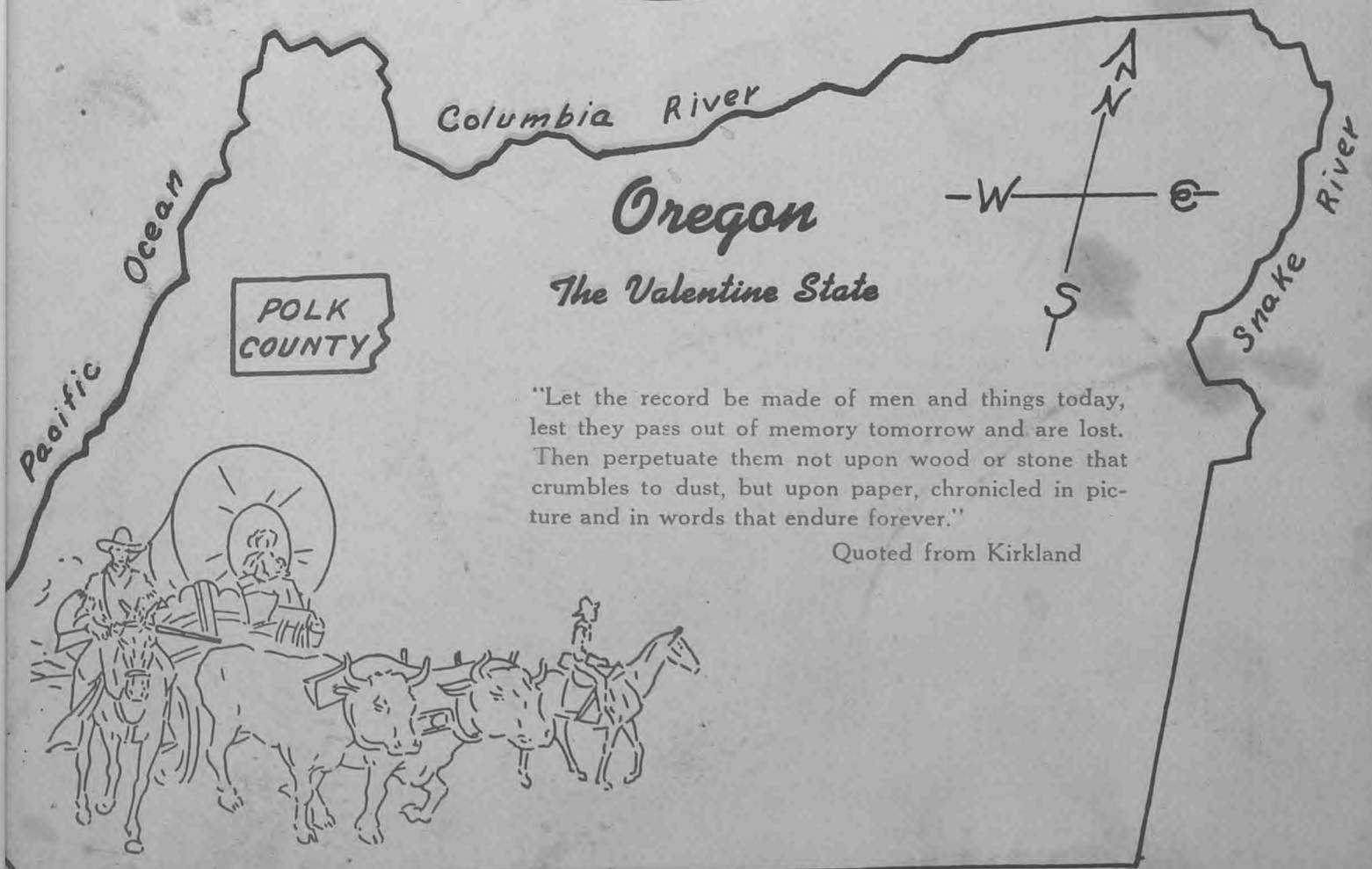


A CENTURY of POLK COUNTY HISTORY

1859



1959



"Let the record be made of men and things today, lest they pass out of memory tomorrow and are lost. Then perpetuate them not upon wood or stone that crumbles to dust, but upon paper, chronicled in picture and in words that endure forever."

Quoted from Kirkland

Oregon . . . Green and Beautiful



Scenic view of Oregon's Coastal area along U. S. Highway 101

Oregon has a "rugged" coast line, sandy beaches, heavily timbered ranges, snow capped peaks, broad river valleys, rough drainage basins, lava fields, gigantic geologic faults, and rolling upland plains cut by deep gorges, spread out in changing panoramas in this land of scenic surprises. Rugged masses, but slightly changed from the form of their volcanic origin, stand out in contrast to wide areas with lines softened by erosion.



View of Mt. Hood, highest point in the Cascade Range in Oregon

Oregon is a land divided by great mountain barriers into regions of productive farms and desert wastes; it is a land of crowded habitations and scanty settlements, of lofty eminences and deep depressions, of isolated mountain-hemmed areas and open plains beyond the limit of course, of dense forest undergrowth and park-like stands of timber.



Oregon's deep blue Crater Lake, the gem of the Cascades

The present State, formerly part of a vast area known as the Oregon Country, is bounded on the north by the State of Washington, on the east by the State of Idaho, on the south by the states of Nevada and California and on the west by the Pacific Ocean. Forming the largest part of its northern boundary line, the historic Columbia River gives the State somewhat the shape of a saddle with its pommel near the river's mouth.



View of the Columbia River Gorge is captured on the U. S. Highway 30 Scenic Route

The Snake River, with a rugged gorge deeper than the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, forms more than half of the eastern boundary. These two rivers, with the three hundred miles of coast, make more than two-thirds of Oregon's boundary line.



Squaw Creek Rapids along the Snake River Canyon on the eastern state line

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Becomes the Valentine State

The state's extreme length along the 124th meridian is 280 miles; its extreme width, between Cape Blanco and the eastern boundary line, is 380 miles. Including 1,092 square miles of water surface, its total area is 36,699 square miles, making it the ninth largest state in the Union. With the exception of the far eastern portion, it lies in the Pacific Time Belt; and it embraces 36 counties.

The lofty and frosty-peaked Cascade Range divides Oregon into two unequal parts. To the east is the broad plains-plateau section; to the west, and comprising about one third of the state's area, lies the more fully developed and more densely populated valley and the coast section. "From Oregon, End of the Trail." Copyright by Oregon State Board of Control.

Oregon 1859 - 1959

Oregon this year celebrates the centennial year of its admission to the union being admitted as the 33rd state on February 14, 1859.



News of Statehood, Salem, Oregon, 1859

In 1775 Captain Bruno Heceta was the first to see the Columbia River which was named by Captain Robert Gray in 1792. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark made the first overland trip to the Oregon Country, spending the winter of 1805-06 on the Oregon Coast.

A treaty setting the international boundary at the 49th parallel was signed between England and the United States in 1846 after becoming a major issue in the presidential election.

It was not until 1840 that thousands of immigrants began to come along the famous Oregon Trail blazed by Lewis and Clark.

John Jacob Astor was the first white man to establish a commercial enterprise in the new country. He started a fur trading post in 1811 at what is now Astoria. This post with others consolidated with the Hudson Bay Company in 1821.



State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon, 1959
Photographs Courtesy of Oregon State Highway Commission.

In August 1848 the Territory of Oregon was created with General Joseph Lane as governor in the capitol of Oregon City. The capitol was moved from Oregon City to Salem where it has remained except for a brief location in Corvallis. Washington Territory was cut away from Oregon in 1853 and Oregon was admitted as a state with its present boundaries.



Photo of mural which depicts Captain Robert Gray when he discovered the Columbia River of the West in the year 1792.

Compliments of Tony's Place, Dallas, Oregon

Polk County 1845-1959

Polk County, named after President James K. Polk, created from the original Yamhill District on December 22, 1845. The original county area included all the territory west of the Willamette River to the Pacific Ocean and south from Yamhill County to the California border.

In 1847 Benton County was taken out of the southern part and in 1893 Lincoln County was formed in the western area leaving Polk County with its present area of 708 square miles.

The County Seat was established at Cynthian, also known as Cynthia Ann, which is now known as North Dallas. In 1850 a two-story court house was built at a cost of \$755.50. The town's name was officially changed to Dallas in 1852, in honor of United States' Vice President Dallas. Due to lack of water at its original site the town moved across the Rickreall River to the present site in 1856.



Polk County Court House built in 1859 at site of the present court house. This building was accepted on February 15, 1860, at a cost of \$7,400. This building was destroyed by fire on June 10, 1898.



Present day court house under construction in 1899-1900. Completed June, 1900 at a cost of \$30,782. Native sandstone blocks from local quarry were used in construction and this quarry is still in operation today by the Oregon-Portland Cement Company.



Marker at site of first Polk County Court House, built in 1850 at what is known today as North Dallas Junction. It was erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Polk County Court House, Dallas, Oregon, 1959.

Compliments of Polk County Court Office

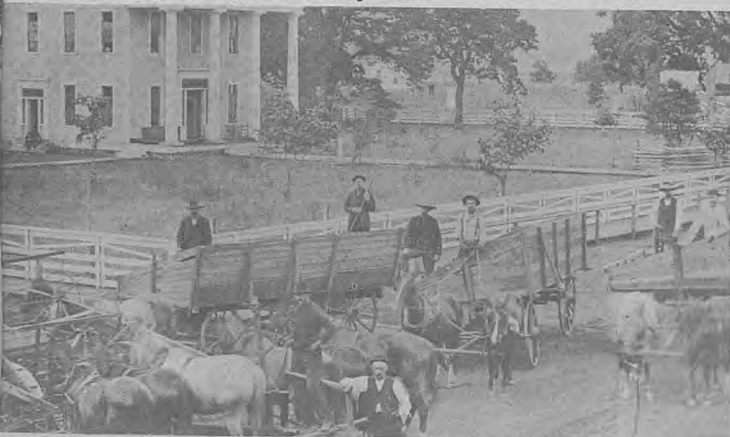
A Century of Progress



Historic Polk County Jail, 1857-1927, was the second building to be built for the county. It was located on the site of the present city hall. It was built as the first public building in the newly laid out townsite in 1857, two years before the court house was built in the square in 1859. When the present jail was built in 1928 behind the court house, the old jail remained empty from that year until 1936 when it was torn down to make room for the present city hall.



Present County Jail, built in 1928, showing sheriff's patrol boat used in river rescue and searching work.



Court House Square in the 1880's and the farm equipment of the period.



