

### "Pioneer Trails Of Coos and Curry"

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Tioga trail may be little more than a memory today (1949). But when it was first used by our early settlers in 1853, it had been trodden by the Indians through untold generations, as indicated by the fact that it was deeply worn in places.

The earliest mention we find of this trail is in a paper just handed in by F. B. Rood, well-known dairyman of the Coos Bay area for nearly a half century. I quote from Mr. Rood's "Dairy Industry in the Coos Bay Area:"

"In the year 1853, Alfred Collver, who was father of Howard and T. M. Collver, who still live on Catching Inlet, purchased a herd of cattle near Roseburg and drove the herd over the old Roseburg trail to Coos Bay. It is thought that this trail is the one which comes to South Coos River about three-fourth mile below the salmon hatchery. Metzger's map of Coos County shows such a trail . . . ."

G. A. (Alvie) Bonebrake recalls, as related to him by his parents, that he first came over that trail when he was just one

year old. That was 80 years ago. Alvie was born on Deer Creek, east of Roseburg, his father, John W. Bonebrake, had come over the trail previously, and had arranged with "Uncle Frank"—B. F. Ross—to meet the Bonebrake family at the old McKnight place on South Coos river on a pre-arranged date.

The Bonebrakes came with pack team, through Roseburg, out by way of Looking Glass valley, westward into the mountains, following the ridge, or the "backbone" which formed the divide between the north fork of the Coquille and the south fork of the Coos river. At the McKnight place, their horses and all their belongings were loaded onto the scow that had been brought by Mr. Ross. Down the river they went with the tide, to just below the old Wes Noah place. There was an old cut-off channel that followed near the foothill to Catching slough opposite the mouth of Ross slough. By this cut-off they shortened their journey to the new home by several miles.

This trip by the Bonebrake family was 15 years after Alfred

Collver had driven his cows over the same route, the first dairy cattle ever to be brought into Coos county. At least, it is reported that these were the first. If any were brought in earlier, we have not heard of them.

It is reported that the trail branched off to local communities at the Douglas county end as well as at the Coos county end. One branch led down to the McKinley district; another to Burton Prairie, or what is now known as Fairview.

Alice B. Maloney has been quoted as saying: "I knew a woman who came to Coos Bay, Oregon, sometime in the 1850's by what she called the Coos River trail, that is via the North Fork of the Coquille and over the road used by Harris. She was Mrs. Mary McKnight of Marshfield."

We find that the trail has been referred to as the "Roseburg"—the "Coos River" trail

and the "Tioga" trail. I believe we may safely assume that all have reference to the same route—so let us call it the Roseburg-Tioga-Coos River trail. It seems that it served a good purpose for at least 20 years, up to the time when Coos Bay wagon road was opened from Roseburg in 1873. This does not include the untold generations that it has been used by the Indians before the coming of the whites.

Falkins, Mrs. Dan Haight, Mrs. Raymond Fitzhugh, Mrs. George Fitzhugh, Miss Phyllis Johnson.

R. C. Baughn is at Emanuel hospital, Portland, instead of Providence, as was stated last week. He is undergoing surgery in hope to graft new bone in his right wrist, hurt in a woods accident over a year ago.

Read the Class Ads—it pays!

### Surprise Shower Honors Mrs. Fitzhugh, Saturday

A surprise shower was given in honor of Mrs. Melvin Fitzhugh last Saturday, at the C. W. Kruger home. Mr. Kruger played the piano, the first number being for guest of honor, "That's My Baby."

Refreshments were served in late afternoon at a table prettily decorated, the centerpiece being two large pink baby shoes, filled with pink rosebuds and baby-breath. The honored guest sat under bows of pink and blue ribbon at which time she opened many gifts. Guests present included Mrs. C. O. Leonard, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Art Crook, Mrs. Al

