

Owner of Beaverton's First Store Rose By Sheer Will

HARD WORK, DETERMINATION, HARDSHIP,
FATHER'S ESTATE ENABLED MERCHANT TRY

By Hervey S. Robinson
(Continued from last week)

Jesse Nathan Griffith, who owned the first store in Beaverton had a colorful career. His father was John Griffith, one of the old Rocky Mountain men, who trapped with Joe Meek and Kit Carson and later acted as a guide for emigrant trains. He piloted them to the Dalles and helped them fell trees and build rafts to carry them and their belongings down the Columbia to the Cascades.

In 1845 he settled in Washington County where Joe Meek and other "free trappers" had preceded him. On March 15, 1846, John Griffith married Rachel Hockett, an orphan girl whose parents had both died upon the trail to Oregon the preceding year. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Griffin, an independent Congregational missionary famous in early Washington County history.

Jesse was born at Farmington, Washington County, Feb. 8, 1852. In 1857, when Jesse was five years old, the family moved to a 400 acre farm which his father had bought, where St. Mary's Academy is now located. Jesse attended the old Nathan Robinson school in 1857, where Reedville is now located.

In 1859 the mother died, leaving three small children, Jesse, a brother and a sister. The next spring the father went to the Salmon River mines near Lewiston, Idaho, leaving his children in the care of the neighbors.

Before he left for the mines, John Griffith had the local Justice of the Peace draw up a paper providing that if anything happened to him or if he failed to return William McClure should have the custody of Jesse. Griffith never returned and nothing was ever heard from him.

Jesse remained with the McClures from 1860 to 1869. Of his experiences during that nine years Jesse told Fred Lockley in 1933 "I was eight years old when I went there to live. Mr. McClure believed with Solomon that sparing the rod would spoil the child. He didn't hold with playing. He said boys who played grew up to be idle and vicious.

"I fed the hogs, cleaned the stables and milked the cows and by the time I was ten years old, I was doing the plowing."

Of his schooling during this period he says: "Later I went to school about a mile south of Beaverton. Miss Missouri Smith was the teacher. She later married Col. T. R. Cornelius for whom the town of Cornelius was named."

His next teacher was Emma J. Cornell, who married Rev. J. H. B. Royal, an early Methodist minister who was at one time principal of Umpqua Academy at Wil-

bur. Still later Jesse went to school at Beaverton to Hiram Dunstan.

"My first regular job," said Jesse "was plowing with a four horse gang-plow on a 640 acre farm a mile and a half north of Hillsboro at \$1.25 a day and board. This farm was owned by the Rev. J. S. Griffin, who crossed the plains in 1839 as an independent Congregational missionary. In the spring of 1848 he had started to publish a magazine called the Oregon American and Evangelical Unionist. Mr. Griffin died in the spring of 1869."

In 1869, when he was 17 years old, Jesse went to Southern Oregon and got a job near Wilbur, where he was able to attend Umpqua Academy that winter. J. P. Deardorf was principal of the Academy and the teachers were W. H. Byars, T. F. Royal, S. A. Skidmore and John O. Booth.

In the spring of 1870 Jesse got a job helping drive a flock of sheep to Virginia City, Nevada. They started April 1 and were two months on the way. "I had never seen a wide open town before," said Jesse, "and Virginia City was certainly wide open. It seemed to me that it was a combination of Sodom and Gomorrah, the saloons, dance halls and gambling places were the principal industries of the town. I was glad to get back to southern Oregon."

"When I returned to Ashland, Oregon from Virginia City, I got a job helping drive 447 head of cattle to Los Angeles. I received \$75 a month for doing the cooking for the outfit and helping drive the herd. I saved my wages and returned to the Willamette valley."

"My folks had owned 400 acres on which St. Mary's Academy is now located. Mother had died in 1859 and father had gone to the mines and was never heard from again. So their 400 acre farm was left to us children. My brother owned half and I owned the other half."

"I sold my 200 acres to J. A. Stroubridge for \$2,000 and with the money I received I went to Beaverton and started the first store in that place. I used to bring the mail from Portland for all the farmers in the neighborhood as an accommodation to them. In 1873, I sold my business to Bill Wilmot and moved to Westport."

"I was married at Beaverton May 28, 1871 to Miss Sarah Emily Betts. We were married by R. B. Wilmot, Justice of the Peace at Beaverton. Our first two children were born at Beaverton, Minnie Myrtle on June 19, 1872 and Hattie Ellen on Washington's birthday, 1874. Our next child was John Austin, born at Astoria, Dec. 9, 1876."

(To be continued)

County 4-H Boys Will Make Try --Calf Scramble

It's yours if you can catch it! That's what 5 Washington County 4-H club boys will be thinking when they "Scramble" in the Calf Scramble event at this year's Pacific International.

This year Joe Aten, Maynard Sprecher, Route 1, Beaverton, George Rose, Route 2, Hillsboro, Eugene Evers, Route 2, Forest Grove and Stanley Marugg, Rte. 6, Portland will be the 4-H contestants from Washington County.

In this event, which has been one of the most popular events of the show the past two years, 16 boys and 8 beef calves are turned into the area. The boys are armed only with a rope halter and ten feet of rope. The eight boys who catch the calves feed them for one year and exhibit them at the next year's show. All proceeds from the calf go to boy who catches it.