Main Street, Dallas, Oregon about 1900-1910



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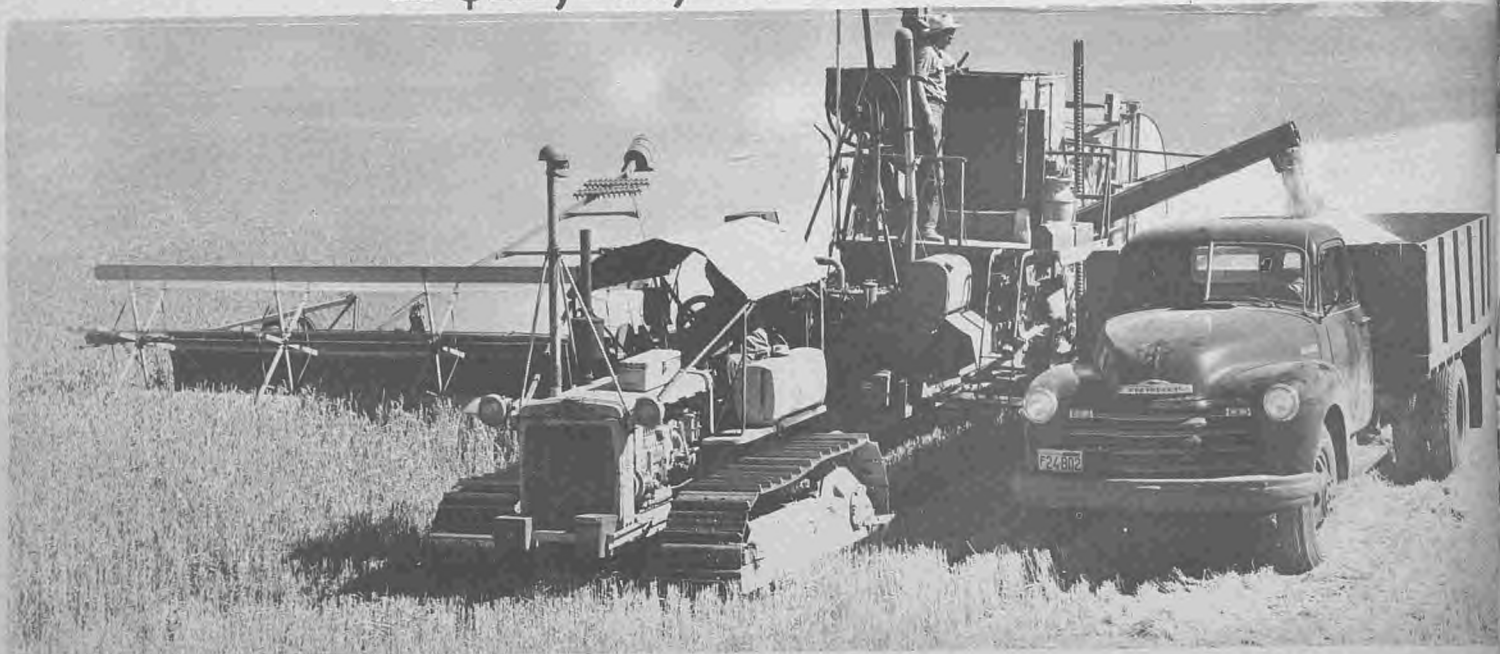
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Polk County Agriculture

A \$12,000,000 INDUSTRY



Polk County Grain Crops comprise 64,000 acres of farm land and produce an annual income well in excess of two million dollars.

The agriculture industry of Polk County, which is located in the center of the Willamette Valley, is a greatly diversified enterprise. The industry is divided into the following farming segments: livestock, horticultural crops, field crops, farm forestry and miscellaneous crops. The agricultural income for 1958 was approximately \$12,000,000.

The total land area in Polk County is 472,960 acres. Farming comprises about one-half of the total acreage of the county; that is, 237,321 acres. There are 1,605 farms which average about 150 acres. The total population of the county is 25,000. The average rainfall for the year is 46.90 inches. The soils vary from sandy loam on the river bottom to thin soils on some of the hills.



Grain farming in the early 1900's using 27 head of horses.

POLK COUNTY FARMERS' CO-OP

Polk County Farmers' Co-Op started in 1932 with a membership of perhaps a dozen farmers. In 27 years the membership has increased to 713 farmers.

1959 GOAL \$1,000,000

The Co-Op's motto is "Service to the farmers of Polk County" and because of this fine service the Co-Op grossed almost a million dollars in 1958. The Co-Op is owned by the farmers and is a non-profit organization. Every member is interested in the future prosperity of the agricultural industry in beautiful Polk County.



Livestock Production \$4,000,000 Annually



Sheep farming in Polk County produces an annual income in excess of three-quarters of a million dollars and numbers 30,000 head.

RIDDELL FARMS
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Mr. and Mrs. William Riddell, early Polk County pioneers and parents of Eldon Riddell, imported first Romney sheep from New Zealand. They are also breeders of quality registered Southdown and Suffolk sheep. In 1957 Riddell was livestockman of the year and has 800 sheep.



Romney Sheep, an import from New Zealand by Riddell Farms.



Dairy cattle lead all other livestock in the county with an annual income in excess of two million dollars, with a stock of 11,200 head.



Beef cattle number 5,300 head and bring the county an income yearly of a quarter million.

Livestock plays a very important part in the agriculture industry of Polk County. The county is divided into valley floor land and hill regions with ample opportunity for various types of livestock. The trend is to increase livestock production in the future for the prosperity of the county. The gross income from livestock is 38 percent of the total agriculture income.

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Aerial photo of plant area and buildings of Blue Lake Packers Inc., West Salem, Oregon, one of the largest packers of horticulture products on the west coast.

Horticulture . . . \$3,500,000 Annually



NATIONAL RECORD CROP

Stanley and Anthony Eisele were crowned as National Strawberry Growers in 1958. They averaged 9.64 tons per acre on a patch of 4.35 acres of Siletz berries. Their farm is located at Buell

SMALL FRUITS	ACRES	INCOME
Strawberries	600	475,000
Boysenberries	175	110,000
Raspberries	160	95,000
Blackberries	60	85,000
Gooseberries	100	40,000
TOTAL	1,095	\$805,000

Polk County horticultural products accounted for 31 percent of the agricultural income.

TREE FRUITS	ACRES	INCOME
Prunes	1,600	462,000
Sweet Cherries	2,900	900,000
Walnuts	800	180,000
Filberts	500	32,000
Apples	350	25,000
Sour Cherries	275	84,000
Peaches	260	100,000
Pears	200	110,000
TOTAL	9,885	1,893,000

VEGETABLES	ACRES	INCOME
Green Beans	800	45,000
Sweet Corn	1,000	200,000
Asparagus	700	45,000
Carrots	50	25,000
TOTAL	2,550	\$720,000



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Grain, hay and seed crops grossed \$2,976,000 for Polk County in 1958. The acreage for grain and hay comprise 64,000 and seed crops comprise 27,600 acres

GRAIN CROPS	ACRES	INCOME
Barley	25,000.....	900,000
Wheat	14,000.....	650,000
Oats	12,000.....	430,000
Hay	13,000.....	240,000
TOTAL	64,000.....	2,220,000

Field Crops - Annual Gross 4,000,000

SEED CROPS	ACRES	INCOME
Vetches	15,000.....	360,000
Common Ryegrass	3,500.....	126,000
Austrian Peas	5,000.....	90,000
Crimson Clover	1,800.....	54,000
Fescues	700.....	46,000
English Ryegrass	600.....	36,000
Red Clover	800.....	24,000
Other Seed Crops	200.....	20,000
TOTAL	27,600.....	\$756,000



"Growing With Polk County"

Farm Forestry and Miscellaneous crops account for \$747,000.00 of the gross and comprise 50,960 acres.

Farm Forestry	50,000.....	300,000
Mint	550.....	297,000
Hops	410.....	150,000



Photo taken in 1891 of threshing equipment and crew of Frank Kliever, Polk County, Oregon

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Progressive Lumbering

Lumbering has been one of Polk County's major industries for almost a century. The earliest cuttings were to open clearings for farms and for the homesteader's own building needs. Commercial logging followed as the region grew, first in a small way but increasing year by year as local and other markets developed. In the early 1900's the vast forest areas seemed inexhaustible to the logging operators and their methods were based on the principle of "cut and get out." The woods resounded to the axes and hand saws of thousands of loggers and the crash of fallen trees. Logs were dragged to the water's edge by oxen teams and later by donkey steam engines.

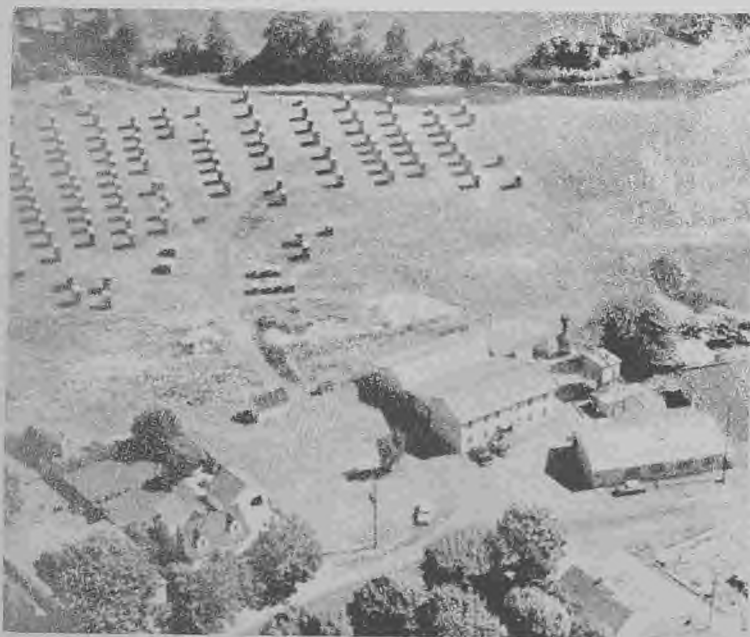
These extensive operations left great barren stretches where the growth had been sheared away and the industry had to turn to scientific "tree farm" operations. Today only ripe timber is being harvested and re-seeding and fire control methods are enforced to insure future generations a prosperous timber industry.

In the 1890's Robert Suitor built a sawmill where the present city park is located. Dams were built on the creek and were used to float logs to the mill.

Several years later Suitor took the Thurston brothers as partners in the mill. George Johnston purchased the mill and later sold it to the C. K. Spaulding Logging Company who later discontinued the mill.



