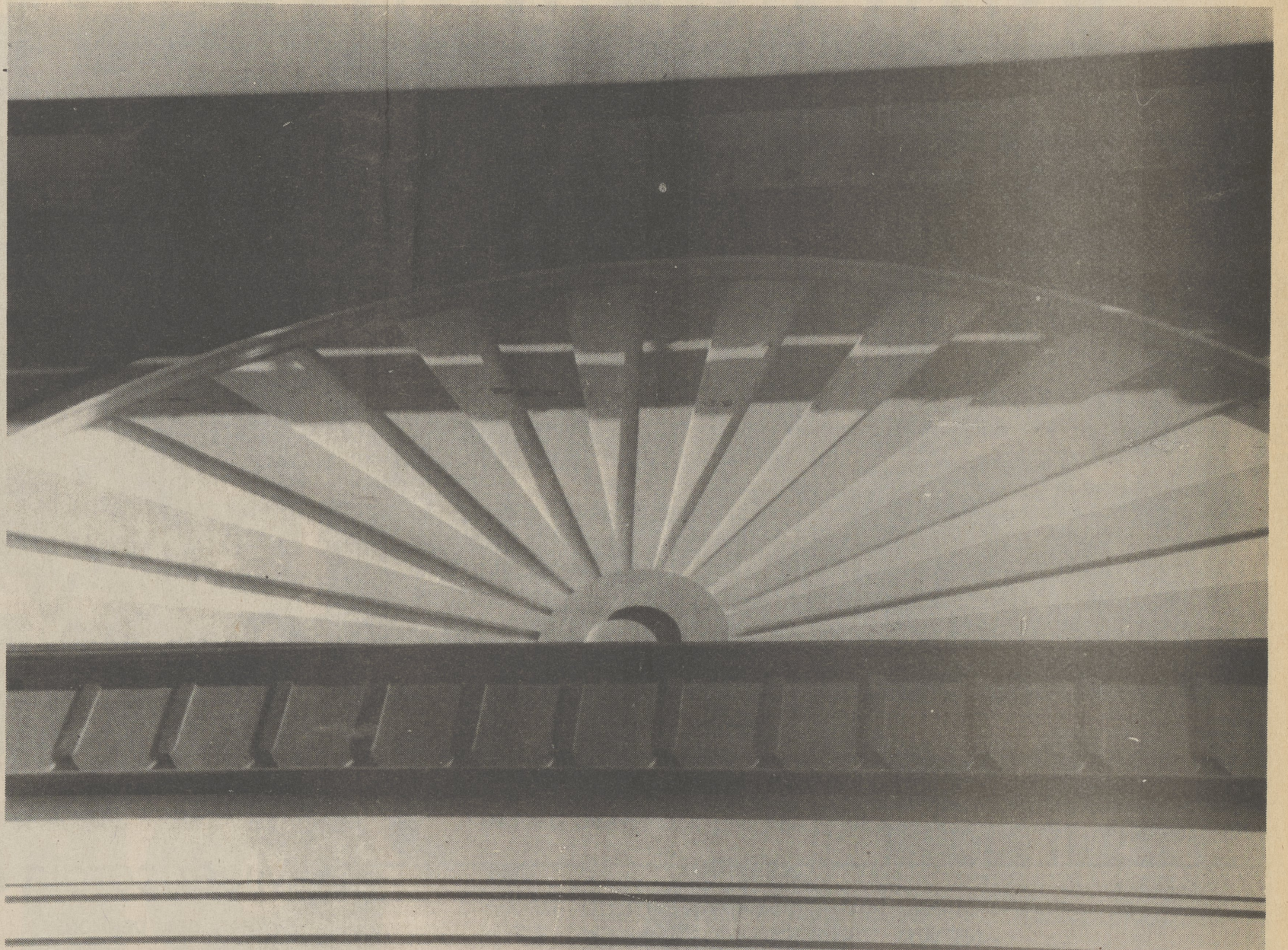


# The Painted Ladies Of Dallas



These fabulous Victorian homes are the pet projects of many local home owners and they have been transformed in a most interesting and colorful way.

