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Read the text about “Walking Mansion” and place the words “first”, “then” and “finally” in the gaps.



People all over the world will soon watch the television documentary about the legendary “Walking Mansion” (Yürüyen Köşk) in Yalova. The story behind the name “Walking Mansion” is interesting:

Atatürk often came to Yalova to visit the thermal facilities there. On one of his visits, a large plane tree in the

Millet Farm near Yalova Pier attracted his attention. Atatürk rested in the shadow of the plane tree for a while and ordered to build a kiosk near that tree. A mansion was built there in 1929.

When Atatürk went to the mansion one day, in the summer of 1930, a gardener asked for permission to cut a branch of the plane tree because it was slowly sinking into the mansion and hitting the roof. They said the branch would damage the roof and the wall. Atatürk didn't want them to cut the branch of the tree, so he asked them to move the building a little further on tram rails. Some engineers and technical staff came to Yalova. When the team dug the foundations and went down to the basic level, tram rails were brought from İstanbul.

They planned the execution of the mansion in two stages. _____ on August 8, 1930, they positioned the terrace section of the building on the rails. _____, in the next two days, they placed the main building foundations on the rails. While they were working, Atatürk was following the construction execution. _____, they shifted the building to the east by 5 meters and the construction was completed.

Atatürk rested in this mansion and drank his coffee under the plane tree many times after this event. Before he died, he donated the mansion to the Turkish nation like all his immovables. Currently, it is partly open to the public as a house museum.

This event shows that the legendary leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk gave a lot of importance to the environment and his efforts to protect a tree carried strong environmental messages.