Photo taken about 1900 of Thurston Sawmill crew and part of lumber yard located on the LaCreole Creek in Dallas, Oregon. Logs were floated down stream from woods to mill. This mill was the predecessor of Willamette Valley Lumber Company.



Aerial view of LaCreole Lumber Mill and Yard
Dallas, Oregon

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Industry of Polk County



Loaded log trains on their way to mill of Willamette Valley Lumber Company



Photo taken about 1912 showing mill pond and Southern Pacific roundhouse at the Willamette Valley Lumber Company, Dallas, Oregon.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY LUMBER COMPANY

Today's Willamette Valley Lumber Company was started by Louis Gerlinger who purchased enough timber from 1903 to 1906 to support a mill in Dallas for many years to come. In 1906 the company purchased a small existing mill. George Gerlinger managed the logging operations.

Today the Willamette Valley Lumber Company is much more than merely a sawmill, for it now produces in addition to 75 million board feet of lumber, 80 million feet of plywood and material for 5,000 tons of paper each year.

The lumber products are shipped all over the United States and to many foreign countries. The employment is approximately 400 men.

The mill has been hit by fires several times over the years. The first one being 1919 and again in 1924 and 1926. The worst fire in the city history destroyed the mill in 1940, with a total loss of over a million dollars.



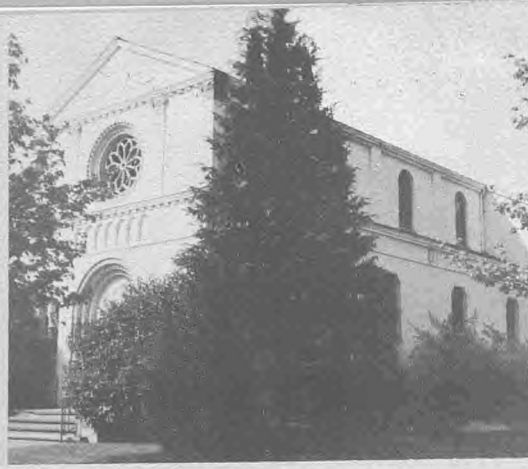
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Monmouth, Oregon



Independence, Oregon



Falls City, Oregon

The churches of Polk County play a vital role in the family and community life of every city and town in the entire county. In addition to serving the spiritual need of the area, they also support a great many worthy civic activities. Most religious denominations are represented in Polk County and some of the churches in the small towns that were built before the turn of the century are still in active use today. Some of these churches are the only landmarks left to mark the towns of days gone by.



Polk County Churches



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Photo of LaCreole Academy the early pioneer center of education in Polk County in 1856

One of the first schools in Polk County was built by Col. Cornelius Gilliam near Dallas in 1845. The same year J. E. Lyle opened a school in the home of a Mr. Ford. In 1846 J. E. Lyle founded the Jefferson Institute east of Dallas and it was the center of education until the LaCreole Academy opened in 1856.

The founders of LaCreole Academy donated land and sold lots for its financial success. The academy was laid out on the site of the present Junior High School on July 13, 1855. In 1900 the Academy was united with the Lafayette Seminary and was called Dallas College and LaCreole Academy.



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The first public grade school was built in 1882 on the west side of Main Street. In 1911 a High School was built on the east side of Main Street and in 1914 the Dallas College consolidated with the high school because of financial reasons.

In 1924 a new high school was built to accommodate the increase in students. It is being used as the present Junior High School.



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Lyle Elementary School
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Whitworth Elementary School
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Education in Polk County

In 1935 a new grade school building was built, Sarah Morrison Elementary. The present Dallas City School System consists of the following schools:

Senior High School.....	1953
Junior High School.....	1924
Lyle Elementary.....	1954
Sarah Morrison Elementary.....	1935
Whitworth Elementary.....	1957

In 1956 St. Phillip's Kindergarten was opened in Dallas.



Class of 1909-10, North Dallas Public School



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Helmick House at the site of original home is 75 years old.



Replica of first brick house in Polk County. George Gay home, about 1843.



Brunk's Corner site of this house, dates from 1849.

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Log cabin built 115 years ago (1844) is the framework of this remodeled home today.



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Homes of Polk County

Present day residential home construction favors the suburban areas of the county, rather than the city home of yesteryear. One of the reasons for this move has been that modern architecture of residential construction favors the ranch type home and requires considerable more footage for proper planning. These photos show the general idea of modern Polk County homes of today. The City of Dallas within the city limits produced a quarter million dollars in home construction the past year, but the majority of the residential work was outside the city boundary.



"Homestead" 1959 style in the hills above West Salem, Oregon



Suburban area ranch type homes, Polk County, Oregon, 1959



'Ole Swimmin' Hole' 1959 version



Dalton Furniture Store in the early days, established 1905, Dallas, Oregon



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Helmick State Park is located on the Luckiamute River about five miles south of Monmouth. Originally it was a camping ground for the Indians.

Helmick State Park has the distinction of being the first park area deeded to the State of Oregon. Mrs. Henry (Sarah) Helmick deeded 5.16 acres, James and Amanda Helmick 0.30 on February 14, 1922. The park was dedicated on September 14, 1924.

After World War II the following additions were made: The Marلمان Tract of 9.95 acres, Albert Tedrow Farm 14 acres, for a total of 29.41 acres. The Helmick House near the park is 75 years old.

Henry and Sarah Helmick arrived in Oregon in the fall of 1845, built the first grist mill in Salem early in 1846 and in the fall of 1846 took out two Donation Land Claims for 640 acres and eventually owned 1,300 acres.

They built a log cabin and lived in it for nine years. They had two sons, James and Lewis who built the Parker Warehouse in 1889. Mr. Helmick died in 1877 and his wife died in 1924 at the age of 101.

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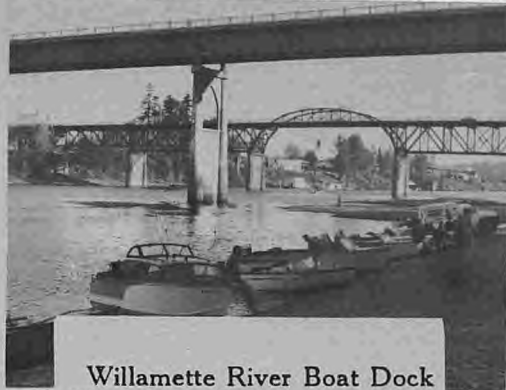
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This Corridor is along the Salmon River Highway as one crosses the Coast Range Mountains. Originally this was an Indian trail, later a pioneer trail, a military trail and now a modern road.



Holman State Park is four miles west of Salem along the south slope of the Eola Hills. The park was deeded April 17, 1922, from part of William Duran's Donation Land Claim.



The park is 1,517 feet along the highway and is 298.8 feet wide and is 8.62 acres. The park is noted for its popular roadside spring, which furnished drinking water many years before it became a park.

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Sporting and recreation activities throughout Polk County offers one a large selection as shown on these pages.

Hunting is plentiful in the entire county and particularly in the mountain regions. The various streams throughout the county offer good fishing.

The Willamette River which borders the county offers a large variety of water sports such as boating, water skiing, swimming and fishing.

Aerial view of Club House and section of Fairways.



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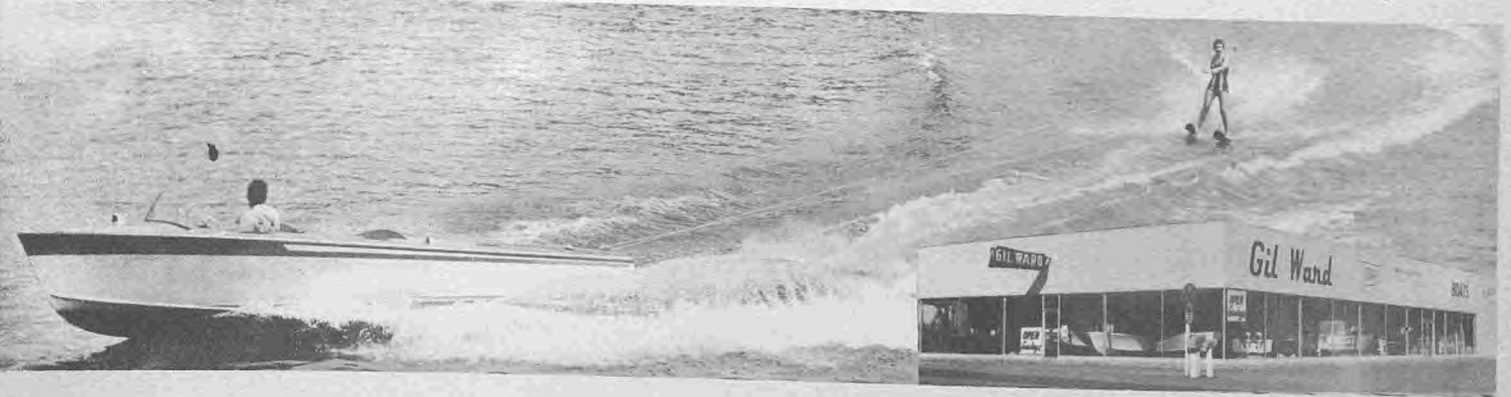


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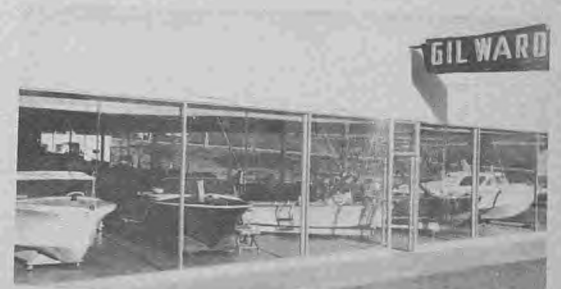
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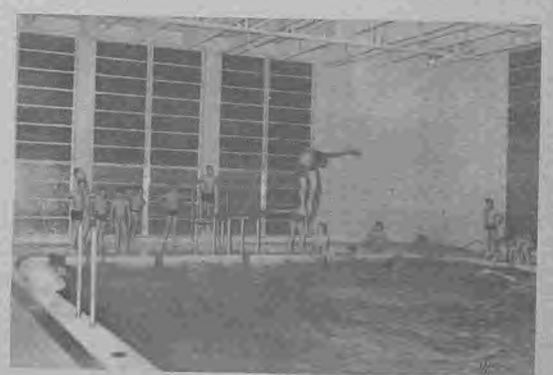
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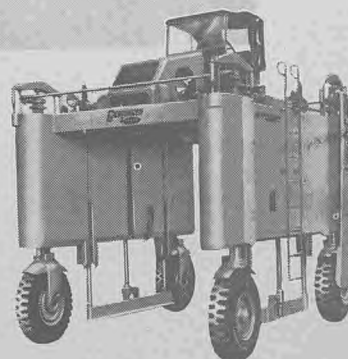
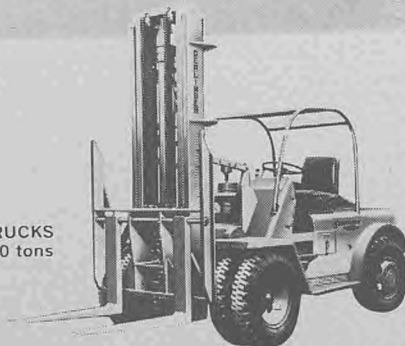
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CYNTHIA ANN
Forerunner of Dallas, Oregon

Originally Dallas was named Cynthia Ann for Mrs. Jesse Applegate, wife of the trail-maker, but this was later shortened to Cynthian. Other sources claim that Mrs. Thomas J. Lovelady was given the honor of naming the new town and she named it after her home town of Cynthiana, Kentucky.

