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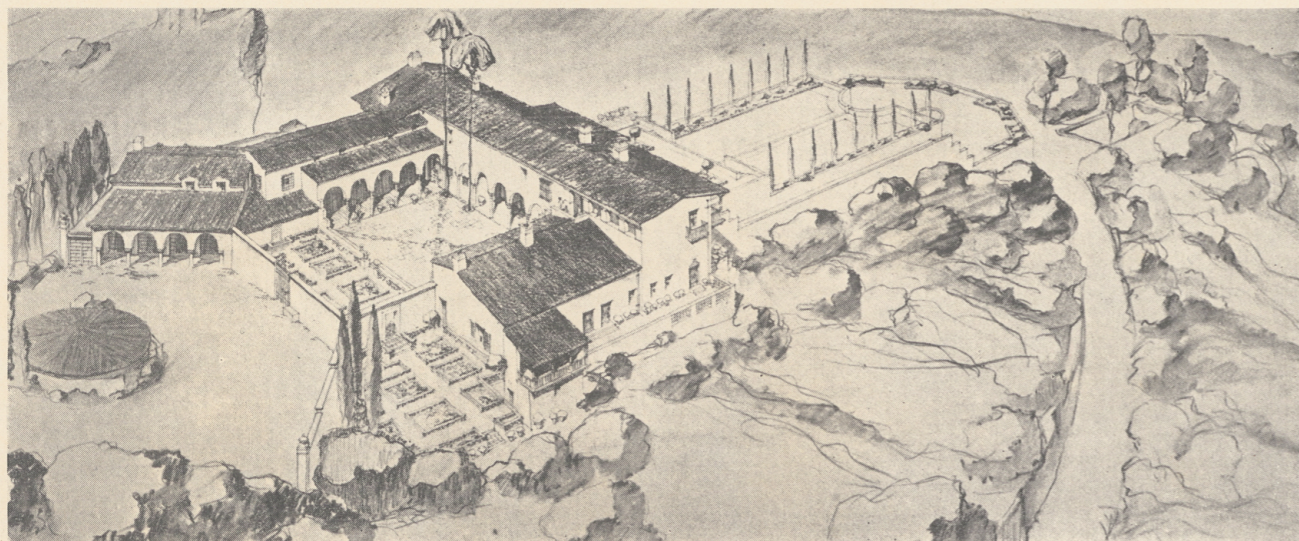


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# SPLENDID HOME FOR BISHOP ESTATE



Architect's sketch of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bishop as it will appear when completed and landscaped.

Quite the most imposing home yet built at Rancho Santa Fe is now under construction for Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bishop on their picturesque estate just off Linea del Cielo in Block 36.

Although quite large, and outstanding because of the prominent ridge on which it stands, the home is being built without attempt at staginess or pretentiousness.

In the words of the designing architect, "There will be a warmth and hospitality in the exterior effect to stamp it unmistakably as a gentleman's home rather than as a peasant's. It will be obviously not of the provincial Spanish type, possessing many more elements of true Spanish architecture than the deep reveals and mass effects which are too often considered suffi-

cient to mark a home as Spanish."

From the circular entrance drive, flanked by high stucco walls, one will enter the home by way of a formal Spanish garden that leads down into a spacious patio 50x65 feet in size, on three sides of which is an arcaded cloister with unglazed tile floor leading to the various rooms of the home.

The patio is paved with flagstone and cobblestone. There is a fountain and pool in the center and potted plants and vines will be found at strategic points.

