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HISTORIC HOME GETS THE FACELIFT IT DESERVES

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You would never recognize it now. After six weeks on the job, a remodeling crew has converted the historic Payne house and its grounds in Haymarket into a thing of beauty. "We plan to wrap up the exterior work this week," said R.T. King who, with his crew of six workmen, has been doing the restoration work on the house. The Payne House was built in the 1800's as a summer resort. The Victorian home was later used as a doctor's office. For the past decade it has fallen into disrepair.

Located at 15101 Washington St. near the Haymarket Town Hall, the house earlier this year was involved in a bitter struggle when several residents protested local businessman Don Costello taking it over, fearing that it might tear it down. Costello assured the council that he would retain the building, first as an office complex for his nearby Century Stair building firm, and later for possible conversion into a fine restaurant along the line of some of Virginia's renowned inns. Costello informed the council that he will spend \$750,000 to buy and property renovate the Payne property. In March he got the approval of the council to proceed with the renovation work. "If Costello hadn't bought the house and put a lot of money

into restoring it, the house would have further deteriorated and would probably have had to be torn down in a couple of years," said King. The house had been vacant for about 10 years. Costello bought it from a group of investors who had planned to tear it down and put a modern motel on the site. However, when the Disney theme park plan fell through, they sold the property at a loss. King and his crew did a lot of carpentry work on the structure, repairing worn out boards and shutters and giving it a new coat of paint. A lot of the old bushes were trimmed back and new plantings added.



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