A court house was built in 1851. The town had a boarding house and a store owned by W. C. Brown. Due to the lack of water the town was moved across the LaCreole River. The name was changed officially on August 2, 1852 in honor of Vice President George M. Dallas.



The Blue Garden is the largest and most fashionable restaurant in Dallas, located in the heart of the city across from the historic court house square. Originally it was a confectionary, founded in 1920 by Wiley Gardner and Charles Bilyeu, who derived its name by holding a contest.

After changing ownership several times it was finally purchased in 1938 by William "Bill" Sanders and his wife Elsie, who converted it into Dallas' first restaurant and cocktail lounge. It steadily grew in size from a seating capacity of 24 in 1938 to the present capacity of over 200. The fulfillment of a dream was realized when Bill and Elsie completely remodeled the restaurant in 1955. They added an ultra modern cocktail lounge, dining room and dancing facilities.

Bill Sanders passed away in 1958 and left ownership and operation of the restaurant to his family, Elsie Sanders, and three sons, Jack, Keith and Bill. Future plans include further expansion with a complete banquet room and remodeling of the main dining area which will provide quieter atmosphere and more comfortable family dining.



Inside view of The Garden Spot, an ultra modern cocktail lounge and dining room. The lounge is open daily from 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. and live music is featured every Saturday night.



Rear entrance to The Garden Spot Cocktail Lounge and Dining Room



Inside view of The Blue Garden Restaurant Operates daily from 6 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Pioneer Dallas Merchants

The first store in Dallas was built by Thomas B. Riggs, Sr., on the southwest corner of Main and Oak streets, where Crider's parking lot is located today. Riggs also built the first hotel on the southwest corner of Mill and Main where Salem Title Company is located today. W. C. Brown and Lucien Heath moved their store from Cynthia Ann to Dallas, and it was the second store in Dallas.

Joe Vonax started the first furniture store where the former Irish-Warner Grocery Store was located on Main Street.

The Cohen brothers started the first slaughter house and also had a meat market on Main Street. Henry Winsett opened the first shoe shop. Hy Ogden opened the first blacksmith shop.

The first drug store was founded by Dr. J. W. Boyle and Dr. J. Sites, now known as Haas Drugs.

CRIDER HISTORY IN FOUR GENERATIONS

Grandfather, A. S. Crider

The grandfather of the present owner of Crider's Department Store was A. S. Crider who came to Dallas in the 1850's and established a shop as a bootmaker.

Father, J. W. Crider

The founder of the present store was J. W. Crider who expanded his father's boot shop into a department store.

Son, C. L. Crider

The son, C. L. Crider continued the present store which has expanded into a large one-stop shopping center. Crider stores have been established in Toledo, Monmouth and Sheridan.

Grandson, Jack Crider

Jack Crider is the son of C. L. Crider and is helping his father operate the store in Dallas. The Crider family during the past 109 years, has helped Polk County grow and progress.



Hardware Department



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Crider's Department Store, Dallas, Oregon

Pioneer Dallas Industry



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DALLAS, OREGON

Early Dallas industries were very much different than they are today. Ira P. Smith was the first wagon maker located on Church Street. T. M. Thompson had the first saddle and harness shop where Guy's Hardware is now located.

John Waymire operated the first grist mill. He dug the old mill race which is now covered over. It started above Washington Street, down Oak Street, along Crider's store, under Guy's Hardware and down to the old foundry which later became the Dallas Machine and Locomotive Works. Today it is known as the Gerlinger Carrier Company, a division of Towmotor Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1863 a Mr. Dane founded and operated the tannery which is known today as the Muir & McDonald Co. It is one of the oldest business concerns in Dallas.

On November 28, 1891 the Wallas Wollen Manufacturing Co., was incorporated and was located near the present site of the Junior High School.



Savery's Drug Store (1924-1943) now Haas Drugs (1943-1959) Founded as first drug store in Dallas



Dallas Ambulance Service



Dallas City Hall 1936-1959



Civil Defense Rescue Truck



Dallas Fire Department

TOWN HALL

A town hall was built in 1887 at a cost of \$2200. The "Opera House" was on the second floor. The original county jail was torn down and the present city hall built on the same location for over \$45,000 in '36.



Dallas Police Department

The City Government and Public

DALLAS CITY GOVERNMENT

Dallas voted for a trustee-type government on November 2, 1874. In 1891 the legislature granted the city a charter and the city changed to a mayor-council-type of government.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dallas obtained its first hand fire engine on November 10, 1883, a hook and ladder truck and hose cart in 1894. Today the fire department has three pumpers, two salvage units, one trailer pumper, two rural fire trucks, two fire trucks stationed at Rickreall and one fire truck stationed at Falls City.

In May, 1958 the city purchased a rescue truck for \$11,600 which is also operated by the fire department.

AMBULANCE

The city purchased its first ambulance in 1935. The present ambulance is a 1956 model and is operated by the fire department.

WATER

H. V. Gates completed the Dallas Water System on May 26, 1904 and operated it as a private enterprise for 27 years. On November 1, 1931 the city purchased the water system for \$120,000. In 1950 the city built an additional 3,000,000 gallon reservoir which serves 2,300 homes today. In November, 1958 the people voted \$295,000 for construction of a dam on the Rickreall River so that the city will have sufficient water always. The dam will be 60 feet high and will hold back about 110 acres of water.



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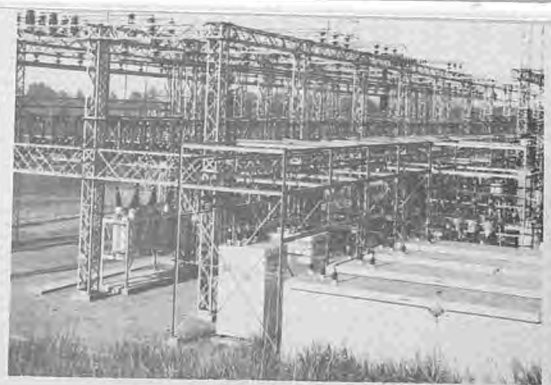
DALLAS, OREGON



City Public Library, 1912-1959



U. S. Post Office, Dallas



Pacific Power and Light Co.



Newspaper Office, 1868-1959

POST OFFICE

Cornelius Gilliam was appointed the first postmaster in Cynthia Ann but died before his appointment arrived. The post office has been located in many places in Dallas. The present post office at 609 Oak Street was built in 1955.



Pacific Telephone & Telegraph

Service Departments of Dallas, Oregon

NEWSPAPER

J. H. Upton started the first newspaper in Dallas in 1868 and called it the Polk County Signal. Later it was named the Republican and on December 2, 1873 became the Itemizer. In 1889 the Observer came to Dallas from Monmouth and was purchased in 1924 by Earle Richardson. He consolidated the two papers in 1927 and it is now the Polk County Itemizer-Observer.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Originally the Dallas City Library was housed in the firemen's room in the old city hall until 1908. Four years later the city applied for and received aid from the Carnegie Library Fund making it possible to build the present library in 1912 for \$10,000.

ELECTRICITY

In 1889 D. J. Riley started the first electric plant at the east end of Mill Street, using power from the mill race. Six years later a new plant was purchased and moved to Suitor's Mill. The city later purchased the plant then sold it to the Mountain States Power Co. The Pacific Power & Light Company purchased the present plant in 1954.

TELEPHONE

The Oregon Telephone and Telegraph Company installed the original phone service in Dallas on September 5, 1892. Three other companies operated the telephone system before the present Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company purchased it in June 1930. The dial service was installed in May 1948 and serves 2411 customers.



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Smithfield - 1847-1959

Smithfield is located five miles north of Dallas and originally was located on the same narrow gauge railroad as Polk Station. The Smithfield post office was opened on July 28, 1893, with Ira Kimball as the postmaster. It was closed before the close of the century. Absolom Smith obtained a Donation Land Claim in 1847.



This entire family were all born and raised on the Absolom Smith Farm in the early days.

Today the Smith Farm consists of 1177 acres. There is an old Indian battle field and burial ground on the farm. At one time there were two warehouses, a store, train depot and post office. Today there is a small elevator, old farm house and a number of old buildings at Smithfield and a new home on the Smith Farm about a mile south of Smithfield.

Polk Station



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Polk Station is about three miles northeast of Dallas on a gravel road. In the 1880's Polk Station was used as a station on the Oregon Railway narrow gauge line. Polk Station did not become a post office until April 12, 1899. Peter R. Graber was the first postmaster. It was closed on February 15, 1902. At present there is no station or railroad at Polk Station. There used to be a school house at Polk Station but it was remodeled and is used today for a home.



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Ellendale - 1844



Original pioneer house built in the early days for mill workers at Ellendale.



Site of grist mill built in 1844 at junction of Ellendale and Rickreall creeks. Evidence of mill can be seen today.



Remodeled pioneer house of early Ellendale still in use today at its original site.

The ghost town of Ellendale is located 2½ miles west of Dallas on the Ellendale Creek where it enters the Rickreall Creek. In 1844 James A. O'Neal built a grist mill at the mouth of Ellendale Creek and evidence of the location of the mill can still be seen. O'Neal also built a store and living quarters near the mill. A little later Ellendale had a post office.

At this time Ellendale was older and larger than the then existing town of Cynthia Ann. In 1854 Ezra Hallock and Luther Tuthill built a dam and a sawmill a mile above the flour mill and evidence of the dam can still be seen today. This mill was the only one of its kind for many miles. It was also the only mill that had a planer in that section of the country. Previous to this planer all lumber was dressed by hand.