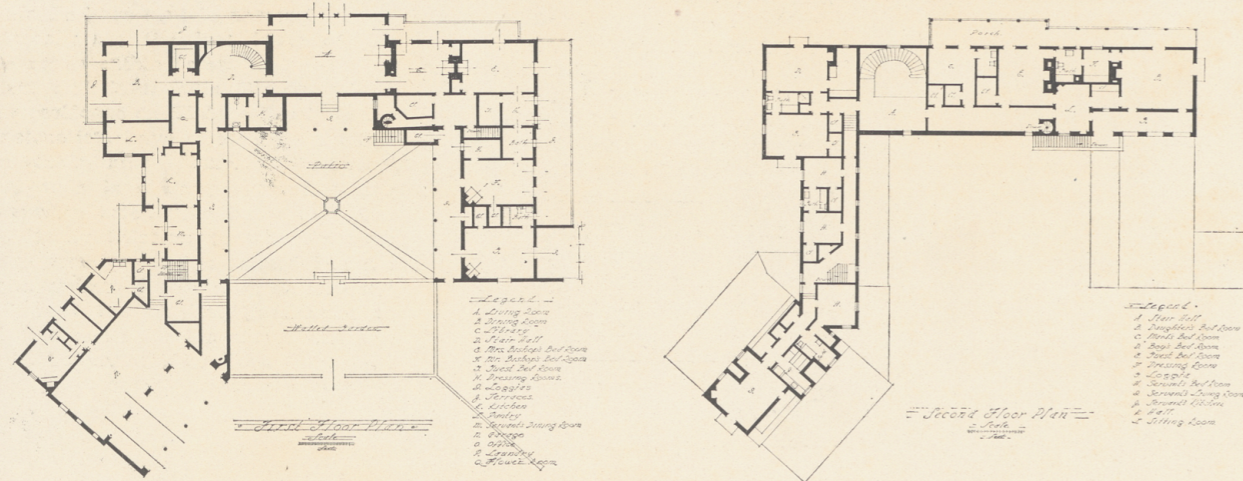
The entrance to the home is at the left-hand forward corner of the patio. Off the arcaded cloister, there is an entry vestibule opening into the entrance proper, which is two stories in height, and in it is a circular stone

stairway with a wrought-iron balustrade.

From the entrance, one may reach the guests' dressing room, the dining room, a terrace looking down onto the mall, and, of course, the living room.

The living room is on the main axis of the home, leading from the entrance through the patio. It has four exposures, taking full advantage of the gorgeous and expansive views that may be enjoyed from the Bishop home-site. It is 24x36 feet in size. One end of the room is to be panelled in Spanish cedar three-quarters of the distance to the ceiling. Here, also, is to be found a Spanish fireplace. The remainder of the walls will be textured plaster. The ceiling will be wood, panelled and

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# LANDSCAPING NOTES

By Glenn A. Moore

## THE BANANA—A PLANT OF PARADOXES

The plant which bears the most universally used of all imported fruits is popularly called a tree. A leading German scientist, however, has termed the banana a "hapaxanthus giant herb," ie, giant herb which flowers but once. It is so different from the usual types of vegetation—herb, tree, vine or shrub—that we will have to call it a plant of paradoxes. Instead of a trunk it has a sort of stalk which bears but once and then dies. New sprouts arise from the same roots and should bear fruit when twelve to eighteen months old.

The banana we know is but one of over half a hundred species all grown in the tropical or sub-tropical climates wherever there is sufficient moisture. Most of the commercial supply comes from Jamaica and Central America. In the latter countries the name of Keith, an American, is held in high esteem for his development of the banana industry even as the name of Dole is called to mind in Hawaii whenever the pineapple is mentioned. He developed vast banana plantations and for many years practically all the railroads were those he built to transport the banana crop to the seaboard for export.

In the United States not many bananas are grown on a commercial scale. Labor costs are high and only the southernmost areas are free from frost. In southern Florida and the coast region of Louisiana, however, small banana plantations are common.

Here in California we grow bananas for their ornamental value. At Rancho Santa Fe we have gone still farther and do have an occasional one to eat. From time to time guests at La Morada have had the opportunity to taste ripe California grown bananas right out of the hotel's own patio.

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## SOMETHING BESIDES GOLF

I hope someone gets a "bug" on raising rare and unusual sub-tropical and perhaps some tropical plants at Rancho Santa Fe—not with too much landscape architect or gardener help, but with the sincere, optimistic persistency of a collector of rare stamps. The best plan is to develop one good plant of unusual character to maturity, study its habits under all conditions and then you will have no trouble growing as many as you wish.

Gifted as we are with an abundance

of real growing weather, there is limitless opportunity for a specialist to have a lot of fun in the out-of-doors. But remember you "just must" live here to do these things. You cannot plant things and expect them to live and thrive without a measure of the love and protection given a child.

