



Andrew McNally House, 1887

# Altadena Historical Society

## From Our Files

### Altadena buildings

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We were pleased to find in our collection the above photograph of **The Larry Harmon Studio**, 2605 N. Lake Avenue, taken by Larry Harmon himself. The commercial photographer opened the studio in 1959. (The building replaced the Amos Dance Studio at the northwest corner of Lake and Altadena Drive.) After a successful career spanning almost three decades, Harmon sold the property. Following further sales, the site ended up as the future location for a McDonald's restaurant. The community protested. (McDonalds later built at the corner of Lincoln and Woodbury). The building now belongs to commercial photographer Brian Goodman who owns *Public Works Productions*. Brian revitalized the 6000 square foot facility and turned it into one of the few photo/design studios in the country with in-house, full-service, photography, design and production capabilities all under one roof.

**The New Avon Apartments** (right) on the northwest corner of Woodbury and El Sereno was featured in the 1926 Chamber publication, *Altadena the Beautiful*, as the latest in apartment living. Even after nine decades of

repair and well meant improvements, the building still shows off some of its craftsman detail. The lovely rooftop pergola is gone but views of the majestic San Gabriels remain.



AN ALTADENA APARTMENT BUILDING

New Avon Apartments, Owned and Operated by John O. Unander. Located at 2103 El Sereno.