

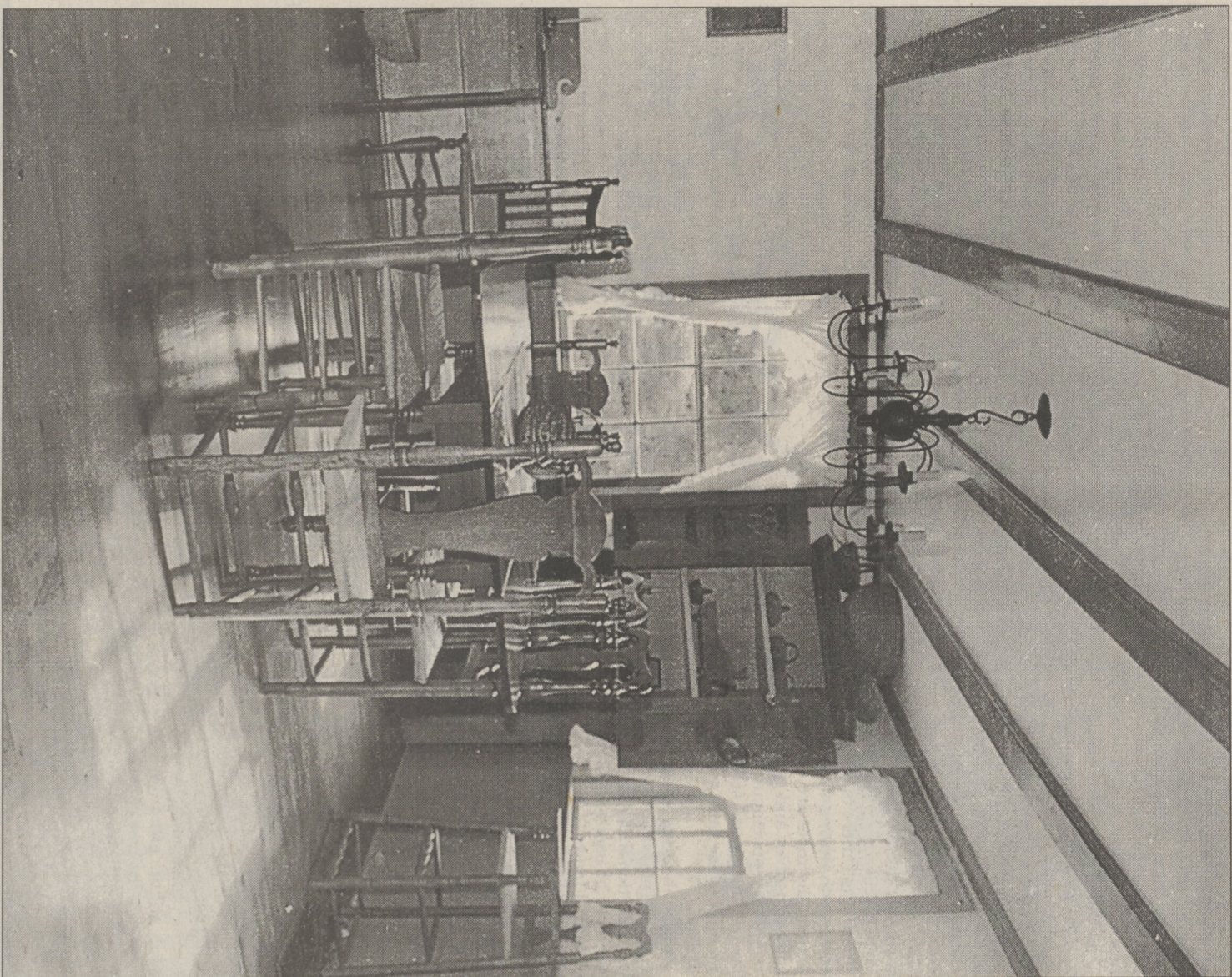
## After 10 years, time for 'new house that looks old'

When Jim and Nancy Heffers bought a colonial home on Bharcrest Drive, just off 42nd Street in Dallas Township, they were looking for an older home with more space to hold their growing family. After completely restoring the eyebrow colonial, they're ready to move to "a new house that looks old," Nancy says.

