

# *Rich Treasures Fill PM Ranch*

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No one is sure just why PM ranch is named as it is. But everyone who is fortunate enough to visit this Santa Cruz Valley home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Krebs agrees it is one of the area's loveliest.

Ever since its completion in 1891, PM has been a show-place—famous for its imported Philippine mahogany beams and doors, its gleaming hardwood floors, spacious rooms, wide lawns, magnificent vistas and its unbelievably lovely large lily pond in the central patio.

Today, Mrs. Krebs manages to keep lilies of every shade but blue—and she hopes to find a blue water lily some day.

In a way, PM is a typical ranch house, built around a U, with entry hall, huge beamed living room, and dining room across the front; den, kitchen and servants' rooms to one side, and bedrooms and baths (five of each) to the other.

A wide veranda spans the inside of the U.

Walls throughout the house are white plaster, a splendid background for the fabulous furnishings, some of which belonged to former PM owners, but most of which Mr. Krebs brought when he returned to the United States after living in Venezuela for 20 years.

Almost every piece has some interesting story behind it.

The luscious white vicuña rugs, for example, were woven in Arequipa, Peru, high in the mountains south of Lima.

The crystal chandeliers and prisms on the wall brackets were purchased in Venezuela, but are believed to be of French origin.

A pair of pale green cut velvet chairs came from the Belgian embassy in Caracas.

A magnificent Holland chest, with complicated locks and hidden keys, stands at one side of the fireplace, while Santa Tecla, with a lion holding her habit, dominates the mantle.

Though the dining room is almost as large as the living room, it seems smaller because of the massive mahogany furniture of Spanish Colonial design.

In the den and TV room, Mr. Krebs houses golf, sailing and governmental trophies, while a basement recreation room is decorated with his collection of guns, spears, bows and so on.

Yes, PM is tremendously interesting—one of those romantically adaptable houses which continues to absorb charm from each owner, and to which Mr. and Mrs. Krebs have brought interests, treasures and talents of their own fascinating lives.