In 1860 Judge Reuben P. Boise, and others, bought the mill and founded the Ellendale Woolen Mill Company. Ellendale soon became a prosperous and very busy town.

After the woolen mill burned down in 1871 and after the railroad came into Dallas, Ellendale gradually became a ghost town.



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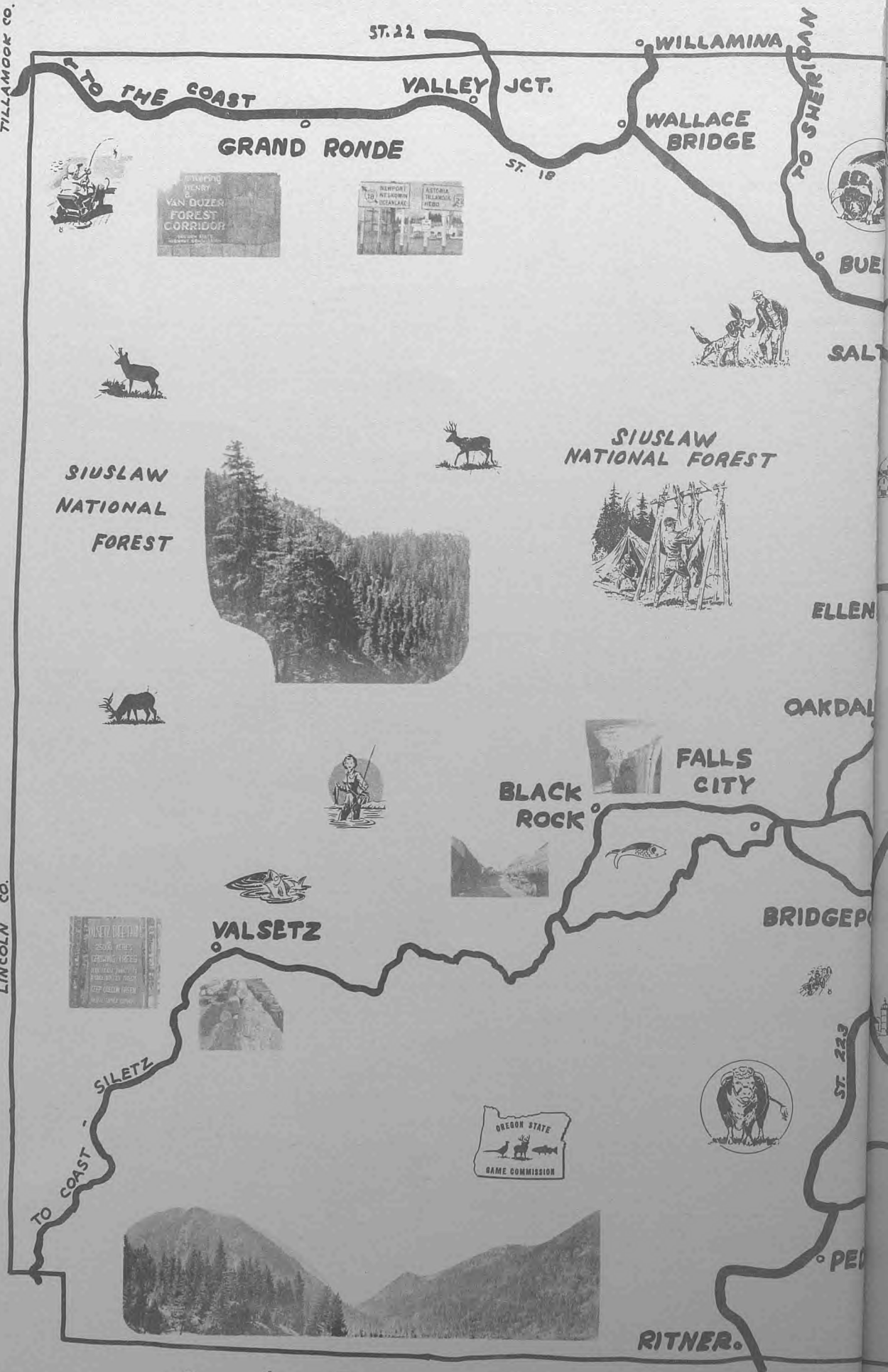
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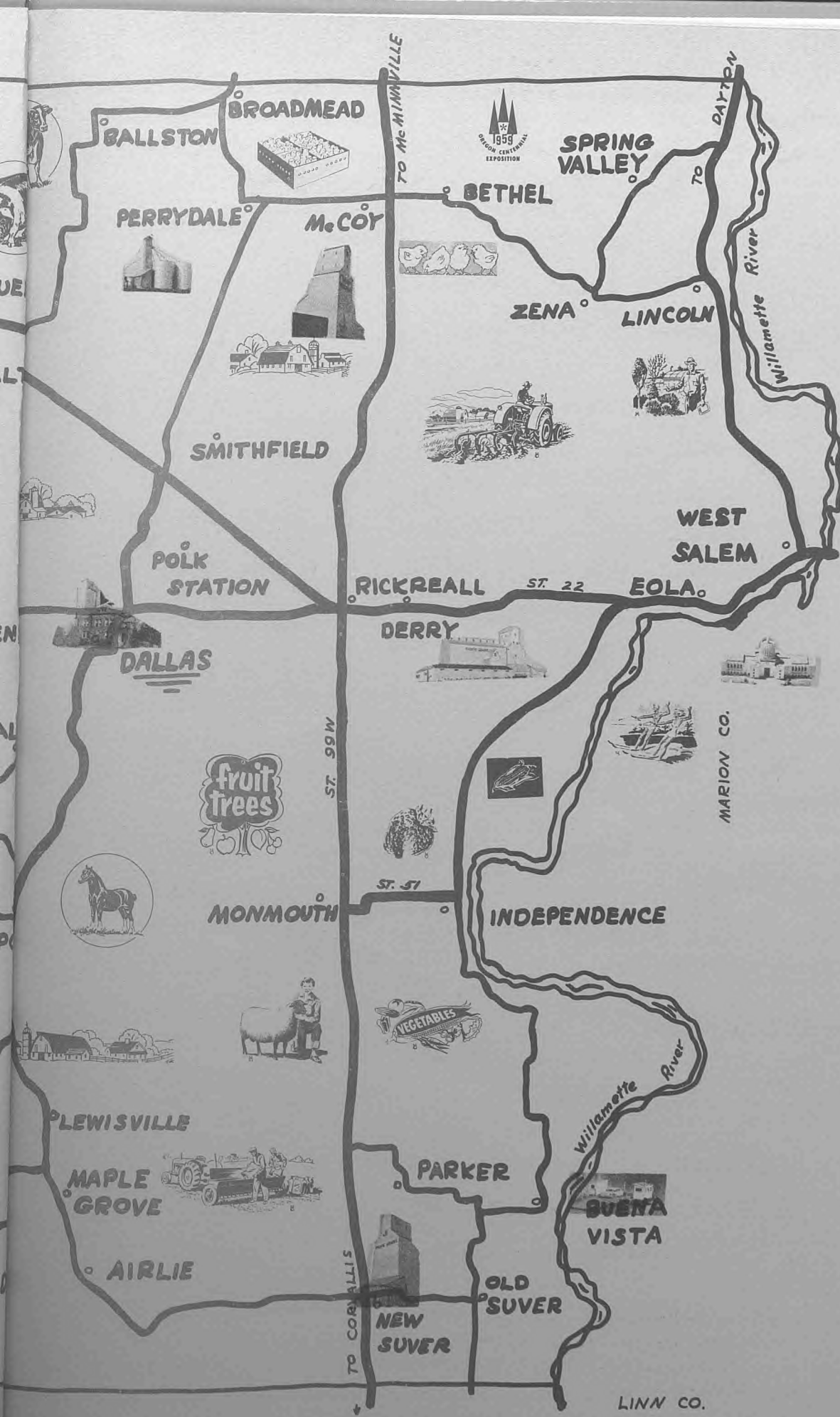


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Rickreall - "Swift Flowing Waters"



Early day view of "RICKREALL" 1890's

We are going to take you on a tour of Polk County, starting at the court house in Dallas. Driving east 4.8 miles you come to the old town of Rickreall. Rickreall is an Indian name and it means swift flowing waters. It was originally a camping ground for Indians. Rickreall used to be called Dixiex and was a natural crossing across the river when there were no bridges.

John E. Lyle arrived here in 1845 from Illinois and opened a school in the home of Nathaniel Ford. Ford is the maternal grandfather of Misses Mary, Edith and Aurelia Burch who still live in their 70 year home located on the right hand side of the road just before you come to highway 99 W. Their father was S. T. Ford.

Rickreall was a grain field in 1890 when the town plot was laid out. Ford took out a land claim on what is now the west side of Highway 99 and a Mr. Goff had a land claim on the east side.

The first store was built where the present Bar-B-Q Tavern is located today, northeast of the intersection. The store was later moved near the Burch home and was torn down in 1958.

A Mr. Dempsy built the first grain mills where the present skating rink is located today on the south side of the river. The rink is not in use today.



