

Natural Woods Used Inside Adobe Home

Heavy Rose Flagstone Fireplace, Special Hobby Cabinets Featured

First things came first for Mr. and Mrs. Harley W. Bailey when they started to think in the terms of a new home several years ago.

First they planted trees and arranged most of the landscaping on their building site—a 2½-acre plot of ground on Merritt Dr., near Grove Rd., south of El Cajon about three miles.

Mostly they put in avocados, with a liberal planting of other fruit trees, so their orchard was well on its way by the time they got around to building.

ADOBE USED

The Baileys went to adobe for their principal construction material, and liberally used natural woods to decorate the interior. General contractor for the structure was the Holly Adobe Brick

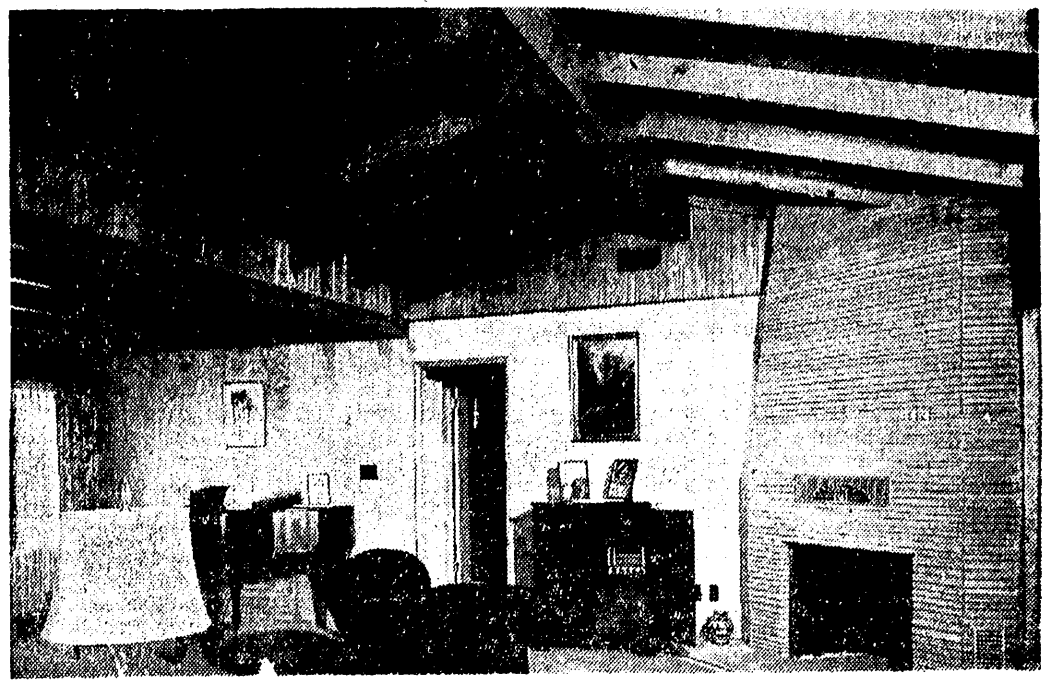
The use of several different types of natural wood makes the interior of this home particularly distinctive. The 14-by-24-foot living room, which has a handsome heavy rose flagstone fireplace, has birch paneling all around. Philippine mahogany gable ends and an open beam redwood ceiling of heavy construction.

The adjoining 12-by-14-foot music room has the same natural wood finish as the living room. A picture window in the living room gives a fine view of Mt. Helix and Black Mountain; another in the music room gives an equally sweeping vista southward.

Mrs. Bailey is a doll collector and has representatively-dressed dolls from about 60 countries. Her husband loves guns. They



Glassed-in cabinets for doll collection and guns make den a hobby room as well. Philippine mahogany was used. Den also doubles as extra sleeping space.



Birch paneling, flagstone fireplace, Philippine mahogany gable ends and open beam redwood ceiling make this living room and its adjacent music room most attractive. It's in home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley W. Bailey, El Cajon.

