

# Hugh Hefner Buys Louis Statham Estate

One of the largest single-family residential sales in the history of California was consummated when Playboy publisher Hugh M. Hefner bought the Beverly Hills estate of physicist - industrialist Louis B. Statham for more than \$1 million.

The estate, in Holmby Hills, midway between Bel Air and Beverly Hills, consists of a 30-room Tudor house with steep-pitched slate roof, turrets and Gothic arches on approximately five acres

partly adjoining the Los Angeles Country Club. It was built in 1927 by architect Arthur Kelly for the late Arthur Letts Jr., son of the founder of the Broadway Department Stores.

Under Statham's ownership the estate has been the headquarters and hospitality residence of Les Dames de Champagne of Los Angeles, a non-profit hostess corps which welcomes visiting dignitaries on a personal and social level, supplementing

government programs.

Willard J. Lewis, president of Willard J. Lewis & Associates, Inc., announced that his firm transacted the sale in cooperation with Mary Alice Von Stroheim of Jack Hupp & Associates.

## New Hardware Store

Builders Emporium, do-it-yourself hardware chain, has opened its 13th store at 2020 S. Hacienda Blvd., Hacienda Heights.

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