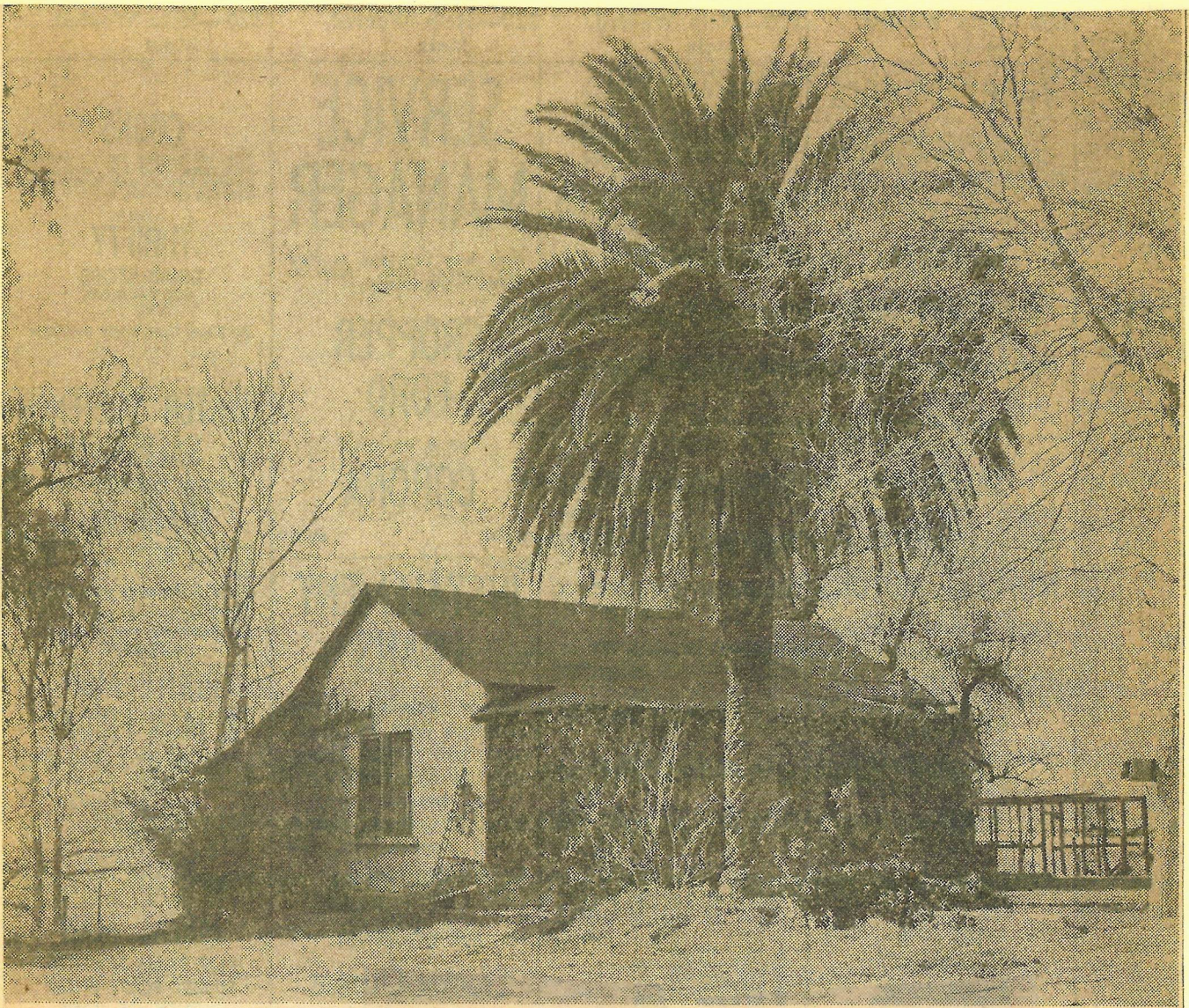


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The Trujillo adobe, 100 years old, is on sale. (Staff photo by Bob Ringquist)

Spanishtown adobe for sale

By TOM PATTERSON

Would anyone care to buy the Trujillo adobe, last surviving landmark of La Placita of the Mexican era?

It's on sale for \$14,000. Its recent owners and residents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, died about a year ago. The heirs have placed it on sale through Mrs. Pauline Pratt of Community Realty Co., 3915 11th, Riverside.

Local historical societies are interested in its preservation, but have no money to buy. They hope it will be bought by someone who will keep it intact. It is marked as a "Point

of Historical Interest" by the Riverside County Historical Commission.

The location is off the west side of Orange Street, just north of Highgrove's Center Street. It sits in the rear of a seemingly older (but actually younger) adobe.

The house was occupied for many years by descendants of Lorenzo Trujillo, who, with his sons and their families, founded La Placita in the mid-1840s. The flood of 1862 took out all or most of the adobe homes. This one is believed to date from soon after the flood. Its central portion, originally one-room, probably is more than a 100 years old.

La Placita was known to early Riversiders, whose first settlers came in 1870, as Spanishtown.

Its small homes and garden plots were scattered along the base of La Loma Hills to the north, mostly in present San Bernardino County. An irriga-

tion ditch took water out of the river at the northwest corner of the hills.

Mrs. Pratt says the home has two bedrooms, kitchen, bath and living room.

"It's in fair condition," she said "With a little paint it could be comfortable. There is room for horses."

In fact the land totals .85 acre. A small portion is in San Bernardino County. It doesn't adjoin a street, but has a driveway to Orange Street on an easement.