Aside from the watering and cultivation that is always necessary, protection must be provided against "bugs" and rodents that prey upon plant life here as in every part of the world.

Shower trees from Hawaii would make a most interesting study, and

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An alluring lane through the eucalyptus trees, caught at early morning by the camera of Mr. James C. Smillie. Rancho Santa Fe is many-sided—has many moods—always appealing to one who loves Nature's wonders.

## The Osuna Pear Tree

By RUTH R. NELSON

It would be interesting to know whether Don Juan Osuna's gnarled old pear tree, which still blossoms and bears fruit each year, may be related in any way to those first hardy pear trees which were planted by Captain Francisco Maria Ruiz in California's first successful garden at "Old Town."

Captain Ruiz chose a fertile spot, on the slope below Presidio Hill, for his garden, and in it planted olive, pear and pomegranate trees which bore goodly crops for over eighty years. His pear trees, which were the last survivors of this garden, were not removed until about the first of this century.

The only California tree plantings which antedated those of Captain Ruiz were the two famous old palm trees at the foot of Presidio Hill and the olive trees of the San Diego Mission farther up the river valley, all of which were propagated from seeds brought to California by the first Spanish expedition in 1769. All of the first small gardens were made by Spanish soldiers who later farmed (as military commons) grain fields in the valley of the Rancho Del Rey, twelve miles up the coast at Soledad.

Agriculture was an easy-going activity among the early Californians, whose farming was done through necessity rather than choice. As Don Juan Osuna, settler and grantee of the now Rancho Santa Fe no doubt followed the early Spanish methods of farming he probably had learned while a corporal in San Diego Company, the first plows he used at the Rancho must have been made of the forks of trees shod with flat pieces of iron. With such crude implements at their disposal it is small wonder that the Californians planted few unessential things.

However, the old Osuna garden holds one exception in the clump of wild roses which grows near the ancient pear tree, "Roses of Castile," still blossoming there as evidence that someone in the Osuna family loved wild roses well enough to transplant these from elsewhere. They are the only ones at the Rancho, and thus become an additional reminder of the days when that "long chain of snow-white, red-tiled mansions hedged with Castilian roses and surrounded by olive orchards" was the most important factor in California.



The ancient gnarled pear tree of Osuna days. Photograph by Glenn Moore. Ernest Choate in the foreground.

### REGISTER NEW NAMES FOR RANCHO ESTATES

A number of owners at Rancho Santa Fe have sent in names for their estates since the last issue of the Progress went to press.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bishop, whose new residence on El Arco Iris is under construction, have selected as a name for their new home, "Etcheonda." Etcheonda is a Basque word which means, in brief, "the home to which the family belongs; to whose shelter every member of the family has his right, and to which all pay tribute."

One of the earliest purchasers to select a name for his estate was Mr. O. K. Tabor, of New York City. Mr. Tabor first saw his property in May, 1926, and was impressed with the number of Mariposa Tulips that were in bloom on his hillside, so he named his

future home "La Mariposa," "the butterfly," the name of the most beautiful spring flowers of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Egerton Shore have named their estate on Los Planideras "Suma Paz," which is Spanish for "Perfect Peace."

"Agua Azul" (Blue Water) is the name selected by Mr. Arthur J. Delaney for his orchard estate overlooking the San Dieguito Lake.

Rancho Santa Fe is one project that can truthfully answer questions which a banker might ask for either himself or customers of the bank, writes Mr. Stanley Ikerd of Los Angeles.

Mrs. C. C. Pierce has returned to Los Angeles after spending the summer at Rancho Santa Fe with Mr. Pierce.

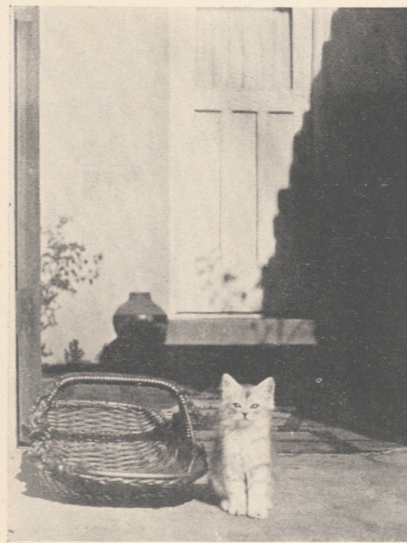
### Slightly Republican!