The Heffers have traced their house back to Nehemiah Ide, who was the first owner of the property, which stretched to Lake Street as late as the 1950's, when it was known as the Washburn farm. But by the time the Heffers came on the

scene in 1987, the house was in need of restoration. In fact, much of the flooring was in such bad shape they placed their bed over exposed rafters where it stayed until they completed renovations two years later.

Nancy describes herself as an "antiques person," and the home's furnishings back up that claim. Colonial furniture rests on wide board floors throughout the 2,500 square foot house, accented by by spinning and flax wheels spotted around the rooms. But antique doesn't have to mean old-fashioned - Jim built



storage spaces into walls in the bedrooms, study and the kitchen, including one unit that neatly hides the refrigerator and another that disguises the washer and dryer.

The main house was once the Idleton schoolhouse, with the present living room used as a classroom and the teacher's living quarters upstairs. At that time the building faced 42nd Street, but was turned to its present aspect later on.

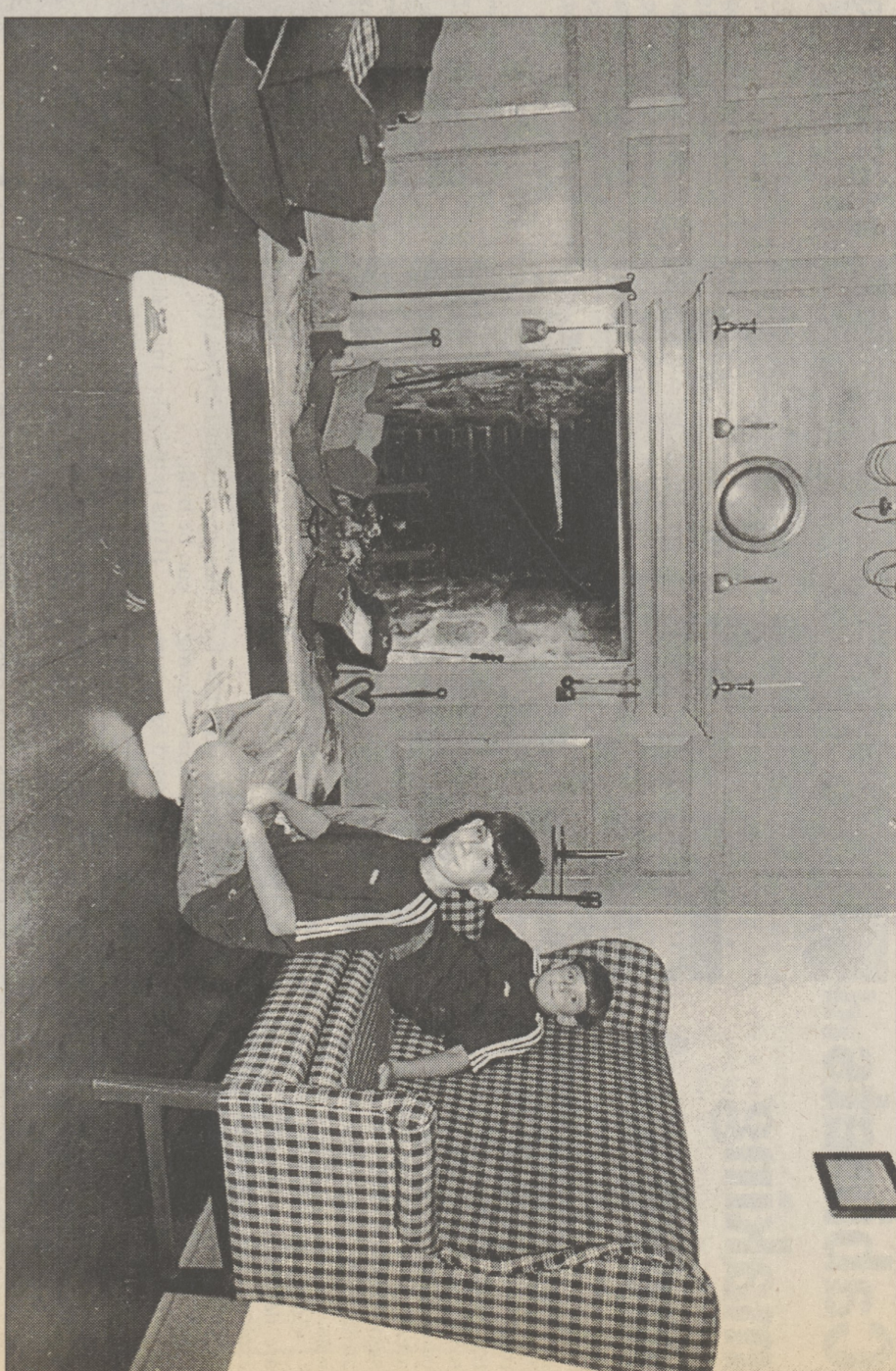
But the home's history is limited. "I'm certain Washington or Lafayette never slept here," Nancy said.