Rickreall Intersection, 1959



Early day flour mill, Rickreall, Oregon



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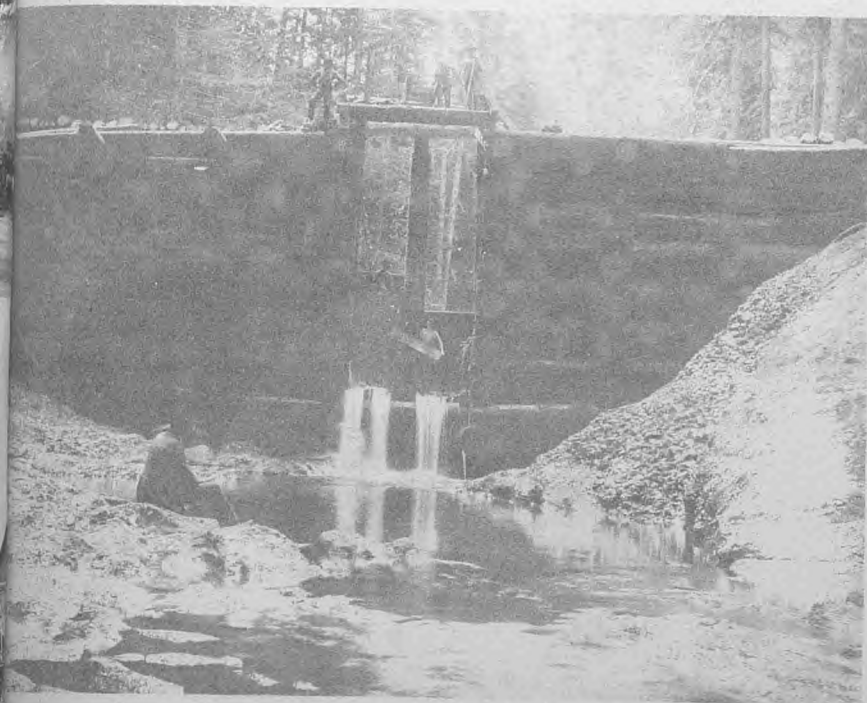
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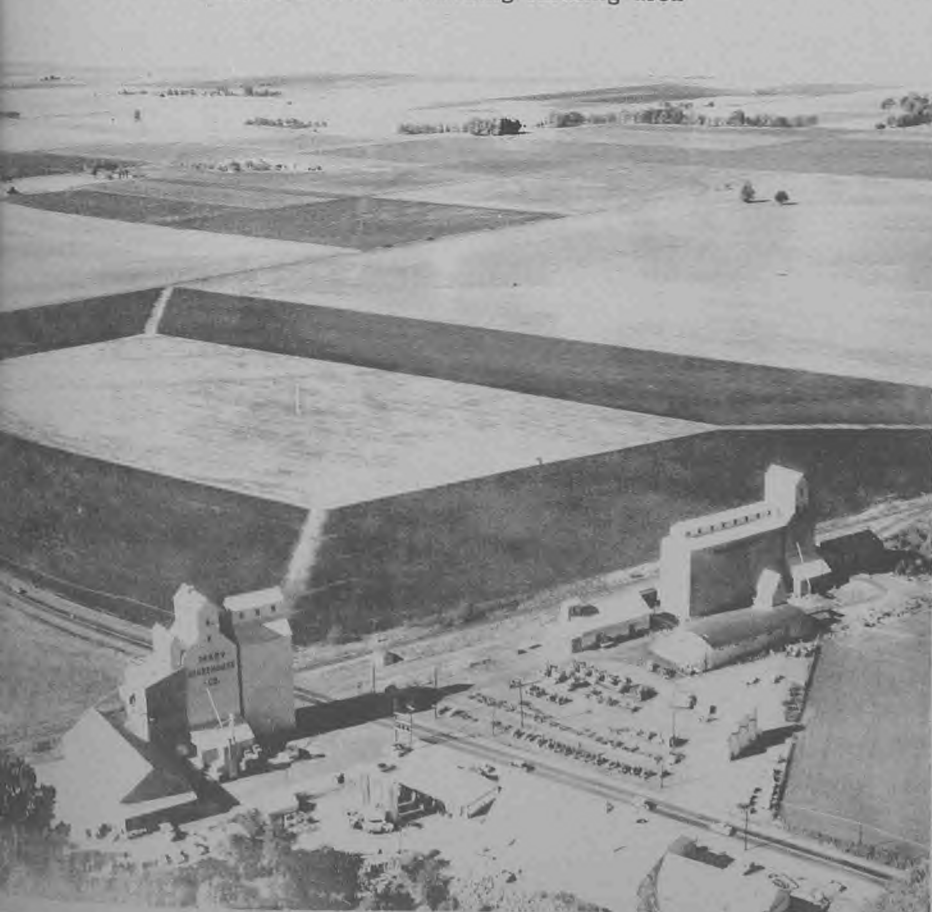
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Construction log dam on the Rickreall Creek in the early days about 1890-1900

Derry Station - Grain Capitol

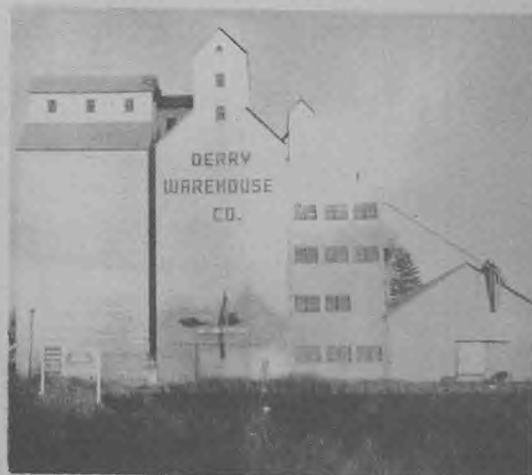
Aerial photo of Derry Station, the railroad grain loading location, also the surrounding farming area



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Derry Station is about a mile and a half east of Rickreall. It is located on the Southern Pacific Railroad Line. James W. Nesmith gave the right of way for the railroad on condition that it would be called Derry, after Derry, New Hampshire where he and his family had lived. The railroad was built in about 1880 and was the first railroad to haul grain to the markets.



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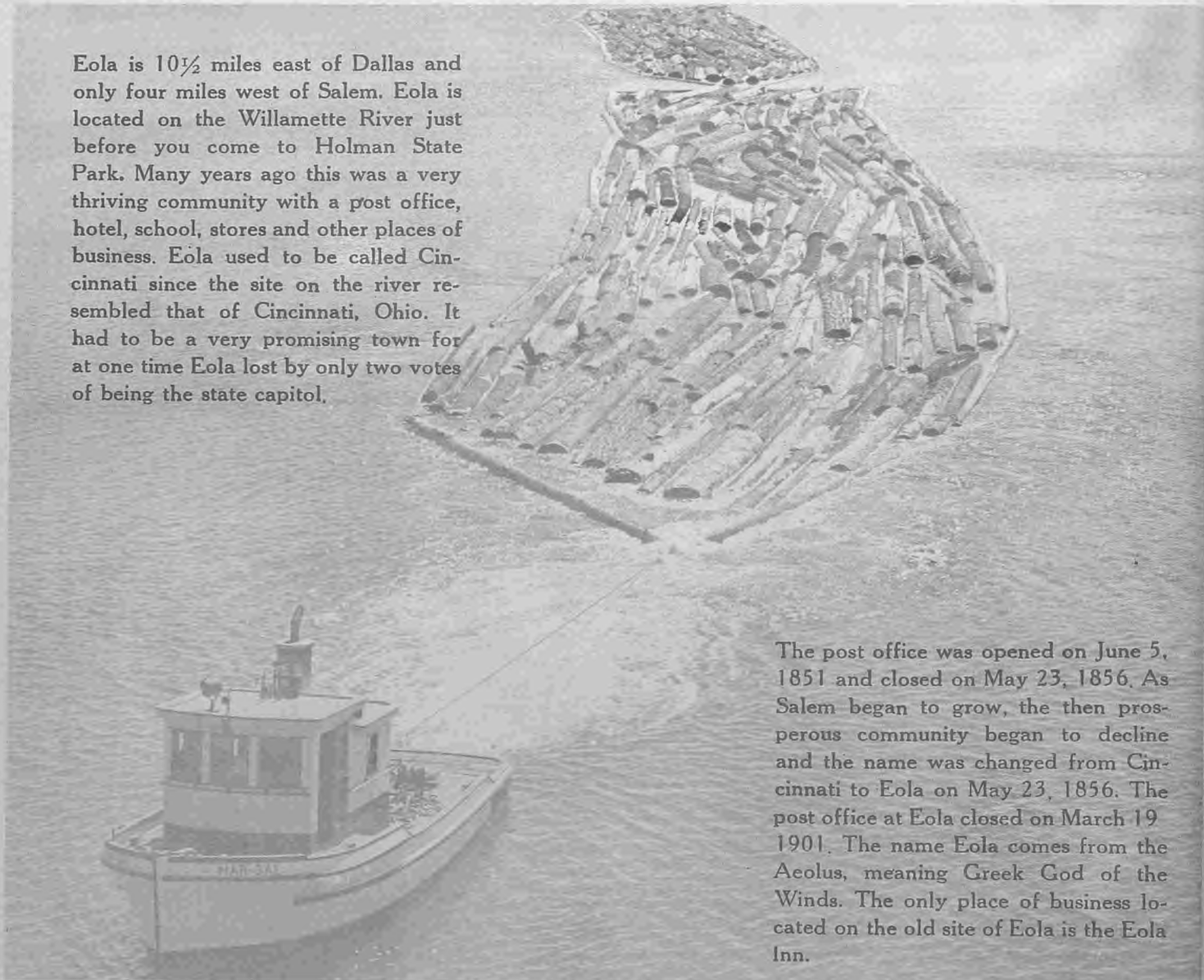
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Eola - Formerly Named Cincinnati In 1851

Eola is 10½ miles east of Dallas and only four miles west of Salem. Eola is located on the Willamette River just before you come to Holman State Park. Many years ago this was a very thriving community with a post office, hotel, school, stores and other places of business. Eola used to be called Cincinnati since the site on the river resembled that of Cincinnati, Ohio. It had to be a very promising town for at one time Eola lost by only two votes of being the state capitol.



The post office was opened on June 5, 1851 and closed on May 23, 1856. As Salem began to grow, the then prosperous community began to decline and the name was changed from Cincinnati to Eola on May 23, 1856. The post office at Eola closed on March 19, 1901. The name Eola comes from the Aeolus, meaning Greek God of the Winds. The only place of business located on the old site of Eola is the Eola Inn.

Oregon's greatest industry is lumbering and timber operations, which yealds six to eight million feet of saw timber annually. Down the rivers come logs usually rafted and moved by tugboats as shown in this photo on the Willamette River on their way to the mill.



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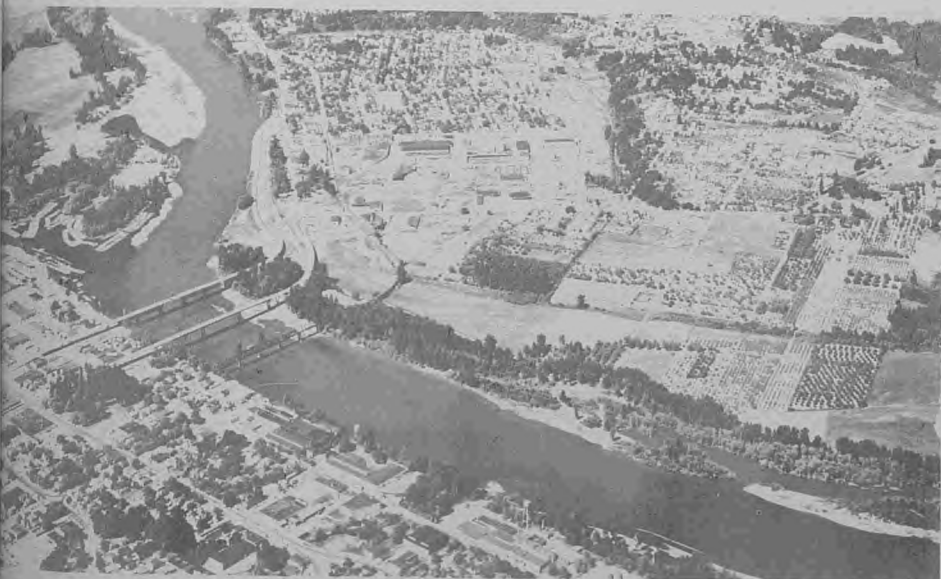
Oregon's white marble capitol building is of new modern design—a unique capitol building in the United States.