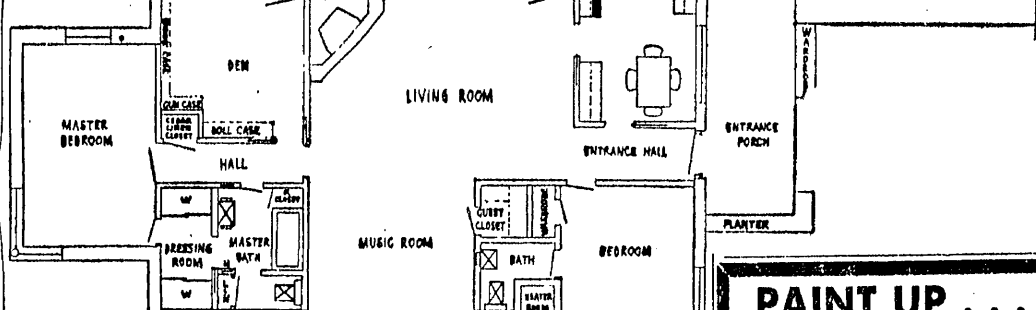
\$850, the cabinet work \$1200 and the heating system \$800. A separate cedar closet was provided for just \$15 more than the same space would have cost to plaster.

A forced air system, with cold air returns beneath the slab, heats the home. This heating system, set up in a well-insulated room with its own outside entrance, also has a summer use. A switch provides ventilation,

with the system pulling in one-third of its capacity from outside doors and constantly circulating air through the house.

Birch doors are used throughout, and of the 15 interior doors 13 are of the 37 feet and has open-beam ceiling slide into the walls. Those

The main porch faces Mt. Helix and Black Mountain. It is 8 by 37 feet and has open-beam ceiling slide into the walls. Those doors which lead outside have a rustic, ornate appearance fitting in well with the adobe.



This is a sketch of floor plan of Bailey home, built on 2½-acre plot of ground about three miles south of El Cajon.

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Elm cabinets beautify the all-electric kitchen in the Bailey home. View window over double sink gives sweeping vista of Mt. Helix and valley.

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Edward J. Nelson, the Holly company's superintendent, so well prepared the plans and specifications in advance of actual work that only \$67 in extras were involved during construction.

The building occupies 1650 feet of area, in addition to a two-car garage and two exterior covered porches. It was completed in 90 days.

CONCRETE SLAB LAID

The floor is a concrete water-proofed slab, covered with asphalt tile in kitchen and baths and carpeted elsewhere. The perimeter walls are of foot-thick adobe, treated against crumbling and erosion.

In addition, the Baileys got the other advantages of adobe. It is fireproof and soundproof, has natural insulating value and is not subject to attacks of insects or dryrot.

The adobe was given a darker, more finished appearance by the application of paint thinner and linseed oil.

FRAME CROSSWALLS

All crosswalls are frame, the builder, Forrest M. Holly, said, explaining that adobe is not used for them when the interior is not left in a natural finish. The roof is white rock, and the porch rafters and posts are 4x6 and 6x6 heavy construction.

Steel windows were used, with red brick for exterior sills and red quarry tile for interior sills. There are two bedrooms and a den, two baths, a kitchen and breakfast dining area, an L-shaped combined living and music room and a utility den.

have adapted the den to their hobbies. This room is paneled with Philippine mahogany, with the glass-doored doll cabinet and gun case and the book shelves all of rotary cut dark Philippine mahogany.

ELM USED IN KITCHEN

Elm cabinets beautifully made and most practically planned make the kitchen an attractive room. All-new electrical appliances, except the late-model refrigerator, were installed when the Baileys moved in. This includes a 52-gallon electric water heater.

Tile was used on the kitchen counter top beside the sink, as well as in the master bathroom. A cutting block, also in natural wood finish, is an added kitchen attraction.

Closets are plentiful, including one extra-length for evening gowns. In the dressing room separating master bath and master bedroom the Baileys have Mr. and Mrs. Walk-in closets. The master bedroom is 12 by 17 feet.

MODERN ATMOSPHERE

All the interior rooms which are not paneled are finished with interior stucco, painted in soft colors and carrying out the modern atmosphere throughout the house. A stippled finish was used on the walls with putty coats.

This house was completed at a surprising low figure of \$11 per square foot, aside from the porches and garage. Comparative figures on the various costs were provided by the contractor.

For instance, \$570 worth of adobe bricks were used. The fireplace cost \$680, the wiring \$830, the plumbing \$1500, the painting

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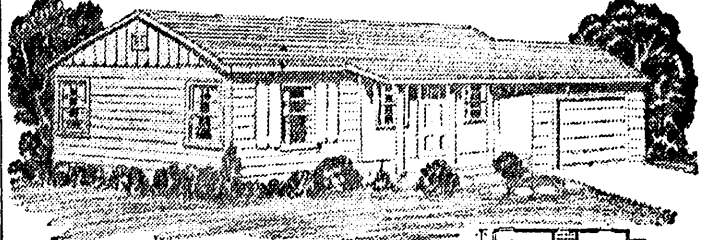
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