The Heffers have now fulfilled the commitment they made to themselves, to restore the house and live in it 10 years, then set out to build a new house. For Jim, who grew up in the 100-year-old house his grandfather built in West Pittston, it's time to close that deal.

The Heffers' house, on a nearly two-acre lot with a detached two-car garage, is now on the market, listed at \$285,000 by Bob Post at Prudential Landmark Properties. Call 283-9100 if you're interested.

Authentic touches are everywhere in the Heffers' home, from the wide board floors throughout, to the beehive oven and period furnishings. At right, Josh, left, and Jason Heffers relax in front of one of the home's fireplaces.

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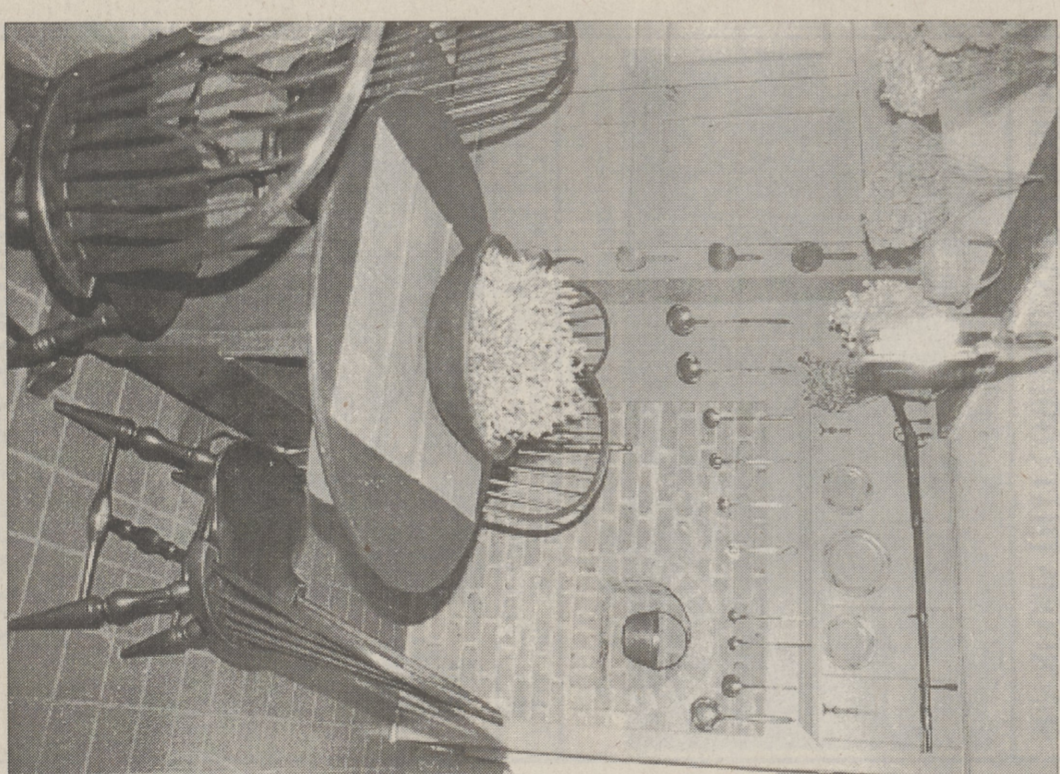
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