



VERANDA VIEW: Verandas were a key part of the Southwestern home. Here is a section of the terrace which opens to the patio in the large adobe residence of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Black, on the ocean bluff at La Jolla Farms.

Natural Simplicity, Beauty Found In Adobe Homes Today

(Continued from Page f.1) ance of adobe is one of the reasons they build with adobe. It also requires no maintenance or future repair.

Many of the adobe homes are in the architectural category of the so-called Spanish American styling. Usually the high ceilings will have exposed beams. Roofs may be tiled with red clay. In some of the modern adobe homes, there has been a trend to the rustic split shake roof.

Floors are usually covered with either clay or quarry tile, another feature that makes maintenance easy.

Almost always the adobe home will include a walled-in patio (usually the patio wall is also adobe) or a veranda, with all rooms opening to the open porch, the roof of which is supported by light pillars.

Just outside Escondido, off Highway 395, an entire subdivision of adobe homes is being developed among the avocado and citrus groves. This property is owned by L. R. Green, who has his adobe plant nearby, and he has restricted it to adobe homes.

Progress has been slow but steady. Twenty-two adobe homes have been built there in the last three or four years. Each of the home sites is an acre estate. Green still has 300 more acres to subdivide.

Another interesting adventure in adobe is at La Jolla Farms, owned by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Black on Torrey Pines Mesa. There have been four adobe houses built there, as well as barns and stables of adobe.

The large Black residence is patterned after structures of the old Southwest. Its lines resemble the hacienda, or rather the old pueblos which once were fashioned by the Indians for their villages in New Mexico and Arizona. The rambling building is flat-

roofed and has parapets at the edge of the roof.

Instead of leaving the block exposed, the Blacks have covered the walls with a stucco in a manner to give it the appearance of rammed earth construction, another characteristic of the pueblo-type home.

This home, located on the edge of the ocean bluff, rambles around a large patio. All rooms open to a wide veranda which faces the central patio. The patio is enclosed by a high adobe wall that closes the gap between the two wings of the house. Cactus and other desert plants in the landscaping give it an authentic Southwestern atmosphere. Within the patio is a sun dial which centers a patio floor design of ornamental tiling.

Many families have built their own adobe homes, even to making their own adobe block. There is a thrill, they say, in taking the earth from the site and building it into a home.

The adobe block, however, isn't what it used to be. It is much better. No longer is it a mixture of straw, mud and water. Now it is water, clay and oil emulsion, the latter giving the block a weather-resistant quality which protects the block from deterioration.

At Green's plant in Escondido, adobe block is no longer made by hand. A machine now mixes all the materials in proper proportion and turns out the block in whatever dimensions are needed. The only hand labor is in turning blocks which has been laid out to cure in the sun.

Green said the machine can make from 6,000 to 8,000 adobe blocks a day. A plant



OPEN PLANNING: Even the partial partitions dividing living room from the kitchen are adobe in the Escondido home of Mr. and Mrs. B. William Sinclair Jr.



FOR SMALL HOMES: Adobe has its place even in the small house, as in this attractive home of Capt. and Mrs. Dallas B. Walwright, 5536 Beaumont Ave.

run of from four to five weeks will produce enough adobe to last the entire season. The average adobe house requires from 3,000 to 3,500 blocks, depending, of course, upon the size of the home.

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