

Victorian Home, Antiques Complement Each Other

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You like antiques.

Your husband likes antiques and is a whiz at restoring them.

Logical conclusion: Buy a lovely old Victorian home—restore it and use it as a backdrop for the many antique pieces you have acquired both as a collector and dealer.

This is exactly what Mrs. G. Edward Perkins and her husband did. In 1959 they bought the former Judge Lucas Smith home on the corner of Ocean View and Windham street. And slowly and surely they are restoring it.

Until just last year when Perkins retired from his job at IBM it was a weekend project—now the pace is quickening. One of the first areas tackled was the big high-ceilinged kitchen. The Perkinses were careful to match the fir for the cabinets with the old fir floor. The finished result, shown at right, retains the charm of the old with the efficiency of the new.

The dining room with its original golden oak fireplace mantle, now is ready for a paint job, a master bedroom and sitting room have been finished, two bathrooms have been added and another bedroom is nearing completion. But there's still lots to do—enough to last for another couple of years at least.

"It's a full-time hobby," Mrs. Perkins admits, "but so satisfying."

When it comes to restoring furniture, it's her husband who is the cabinetmaker—she's the refinisher.

She'll have little time for refinishing, however, during the next week because she's chairman of the hostess committee for the YWCA Antiques show-sale which opens Thursday at civic auditorium.

From 1955 to 1962 Mrs. Perkins was a dealer and Participated in San Francisco and Monterey Bay area shows, including the one at Santa Cruz. So with her many contacts, she's a natural to head the hostess committee.

"We found many of our own treasures at antique shows," she notes. "When we first started collecting we began attending shows. They offer much more variety and your traveling is cut to a minimum."

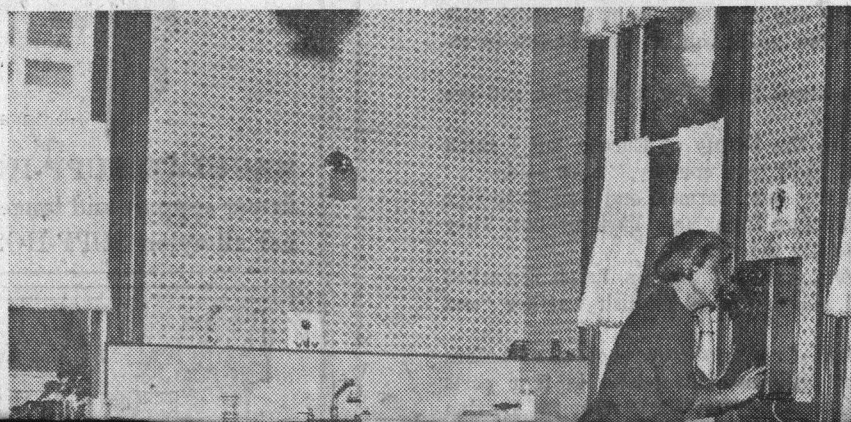
Hours at the Y show-sale are noon to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.



MASTER BEDROOM and sitting room were originally two separate bedrooms, each opening from the upstairs hall. The Perkinses cut a double doorway between the two rooms hanging louvered doors and using trim to retain the Victorian feeling. A study adjoining the bedroom has been converted into a bathroom. Steps lead up to the bathroom which has a false floor to make the plumbing easily accessible. Down the hall another bedroom is just about finished with one of its closets converted into a bathroom.



VICTORIAN HOME on corner of Ocean View avenue and Windham street, known as the Judge Lucas Smith home, now houses Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Perkins and their large collection of antiques. Red and white carriage house in rear provides ample work space for Perkins whose hobby is restoring antiques. Tall redwood trees grow at the edge of the patio which is centered with an old Monterey street lamp. With all this there's little wonder that visitors quickly feel transported into another era.





OLD AND NEW complement each other in this huge, homey kitchen above. Fir cabinets match the original fir floors, with the counter tops of a soft green. Old wall telephone being used by Mrs. Perkins, has been converted into an intercom to the carriage house where her husband spends so much of his time. To the left of the photo is a built-in stove and oven unit and directly behind that is a doorway into a pantry just like great-grandma used to have. At right, final sanding is given restored desk by Perkins. Top was missing and legs were askew when he bought it for \$20. After refinishing it will go into the upstairs sitting room.



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