To enter the contest the 4-H boys must be exhibiting at the Pacific International and must be between 13 and 17 years of age.

Show's Feminine Touch



DOCILITY OF THESE PRIZE STEERS belie the claim of "weaker sex."

Pictured above is a quite proud little girl of last year's Pacific International Livestock Exposition as she poses with her two hefty prize winners.

Stars of Film and Radio Join HST In Chest Appeal

Stars of the entertainment world will join President Truman September 30 in an all-network broadcast for local campaigns of the Community Chests of America.

The star-packed show, to be heard from 7:30 to 8 p.m. will include Robert Taylor, Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Jo Stafford, Ronald Colman, the Andrews sisters, Red Skelton and Danny Kaye. Henry Ford II, chairman of Community Chests of America, will respond to the president.

KGW, KOIN, KPOJ, and KEX will carry the broadcast.

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Spry Shortening 3-lb. can \$1.15
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Get full details at **SAFEWAY**

Grapefruit Juice	Town House Natural or Sweetened	46-oz. can	19¢
Fruit Cocktail	Hostess Delight	No. 2 1/2 can	38¢
Pork & Beans	Case & Swayne	No. 2 1/2 can	2 FOR 35¢

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APPLES

Want some for cooking? JONATHANS are the kind that make wonderful pies and sauce. For eating? It's DELICIOUS! Safeway has both for your selection.

Size, shape and cookability we think are the most desirable things you want when you buy potatoes. Safeway promises that these potatoes will please the most particular.

10 lbs. 43¢

Lettuce Solid, leafy heads lb. 7¢

Squash Marblehead or Hubbard lb. 2 1/2¢

Sweet Corn lb. 9¢

Parsnips Sweet and tender lb. 13¢

Onions Yellow... serve them creamed lb. 4¢

Grapes Thompson Seedless lb. 12 1/2¢

Oranges California Valencias 5 lbs. 49¢

Other Favorite Flours

Sperry's	10-LB.	89¢
Pillsbury	25-LB.	\$2.05
Gold Medal	50-LB.	\$3.98

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10-LB.	85¢
25-LB.	\$1.93
50-LB.	\$3.65

Fresh Eggs Grade "A" LARGE DOZ. 75¢ Grade "A" MEDIUM DOZ. 71¢

Meadow Wood Butter GRADE A 92-SCORE LB. 79¢

Campbell Soup Cream of Chicken	can	17¢
Asparagus Sunny Side All Green	No. 2 can	43¢
Spinach Emerald Bay	No. 2 1/2 can	19¢
Salmon Libby's Dutch Harbor	No. 1 can	69¢
Canned Milk Church & Dwight	4-oz. can (40) - \$4.49	2/29¢
Canned Milk Nat'l brands	1-lb. can	15¢
Playfair Dog Food	3 can	29¢
Airway Coffee	1-lb.	46¢
Nob Hill Coffee	1-lb.	48¢
Soda Crackers	2-lb. pkg.	45¢
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Velveeta, Cheese Food	2-lb. pkg.	98¢
Breeze, Cheese Food	2-lb. pkg.	94¢
Chatham Cheese	Pre-wrapped Mild Cheddar per lb.	59¢

Rinso Soap	Oxydol Soap	Supurb Soap
Granulated Soap 23 oz. 35¢	Granulated Soap 24 oz. 35¢	Kind to your hands 24 oz. 33¢

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Standing Rib Roast as pictured here is just another example of how Safeway trims its meat before displaying it for sale to you. You pay only for portion that will eat just right.

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Breast of Lamb	lb.	29¢
Fresh Ground Beef	lb.	59¢
Pork Sausage Country Style	lb.	59¢
Pork Chops Center Cuts	lb.	89¢
Bacon Jowls Sugar Cured	lb.	43¢
Luncheon Meats Assorted	lb.	58¢
Halibut Steaks Firm-Flaky	lb.	55¢
Fillet of Sole Waste-Free	lb.	48¢
Fillet of Cod Waste-Free	lb.	45¢
Veal Leg or Rump Roast		59¢
Veal Rib or Loin Chops		79¢
Leg of Lamb, Special		69¢

Young Fryers Per Lb. 79¢
Fricassee Fowl Per Lb. 69¢

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Jim Landers on Vacation; Finds Moves in Area

After a month-long trip to Missouri, Jim Landers, mail carrier, declares he's glad to be back home again and is finding his hands quite full catching up with the population he serves every day.

With his wife Mary and two children, Jim embarked on a return trip to his home, in Dexter, Missouri and their return occurred on September 20. This was the first time in about four years that he had been home.

Route travelled included points in Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Arizona and other portions along the southern route to and from. Jim maintains the family chariot performed like a miracle, with not an untoward event to mar his pleasure.

The only discomfort the Landers noted was the weather, which proved almost unbearable at times. In one Arizona stop, at 2 a.m., the mercury hit 95 degrees with a breeze making it even more noticeable.

Upon his return, Jim realized what population shift takes place in the interval of a month. At least 60 address changes are making him look a little closer too at his route cards.

ST. CECILIA'S FALL FESTIVAL and BAZAAR

October 9, Aloha Grange Hall
TURKEY DINNER

Starting at 5 P. M.

Adults \$1.25 Children 75¢