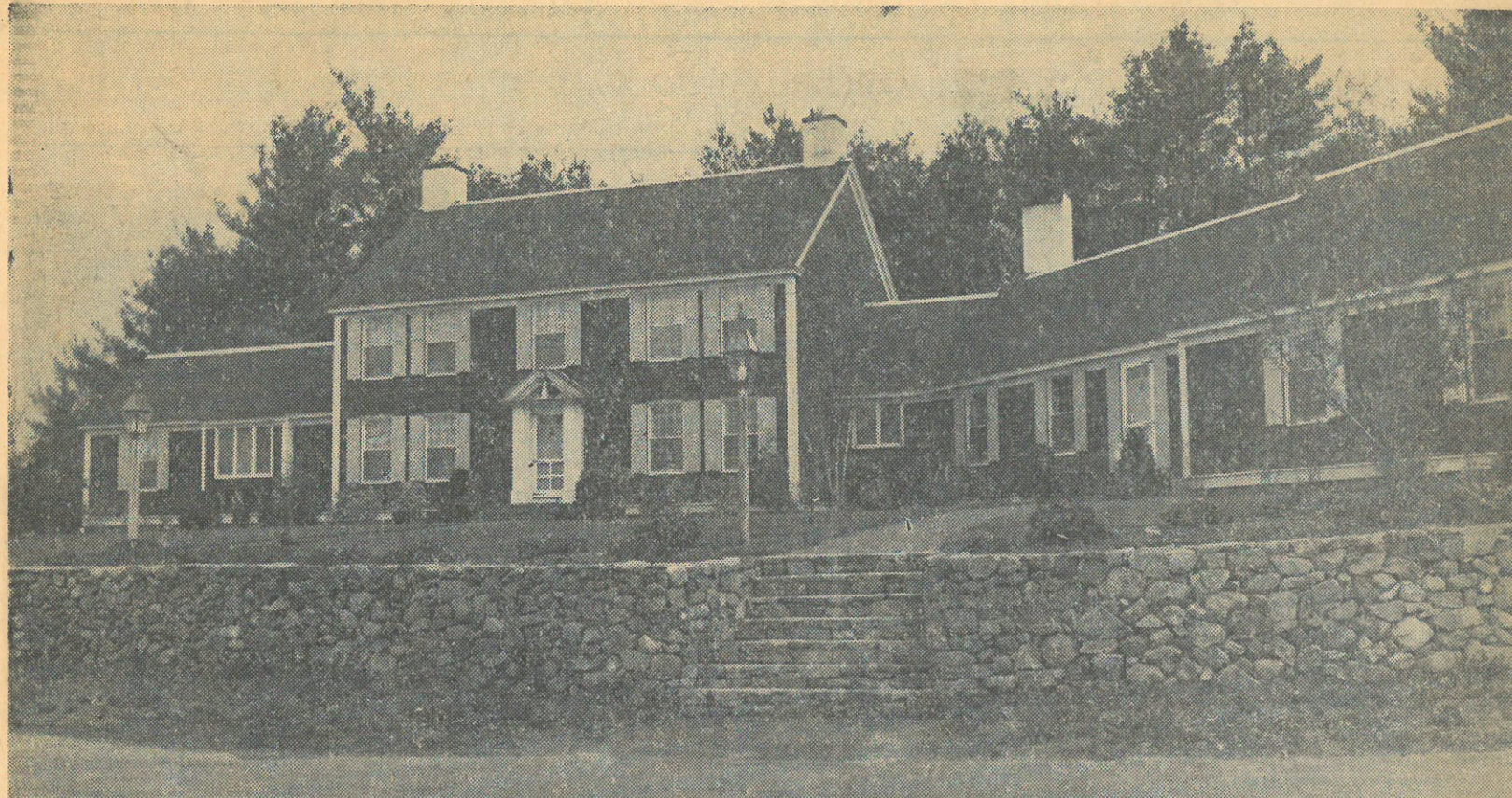
using time-seasoned wood, the structure is now two years old.

John and Marilyn Flynn knew they loved the beautiful proportions of a formal colonial house, but wondered how much of its formality could be integrated into a house for a modern family.