Enola Gay of Main St. Dallas owns a barn red farmhouse which she says was probably the first house in the area to be remodeled.

Carol Harding says she and her husband brought the color ideas for their house from Cape May where people called "colorists" paint them. The house itself dates back to 1881.

Perhaps one of the most elaborate is the Queen Ann style Victorian belonging to Dr. Alan Boonin on Main St. The Boonins consulted a historical architect and it took two years to complete the house and offices.

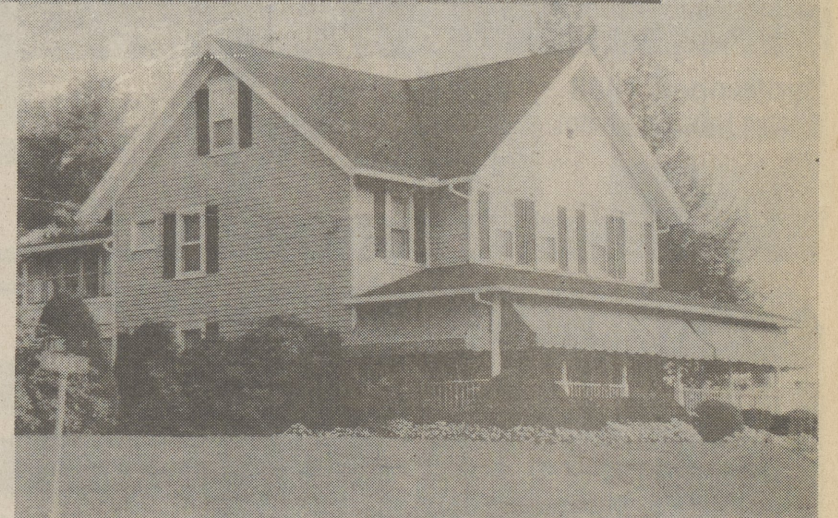
The white wrap-around porch with columns of white trimmed in rose mauve and blue give indication of the wonderful decor inside.

Carolyn McLaughlin, whose house on Machell Avenue is in the process of a redo says, "I didn't look in any books...just went to the paint store and chose colors that would tie it all together. And I really like pink."

According to some, the criteria for a painted lady calls for a Victorian building to be a balanced felicitous blend of color and architecture.

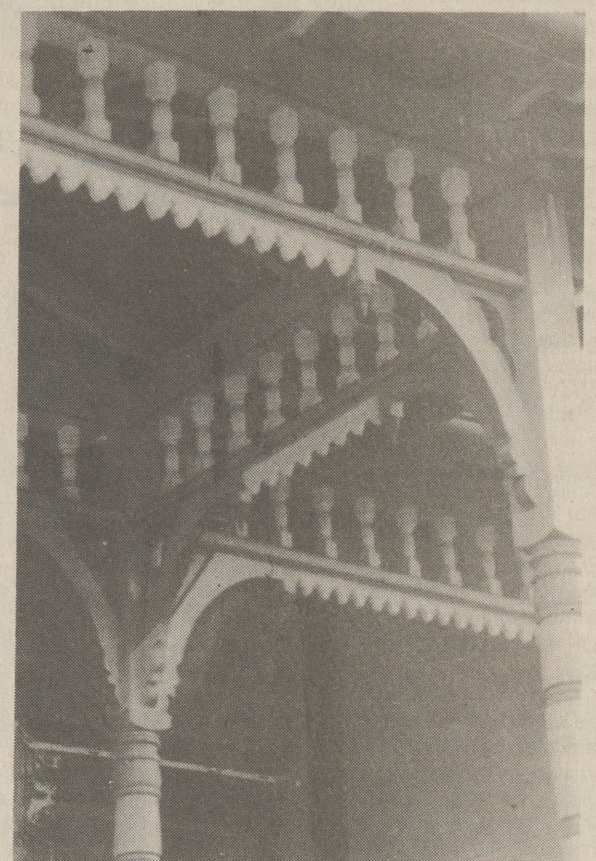
It must be painted in three or more contrasting colors but Back Mountain home owners say its just plain fun to fix-up and paint their ladies whatever color they like.

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