

## Homes

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longed to the old doctor, and it was designed for a gracious living that cannot fail to impress you.

Other mansions, in the architectural sense of the word, are to be found in cities, but more often you will see them in the smaller towns where major improvements do not threaten their continued usefulness. Such is the Amos Cook house at Lafayette, with its ranch style kitchen and its New England front. He was one of Oregon's first settlers, a man of Champoeg, and he built the mansion portion of his house in the 1850's for his bride. Similar mansions include the James Bybee house near Jacksonville, the William Bybee house on Sauvies Island, and the Harritt place, recently restored, on the Wallace Road just out of Salem.

One type of large house that was a distinct development of the frontier we can call, for convenience, the Missouri mansion. It may have a center door, or two doors, but its distinctive features are the two story porch across the whole facade, and the narrowness of the house from front to back. An excellent example, in poor state of preservation, is to be seen on the north edge of Woodburn on the west side of the Pacific Highway. Others are the John K. Dickey house near Molalla with its log cabin wing, and the Charles Applegate house at Yoncalla. Of greater importance is the William Keil house at Aurora, on the west side of the Wilsonville road. After you cross the railroad tracks, you can spot it as you start up the hill. William Keil was the founder of the Bethel, Missouri, and the Aurora, Oregon, Christian Societies, a form of religious and economic communism. A strong and dominant leader, he and his colony are a most colorful note in the Oregon country.

Aurora is something unique and individual. The houses, designed often in the Pennsylvania style, are notable for their double doors and the upright board and batten siding which pro-

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