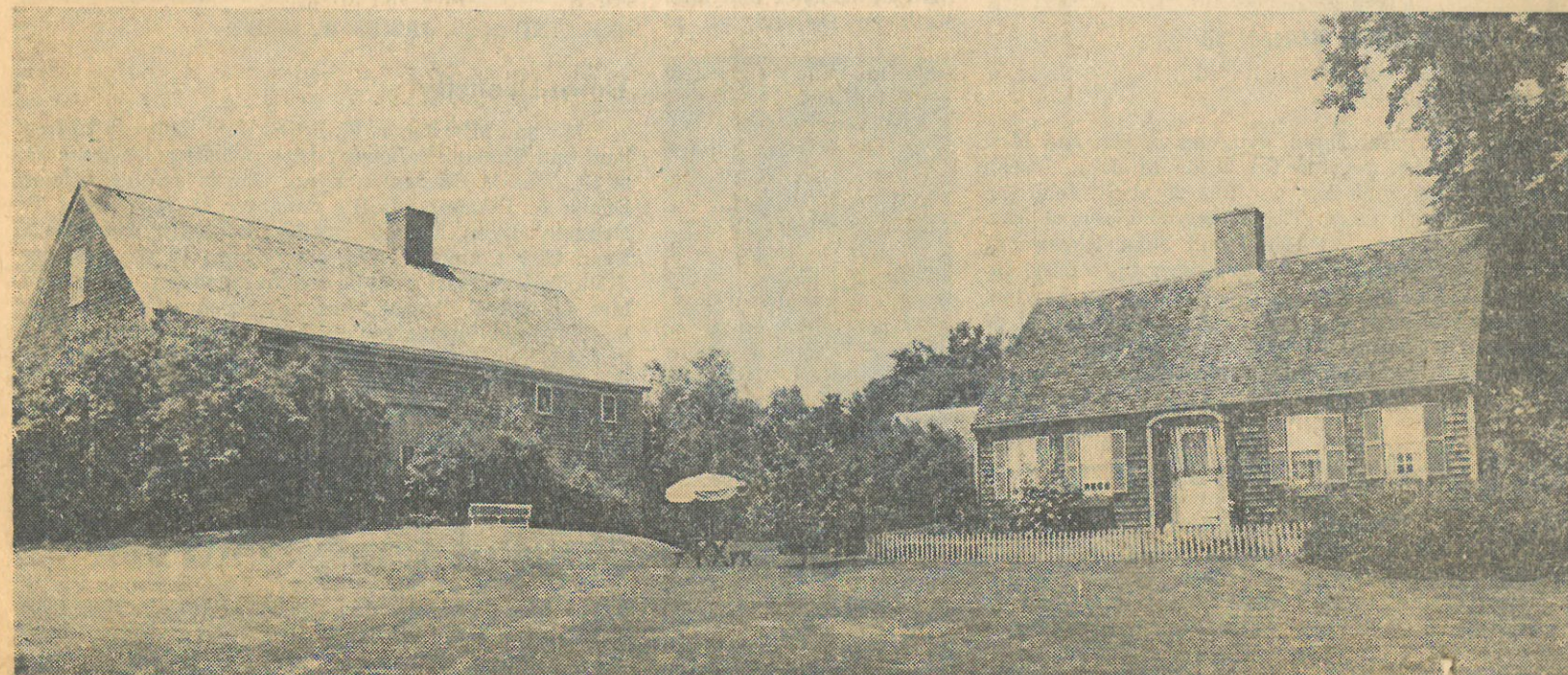
To create such a house they enlisted the combined talents of designer William Maynes of Hampton and Albert Cote of

Exeter, plus numerous individual craftsmen. Rooms for formal entertaining, informal family living and individual privacy are hidden behind the serene facade of a typical New England house.

Eight-over-eight window panes, hand-hewn beams, wide floor boards, paneling, moldings, mantels and huge fireplaces are all authentic and are a superb combination of the old and the new.



The 2-year-old house of the John W. Flynn, to be shown Thursday in the Exeter, N.H., house tour, to benefit New Hampshire-Vermont blood program. (Peter Randall photo)



The 200-year-old house of the David A. Tildens was included in the Scituate house tour of that town's League of Women Voters. (Globe photo by Jack O'Connell)