The building sits at the head of a large mall area designed to add to the beauty of Salem, Oregon, Capitol City.



West Salem - Growing With Polk County

Aerial view of West Salem, Oregon, showing the Willamette River, which is the eastern boundary line of Polk County.



West Salem is just thirteen miles east of Dallas and is located on the west side of the Willamette River. At one time West Salem was Polk County's youngest town. In 1948 the Kingwood Heights District was annexed to Salem and West Salem in 1949.

C. A. Robertson probably did more than any other man to develop West Salem. He purchased the present Kingwood Park addition and the surrounding heights in 1908 and immediately began to plat it for homesites. He purchased 100 acres from Charles Ruge and 30 acres from the Brannon family. He has also developed Kingwood Heights, Kingwood Vista, Cascade Terrace, comprising in all about 300 acres.

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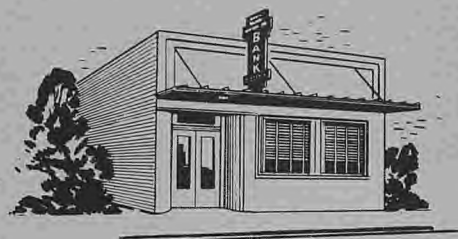
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The West Salem Story

The section, however, of the city lying to the other side of Gerth Avenue had been purchased and subdivided into the West Salem addition in about 1890. In 1911 Robertson brought the P. G. E. service to West Salem. He also built a water system for the eleven homes in the district at that time.

Mr. Spitzbart opened a grocery store and in 1912 Walter Gerth moved from Lincoln to open a grocery store in West Salem.

In 1920 the population of West Salem was only 204 but after the Center Street bridge and the Union Street bridge were constructed West Salem began to grow very rapidly and expects to have a population of 5,000 by 1950.

The first bridge across the Willamette River was the Center Street bridge, which opened to traffic December 7, 1886. It was washed away in a flood on February 3, 1890, but was rebuilt.

The present Marion Street bridge was opened December 14, 1952 and the rebuilding of the Center Street bridge for one-way traffic was completed September 23, 1953.

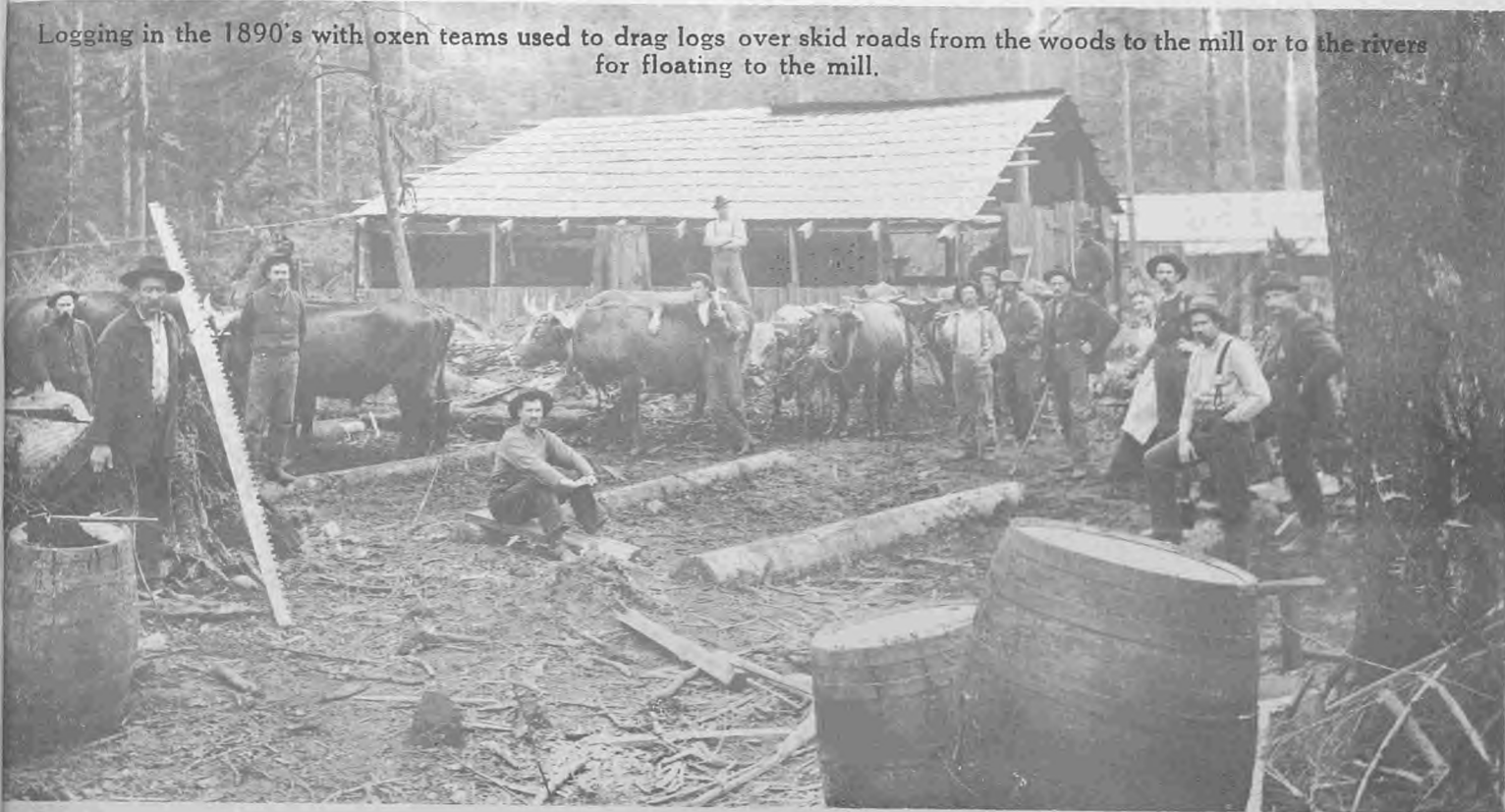
The Westgate Shopping Center is a good indication of the growth taking place in West Salem. The fact that West Salem is so close to the business center of Salem itself plus the fact that there are no cross street or traffic stops has helped West Salem to progress so rapidly. George L. Frazure was the first mayor of West Salem. In 1936 the city business was moved from the old city hall to the new building on Edgewater Street.

Bruce Cunningham built the first cannery which today is famous for its Blue Lake Beans. Later the cannery was purchased by Grover Hillman who then sold it to the Blue Lake Packers. The old building burned in 1945 but was rebuilt and today it has developed into one of the biggest packing companies in the northwest.

Today there is another cannery in West Salem, the Oregon Fruit Products Co., organized by Max Gehlar. There are many other industries in West Salem that are helping it to continue to progress rapidly.

Congratulations to Polk County

Logging in the 1890's with oxen teams used to drag logs over skid roads from the woods to the mill or to the rivers for floating to the mill.



Aerial view showing shop buildings and machine yards
West Salem Machinery Company, West, Salem, Ore.



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Lincoln - The Grain Port of 1870 - 80

Lincoln is located six miles north of West Salem on the Wallace Road. Andrew J. Doak took out a Donation Land Claim in 1850. Doak started a ferry across the river in 1852 and the town was first known as Doak's Ferry.

In 1860 or '61 Doak sold his ferry to J. D. Walling, grandfather of Tracy Walling, a resident of Lincoln for 60 years, now living in Salem.

A post office was established at Lincoln on May 31, 1867 and it was probably at this time that the name was changed from Doak's Ferry to Lincoln. The post office closed on May 19, 1901.

In 1869 Lewis Abrams located in Lincoln. After the death of J. D. Walling in 1870 Abrams became sole owner of the store.



Abrams developed his holdings until he owned the warehouses, docks, ferry and stores. In the 1870's and until the mid 1880's the docks at Lincoln handled more grain than any other river port except Portland.

Sixty-five years ago Lincoln also had a flour mill, sawmill and a beehive factory. J. E. Whitten owned the flour and sawmill.

Lincoln began to decline in the 1880's due to the construction of the west side railroad since farmers found it more advantageous to ship by railroad than by boat. Tracy Walling made the last regular ferry run in 1898. In 1914 a fire destroyed all the docks and warehouses in Lincoln. Today there is one store in Lincoln, nine houses and a population of thirty people.



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Spring Valley - 1852-1959

Spring Valley is located three miles north of Lincoln between the Eola hills and the Willamette River. Spring Valley Creek runs through the valley. A post office was opened March 5, 1852 with Sanford Watson as postmaster. Solomon Allen became postmaster on November 30, 1854. Both men had the post office in their homes. It closed September 1, 1855.



Valfontis was a pioneer post office established on September 29, 1854. Andrew J. Doak was the first postmaster. C. C. Walker became postmaster June 12, 1855. Both men had land claims close to Lincoln and it is believed that the post office of Valfontis was located in this vicinity. It was closed in August of 1865.



Peg Williams Dress Shop

Sewmor Sewing Center

Spring blossoms, trees and hillsides add color to the countryside in Polk County, a region well known for its great diversity of products.



Zena - A Century of Service 1858-1959

Zena is three miles southwest of the Spring Valley Community Center and about three miles west of Lincoln. At the height of Zena's glory in the 1880's and 1890's there was a church, Hunt's Blacksmith Shop, parsonage, Shepard's Store, post office, grange hall, grist mill, a cabin, a cottage and a horse and buggy shed. The shed could accommodate a dozen "rigs." The first school house was by the creek about one mile east of the church.



Photo of the historic Spring Valley Church, at Zena which was dedicated in June 1858. This church was built by the Cumberland Presbyterian Organization.

Originally Zena was called Spring Valley due to many springs in the valley. The name was changed to Zena when Daniel J. Cooper and his brother built a store there and established a post office in 1866. They named the village from the last syllables of their wives' names, who were sisters, Arvazena and Melzena Stillman. Arvazena married Daniel and Melzena married Jacob Cooper. Today the church is called the Spring Valley Church and still stands without alterations.