### Oregon 4-H Girl State Winner In Dress Revue

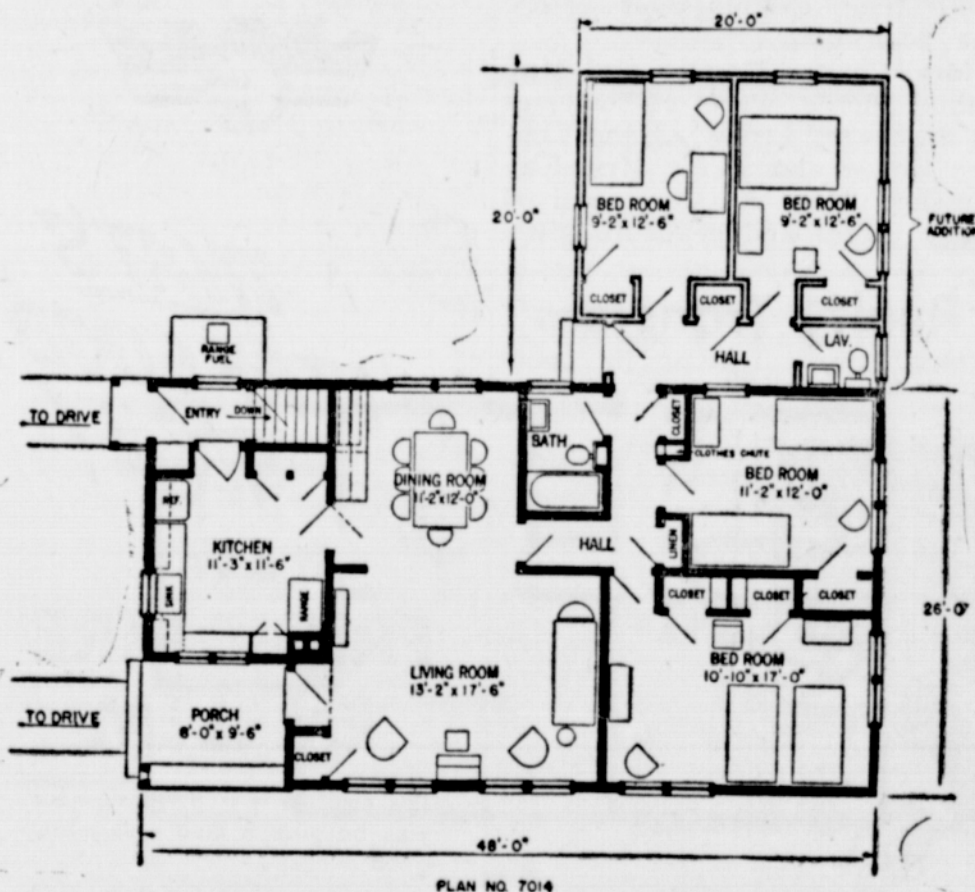
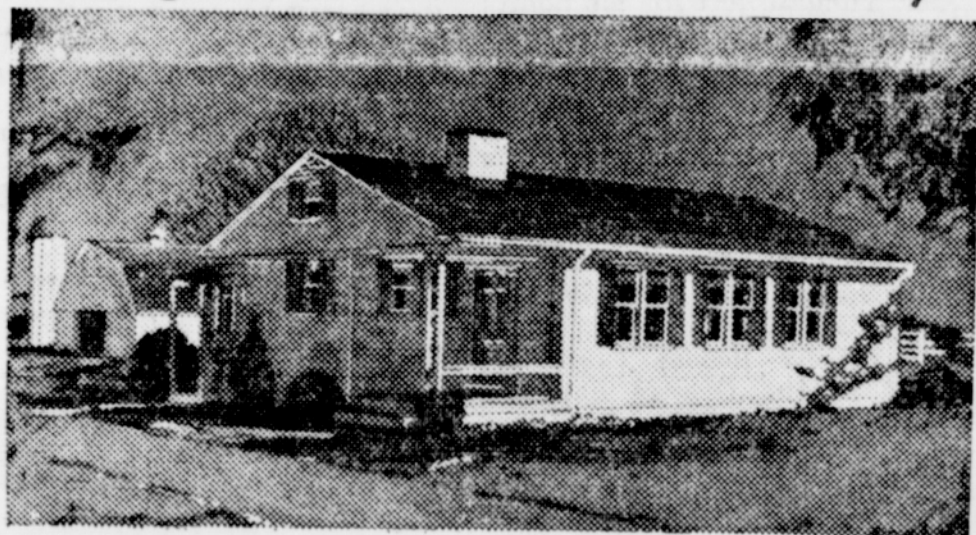


Jo Ann Roberts

Jo Ann Roberts, 18, of Shedd, was judged state winner in the 1949 4-H Dress Revue. Her prize-winning costume consisted of a brown wool tailored suit, with which she wore a yellow hat and yellow hand crocheted gloves, brown kid shoes and bag. Jo Ann made the suit for \$25.96, instead of the \$75.00 it would have cost her to purchase same. During her seven years in club work, Jo Ann has participated in 26 contests and demonstrations, winning numerous awards. In recognition of her achievement, Simplicity Pattern Co., Inc. sent Jo Ann to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, all expenses paid.

This activity is conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

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Working drawings for this one-story farmhouse are available for either frame or masonry construction. The house contains 1,536 square feet complete as shown. Notice that each bedroom opens onto a hall leading to the bathroom or laboratory, and the bedroom addition has an outside door which is especially handy for hired help or guests.

The master bedroom is designed for separate "his" and "hers" reach-in closets as well as twin beds.

Facing the house either north or south would give south sun to both living and dining rooms. This combination room offers abundant space for company dinners, parties,

or extension unit meetings. Both front and back doors face the farm drive which is designed to be in a direct line with the barns. There is a generous closet to hold work clothes just inside the rear entry.

Although the straight basement stairs are located close to the back door and kitchen, a clothes chute near the bedrooms cuts down on the number of trips required to and from the basement where utility room facilities are located.

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