Out of the 105 votes cast at Rancho Santa Fe on November 6th, 93 were for Hoover and 11 were for Smith. One Socialist vote was cast.

Two years ago 57 voters were registered and 56 votes were cast, of which 53 were Republican.

At present there are 124 qualified voters resident at Rancho Santa Fe, although a considerable number this year were registered in other precincts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Badger announce the birth of a son on October 13. His weight was nine pounds and twelve ounces and he has been named Richard Eugene. Barbara Jean Badger, four and one-half years old, was the first baby born at Rancho Santa Fe since the Spanish occupation.



"Guarding the Portal" at the H. Gordon Badger home.

Miss Edith Walker of Morristown, New Jersey, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James C. Smillie, at the Smillie estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Ketchum are the parents of an eight-pound girl baby, born August 28th. This is the fourth daughter born in the Ketchum family. She has been named Lorraine.

Miss Mildred Pease, niece of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pease, recently had as her house guest Miss Rose Elliott of San Diego. Miss Elliott is about to start on a trip around the world.

## Golf Course Strategy Explained

By Max Behr

At Rancho Santa Fe there has been put into effect that new principle of golf course design which permits the average golfer—even the beginner—to enjoy his round without constantly being in trouble and yet at the same time offers the expert a serious and exciting test of golf. Not a single hazard has been constructed with the idea of penalizing errors of skill such as top, pull or slice. On the contrary, the hazards are located with the sole object of defending the hole, and the golfer who fails to knock down their defense must naturally suffer. But he who is unable to positively attack the strategy of the hazards has always an optional safe way of playing.

The course is peculiar in that the holes follow a winding barranca up and down, crossing and recrossing it, and yet at no time interfering with one another. The first and tenth tees are at the Clubhouse. In the round there is all the variety that can be attained by the proper spacing of distances, the four short holes being the third, seventh, fourteenth and seventeenth, and the short drive and pitch hole coming at the tenth. At full length ten of the holes will be 400 yards and over, and as six of these must be played against a strong prevailing wind their playing length will be greater than their yardage would supposedly demand.

The construction of some of the holes has been on a grander scale than ever before attempted. This was necessary in order to attain golfing conditions which would blend with their surroundings. There are few situations which do not permit the building of a green, but to make it part of its surroundings requires that these be also dealt with and modified if they are to become a part of the new dispensation.

The greens have all been tiled with the drains twelve feet apart. Tile draining is the greatest factor in turf insurance. They have been sown to cocoos bent, and the fairways and tees to German mixed bent and European bluegrass. Indeed, into the whole course from the standpoint of design and upkeep there has been incorporated those fundamental principles which assure economy of upkeep and permanency of the architecture.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Brewster of Los Angeles were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pease.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, Miss Mary Belle Claggett and Mr. John Macdonald, house guest of the Frank Coffyns, recently made up a motor party to Mexicali, where they spent a day with Miss Claggett's father, Mr. Ralph Claggett.



Mrs. Ellis Bishop breaking ground for the Bishop home on a picturesque ridge in Block 36.



Mr. James C. Smillie, New York business man, recently turned orchardist at Rancho Santa Fe and is now able to enjoy a glorious freedom from restraint with each new day.

## GOLF COURSE BECOMES A CARPET OF GREEN

Rancho Santa Fe's golf course is now a carpet of green. Max Behr, the architect, has finished his work, the U. L. Voris Organization has finished grading, preparation of soil, etc., and the entire area seeded three to six weeks ago is now in the hands of Providence and Mr. E. G. Horder, the new greens keeper.

Luck has been with the club inasmuch as the fall rains have held off sufficiently long that it is believed no serious damage can now result. Some of the grass is more than a month old and has started off very sturdily. The automatic sprinkling system appears to be functioning satisfactorily and promises to be the source of marked economy and satisfaction to the directors of the club.

