

This view, from the music room of the Merrill home, shows the formal garden designed in the Williamsburg Millefleurs style.

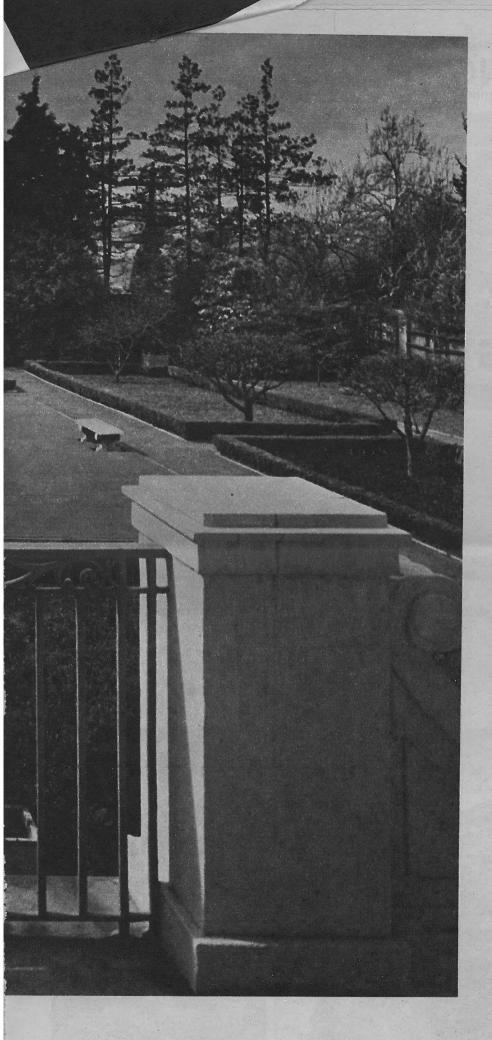
PACIFIC NORTHWEST

'Capitol Hill Classic'

By MARGERY R. PHILLIPS

A T the turn of the century, when Seattle was feeling its first thrust of prosperity, some residents decided to build very beautiful homes on Capitol Hill, one of which was the Richard Dwight Merrill homes of classic design.

One of the few beautiful homes of that era that have gone unchanged in design and furnishings, it is among 11 homes which will be included in the Seattle Art Museum's 15th annual exhibition of residential architecture from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7. This year's tour is called "Capitol Hill Classics."

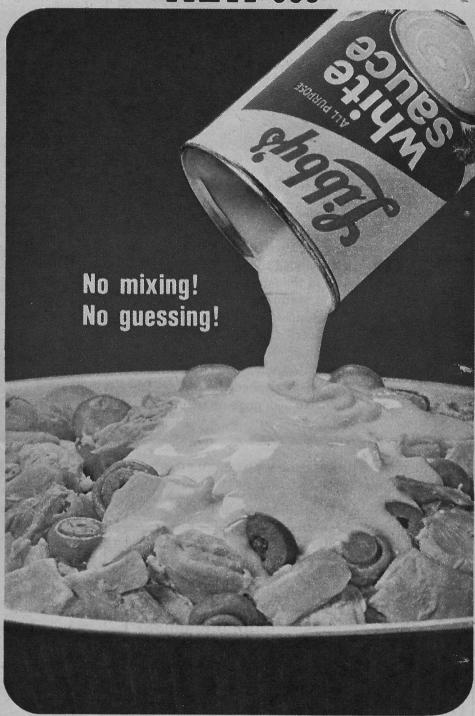


In 1909 Charles A. Platt, Sr., of New York designed the Merrill house and garden in elegant Italian style. He also selected the furnishings from France and Italy.

Throughout the house Venetian furniture, painted and gilded, is in keeping with damask walls, walnut paneling, silk antique-velvet upholstery, tapestries and highly polished parquet floors.

Also notable is a quaint tile tea table in the drawing room. The table was purchased by the Merrills after it had been chosen for its prize-winning design at the Chicago world's fair in 1893.

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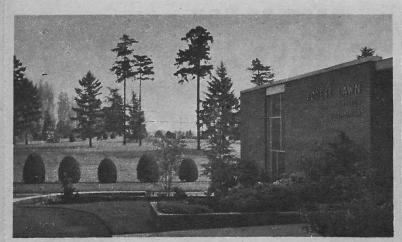
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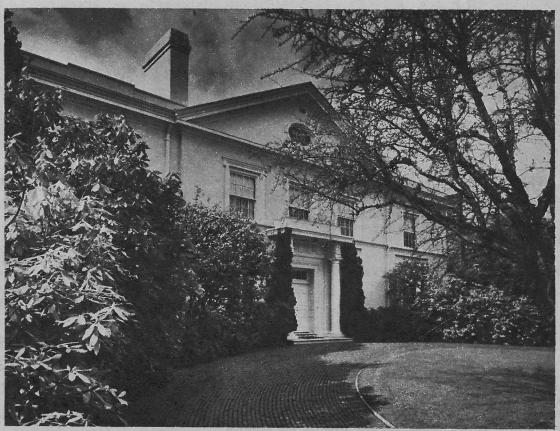
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This view from the garden pavilion of the Merrill home shows the symmetrical

detailing and classic design of the handsome residence on Capitol Hill.



The Italian-influenced classic design, as delineated in 1909 by Charles A. Platt,

Sr., a New York architect, has been unchanged since the home was built.



The entrance hall has a gracefully curving stairway, which is carpeted in deep red. The four-drawer chest at the left is 17th Century Jacobean in design. The painting hanging above it is by Salvador Rosa.



A handsome Italian cassone, with painted and inlaid decoration, is below an elaborately designed mirror and two ornate gilded candle-holders.



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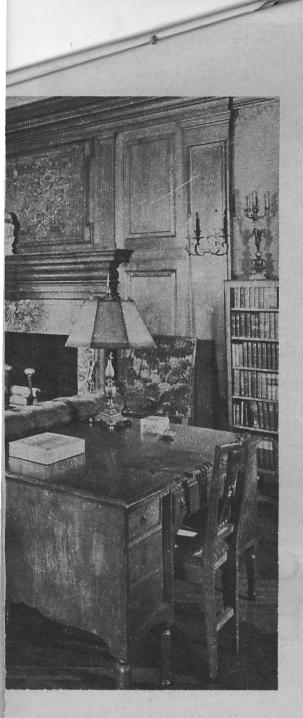
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The drawing room has the original silk damask walls and walnut paneling. Above the fireplace is a tooled, painted Moroccan leather panel.



A John Henry Twachtman mural is painted on the wall behind the music room's piano. The cabinet is in Louis XV. style.





Platt, the New York architect, chose all the furnishings. At left is a William and Mary chest. A Madonna stands atop an Italian Renaissance chest.

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An Italian credenza is used as a sideboard in the walnut-paneled dining room. The paneling is similar to that

found in the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg, Va. The high-backed chairs are covered in Venetian leather.



The panel painting over the fireplace in the music room is by Maxfield Parish. Armchairs are upholstered in antique velvet.

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