The pump house by which extra high pressure is afforded has been completed. It is the subject of considerable favorable comment, especially the ingenious water-cooling equipment contrived by Miss Rice for the convenience of players.

Two more small buildings to be built on the course for the housing of maintenance equipment will also be equipped with drinking fountains.

The green fairways stretching through the middle of Rancho Santa Fe serve to accentuate the beauty of the entire region and a glimpse of the long, inviting stretches are making many palms itch to get hold of a golf club.

The directors of the club hold out no hope, however, for play before spring because they are determined to establish a good hardy turf before opening the course.



A view of the patio of the Christiancy home, one of several large establishments constructed during the year at Rancho Santa Fe.

Mr. Charles F. Cushman of Racine, Wisconsin, recently visited his brother, John B. Cushman, and inspected his new home which had been built during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Millard and their daughter Nathalie Millard have returned from the East. They arrived at Riverside on October 31st and were met by Mr. and Mrs. Ranald Macdonald. The party motored back to Rancho Santa Fe.



Rancho Santa Fe is a productive community. Scenes like this one in the Smillie orchard are duplicated every day in every part of the community.

## CHECKS DISBURSED BY ASSOCIATION

During the first nine months of 1928 the Rancho Santa Fe Fruit Association, through its officers, distributed \$9600 for lemons picked on Rancho Santa Fe, and approximately \$1500 for oranges.

The secretary also distributed checks for the Calavo Growers to the members of that organization for avocados grown at Rancho Santa Fe. The business of the Rancho Santa Fe Fruit Association has been carried on for about the cost of postage and state tax, none of the officers having made any charges for their time or services.

In 1927 the lemon shipments from Rancho Santa Fe totaled 1689 field boxes. This year the shipments will run over 7000 field boxes, and the first shipment of oranges was 710 field boxes. Several field boxes were not sold, having been used by the growers for their own consumption.

The estimate for 1929 is that several thousand boxes of oranges will be shipped and that the lemon production will about double.

Mr. John Cushman is having a tennis court constructed on his estate in North Rancho Santa Fe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranald Macdonald gave a dinner on Wednesday night, November 7th, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Barton Millard.

## DUNHAM ESTATE IS DEVELOPING

Some very creditable landscaping effects have been accomplished on the ninety-odd acre estate of Mr. C. A. Dunham of Chicago by Glenn A. Moore, landscape architect.

Development work on the property, which consists of picturesque tree-covered ridges, was started two years ago. Tentative plans were made for future sub-division into seven major building sites and since that time, a road has been graded, graveled and guttered to connect the sites and make them accessible to the original network of Rancho Santa Fe roads.

The generous growth of eucalyptus trees and native shrubbery in the canyons and on the slopes has been augmented with liberal planting of jacarandas, flaming eucalyptus and colorful ornamentals, red tecoma, fremontias and geraniums.

Major water lines have been installed and electric conduit has been placed underground.

The irrigation of eucalyptus trees and native shrubbery, since the beautification of the Dunham place began, has worked wonders in new growth and foliage.

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decorated. The floor will be of wide oak planks laid with dowels and pegs.

The dining room will conform to the scheme followed in the living room, but also has been designed especially to accommodate the carved oak furniture, which is very handsome and an heirloom in the family.

Beyond the living room is a sitting room or library, connecting with the bedroom suites in the right wing of the home. This will be panelled from floor to ceiling with Swedish pine treated in a deal finish. On three sides of the room will be book-cases. There will be a fireplace in this room, as, in fact, in all of the bedroom suites as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop's suite will consist of two bedrooms, a dressing room and bath.

In this wing will also be a guest's suite reached from the cloister off the patio. Outside the guest's suite and just off the formal entrance garden will be found a rose garden by way of which one may reach an oratory or private chapel. Added interest will



Photograph of a clay model of the Dunham estate, showing how it is being landscaped by Glenn A. Moore for several building sites. Mr. Dunham plans to bring his friends out from Chicago to live near him.

be given this rose garden by the presence of an old Spanish well-head, acquired by Mrs. Bishop some years ago while traveling.

In the west wing of the home will be found the kitchen, butler's pantry, flower room and garage. The latter has accommodations for four cars, with a covered way in front for four more.

On the second floor are found the son's and daughter's suites. Each of these has not only a bedroom, bath and dressing room but a guest's room as well.

In connection with Miss Bishop's suite there is also a sitting room and a spacious loggia which looks down into the patio and may be reached from an outside stairway.

On the north side of the second-floor rooms is an overhanging, covered balcony, looking down over the Bishop estate and, in fact, encompassing hundreds of miles of ocean and land with scenic interest.

On the second floor there is also a nurse's room and the west wing of the second floor is devoted to servants' quarters.

Directly in front of the living room on the main axis of the establishment is a terrace planted to lawn, duplicating what the English call a mall. This extends along the crest of a ridge for some distance and will provide a most unusual vantage point from which to enjoy all the elements of beauty that make Rancho Santa Fe desirable.

At the far end of the mall where the ridge begins to slope sharply downward will be found a lily pool. Di-

rectly below this at some distance down the slope will be built a swimming pool. Dressing rooms and show-ers for use in connection with the swimming pool are to be found in the basement of the home.

In color, the stucco of the exterior of the home will be just off white. There will be a Cuban Junipero roof of tile. Generous use will be made of wrought iron, notably in a beautiful entrance gate.

A winding road will lead from the home down past the tennis court and skirting the orchard of avocados and walnuts will reach the stables in the valley below. Here will be a stable of five box stalls, a paddock and cow barn. There will be an entrance to the estate near this point from Rambla de Las Flores with a gate-keeper's lodge and an artistic bridge over the barranca.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have long been interested in Rancho Santa Fe and their lovely establishment is a splendid example of what may be accomplished when one becomes in tune with Rancho Santa Fe traditions and appreciative of its beauty and many natural advantages.

The Bishop home has been designed by Marston & Maybury, Pasadena architects.

Mr. Glenn A. Moore is in charge of landscaping and the construction of the tennis court, swimming pool and roads.

Construction of the home is under the direction of John H. Simpson.

## Landscaping Notes

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we must not forget our odd and unusual native shrubs and trees, some of which are almost extinct, due to the inroads of civilization. Then, there are ferns, begonias, cyclamen, gloxinias and the like for the collector under lath. Endless possibilities!

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### FELLOWSHIP

That there is fellowship in gardening is evidenced by the recent interest of the modern business and professional man in the promotion of "civic improvements," parks, yes, and even flower shows and fairs. Hitherto, there has been a hesitancy except among a few in acknowledging their decided interest in the beauty of landscape and flower.

The building of a home and the development of an estate involve a multitude of problems for the recently retired man. When active minds tackle these problems, they are loath to quit after the building is done and so we find them continuing their own developments or going into community activities where they find kindred souls.

Since gardening in its best sense is personal practice of horticulture, what a future there is to country life as found at Rancho Santa Fe!

Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Thompson of Callexico recently purchased an estate in Block 26 overlooking the golf course.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis of Hollywood recently purchased a residential estate in block 26. Mr. Lewis is a motion picture star.

Mrs. Ralph Claggett recently enjoyed a visit from her sister, Mrs. J. T. Gooch, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Robert Hulme of Fresno.

Mrs. Frank Coffyn, who entertains extensively, is building a guest house on her estate Olvidar. There are two guest rooms, with a fireplace in each, and two baths.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Carpenter gave a home-coming dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Barton Millard on their return from New York, where Mr. Millard met Mrs. Millard when she came back from a trip to Europe with Mr. and Mrs. Christiancy.

## DOORWAY AND BALCONY IN SOUTHERN SPAIN

From Photograph by Lilian J. Rice



Although some Spanish cities have regulations which require that all buildings be refreshed once a year with a coat of white, an occasional bit of color is seen—around this doorway is a painted strip of rich deep yellow.

Besides building operations of major importance, minor activity during the last month consisted of the addition of a sun porch to the Christiancy residence and a third stall to the garage of the Joers residence.

Recent house guests of Miss Mary Belle Claggett were Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rackerby, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Milt Holts and Mr. Preston Duncan, all of Los Angeles and Hollywood.

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