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Bethel - "House of God" 1852

Bethel is about four miles northeast of Zena and about a mile east of McCoy. Bethel is located in the Plum Valley eight miles north of Rickreall.

It was named Bethel which in Hebrew means "House of God." Rev. Glen O. Burnett named it after a Bethel Church in Missouri.

Dr. Nathaniel Hudson opened Bethel Academy in 1852. It was closed when Hudson moved to a new land claim west of Dallas in 1854. A year later G. O. Burnett and Amos Harvey started a new school and called it Bethel Institute.

In January 1856 the legislature granted a charter to the school under the name of Bethel Institute and in October 1860 it received a charter under the name



Bethel Grade School 1959

of Bethel College. Lack of funds forced the college to close in 1861.

The board of directors of Bethel College are still active and meet once a year. Mr. John Romig is president and Mrs. John Romig is secretary. The present grade school is located in the

exact spot of the old Bethel College. Today Bethel is a ghost town but at one time it was a very thriving community. The first store was built by Thomas S. Jeffries in about 1855. The post office was located towards the east over the hill. The school was a mile south. In 1857 William Kennedy opened a blacksmith shop and in 1860 the Richardson brothers opened a carpenter shop west of the store.

In 1864 Kely and Hawley opened a store and in 1865 Elijah Hager and Joseph Hill opened a wagon shop.

Bethel began to decline when the rail road was being built between Portland and Corvallis in 1879. The merchants moved west a mile and the city of McCoy was born.



A familiar scene in the early pioneer days of Polk County, showing homesteaders clearing their donation land claims of timber. The logs were then hauled by oxen team over skid roads to rivers or streams on the way to lumber mills in the area.



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Grain warehouse at McCoy operated by Freeman & Son



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General store and post office, the only remembrance of days gone by.

McCoy - The Crossroads Hamlet

Traveling one mile directly west from Bethel and crossing highway 99 W, you will arrive in the ghost town of McCoy. McCoy is named after Isaac McCoy. The town was platted in August 1879 on property owned by Isaac McCoy. He gave the right-of-way for the railroad and wanted the station to be called McCoyville, but the railroad officials clipped off the last syllable. This was Villard's West Side narrow gauge railroad.

In 1880 McCoy hoped for a great future, now that it was on the railroad line. At that time Bettman & Co., conducted the general store, George A. Cruse conducted the blacksmith, Kelly, Hawley & Fletcher Co. and J. K. Sears & Brothers were wheat merchants. Paul Kingston operated the hotel. C. H. Whitney opened the second general store. Dr. C. E. Worthington ran the drug store and practiced therapy.

In 1903 McCoy was still a busy community. Hill & Wing delt in grain, Merritts & Son ran the hotel, W. L. Strong was the blacksmith and A. R. Tozer ran the general store.

As late as 1915 McCoy had a population of 130, and had a grade and high school.

Today, time and circumstances have reduced McCoy to a crossroad hamlet with one general store and a fourth class post office. There are only 35 people and 20 homes in the town today. The school has consolidated with Perrydale. Freeman & Son operate a large warehouse in McCoy. Mrs. Iva Nahouse operates the store, but does not own the store which belongs to the I.O.O.F Lodge of Plum Valley east of McCoy where a post office was established November 30, 1854 and closed August 13, 1863.



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Aerial view of Perrydale crossroads with a view of the surrounding farming areas of this region.



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Railroad station of the 1800's still used as post office

Perrydale - "Uncle Billy" Perry 1878

Perrydale is two miles west of McCoy and nine miles north of Dallas on the road to Ballston and Sheridan.

John W. McGrew, in 1878, platted the town on the Townsend and Buttler property. The town had been platted when the narrow gauge railroad, a branch from Broadmead to Dallas, reached Perrydale in November 1878. The town was named for "Uncle Billy" Perry, early pioneer.

About June 1, 1869, Fred S. Smith opened a blacksmith shop. P. C. Sears was the first school teacher in the one room school built in about 1871. Jacob C. Cooper established the first post office August 12, 1870. The same post office is used today and is located in the railroad station. Early pioneer names were McGarry, McKimsely, Eades, Comegys, Keyt, Jones, Durham, Howe, Zumwalt and Richardson.

John W. McGrew started a store in 1871. E. C. Keyt, in 1872, purchased 320 acres and from then on continued to buy additional land until he became the highest taxpayer in the county.

A. J. Wise came to Perrydale in 1886 and started a mercantile business. The Wise & Keyt store was the largest in town. Wise and Keyt also started a weekly newspaper, beginning about 1893.

The Wise, Walling, McGrew, Keyt and Enoch Richardson families organized the Christian Church here in 1887.

Herbert J. Elliott and Mrs. L. A. W. Elliott came to Perrydale at the beginning of the century. Herbert J. Elliott was in the grain business as a grower, harvester, elevator operator, shipper and flour miller. He was a state senator from 1927 to 1935.



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Ballston - Center of Dairy Industry

Ballston is three miles west of Broadmead and twelve miles north of Dallas.

Ballston was founded in 1878 by Isaac Ball when the narrow gauge railroad was built across his Donation Land Claim. Mr. Ball and his family came to Oregon in 1848 and he filed for a Donation Land Claim of 640 acres in 1850. Isaac Ball required in his deed that a station be located on his land. This was done and the station was named Ballston.

The town was platted and the first building was a warehouse, then a blacksmith shop and general store, with a drug store in the rear. Ballston had a wagon maker, a dress maker, a milliner, a shoe maker, a barber and carpenter.

A community church and school house were built. Ballston was growing. In 1896 the Woodmen of the World put up a two story building, the lower floor was used as a general store and upper floor was used as a hall.

The building south of the present store was built in 1892 by J. R. Edwards with the main floor as a store and second floor as a hall for the Woodmen of the World. Today the Mennonite Church uses the building for Sunday School. The building across the road was built in about 1880 by Henry Grinolds as a blacksmith shop and is still standing.

The home east of the blacksmith shop was formerly a general store and was built in about 1890. The former school, later a church, then a meeting place, located just southwest of the store was built in 1855 and is still standing. It was also used as a home at one time.

The population of Ballston today is about 170. There is a grade school and a large warehouse in the town.

Cederic Clark operates the general grocery store and service station. His wife is postmistress. They live in the former hotel which was built in 1880.



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Broadmead - Turkey Farming Area

The ghost town of Broadmead is three miles north of Perrydale and three miles east of Ballston. Broadmead is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning meadow and therefore Broadmead means a broad meadow.

The post office was established in Broadmead January 8, 1915 with William H. Morris as postmaster. The

postoffice was closed September 4, 1942.

Walker, Camp and Wilson have a turkey hatchery at Broadmead. They ship turkeys all over the United States. There are 40,000 turkeys in the county, many are raised at McCoy and Bethel.



Former General Store and Post Office

The poultry industry of Polk County, chickens and turkeys numbering 130,000, produce an annual income of \$650,000.00

Salt Creek - Established 1852



Salt Creek Baptist Church
Founded in 1896

Salt Creek is located seven miles northeast of Dallas on the old Coast Highway. Salt Creek, which flows through this early pioneer community derived its name from the salt licks which were found along the banks of the creek. The Applegates, Jesse, Linsay and Charles located near Salt Creek.

On July 6, 1852, James B. Riggs, established the first post office here. It was closed August 12, 1904.

The history of the Salt Creek Baptist Church started in November 1895 when Rev. Gustav Schunke, a state missionary, extended his work to Salt Creek and Polk Station. The present church was built in 1928. Today there is a new Richfield Service Station and grocery on the new highway.



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Buell - "Elias Buell" - 1847

Buell is located 12 miles northwest of Dallas on the highway to the coast.

Buell was named after Elias Buell who was born in Benton, New York in 1797. He came to Oregon in 1847 and took out a Donation Land Claim on Mill Creek. In the fall of 1848 he walked to California to mine on the American River and the following spring returned with \$2,000 the result of his mining.

He then built a sawmill and grist mill. Both the sawmill and the grist mill were of great value to the early settlers. He lived on the Donation Land Claim until his death on November 14, 1871.

General Sheridan quartered his cavalry at Buell one summer when he and General Grant patrolled this district.

The first store at Buell was built on the west bank of Mill Creek near the present bridge. It was operated by "Chitum" Ridgeway. People called his "Chitum" because he was always peeling chitum bark.

The second Buell store was built by Mr. Fletcher in about 1900. The old store buildings are still standing just across the road from the present Buell store. Mr. Fletcher established the first post office in March 1900.

The third and present grocery store and service station was built by Joseph Supry who is still living at Buell at the age of ninety-four. He was postmaster for 18 years until it was closed September 25, 1943.



Swimming in Mill Creek at Buell Park

The seven acre Buell Park, located on Mill Creek is a very popular park today and people come from all over the county to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the park. The park has a very fine swimming hole, picnic tables, fire places, playground equipment and parking facilities.

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Buell Grange members building benches during park remodeling project.

In the "Thirties" the W. P. A. built bath houses, rest rooms, cleared brush, planted shrubs, but since no one took care of the park it became a shramble. The Buell Grange made it their project to restore the park and won second place in a national contest.



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This Community Chapel was built by the pioneers of Buell in 1856, with lumber sawed and donated by Elias Buell.



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Valley Junction is 20 miles west of Dallas. It is an important junction, the road to the right will take you to Tillamook and other coast towns. The road to the left will take you to the "Twenty Miracle Miles" and the seaport of Newport.

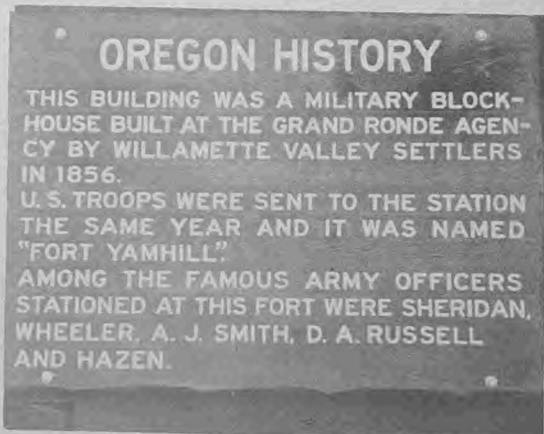
Valley Junction has never had a post office and has never been incorporated into a town. It has a very modern restaurant, "Gillespies," a bus depot located in Wimpy's Cafe.



"Fort Yamhill" blockhouse 1856



Plaque near original site of "Fort Yamhill"



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Grand Ronde - "Indian Reservation"



Grand Ronde is 22 miles west of Dallas and is the last town until you cross the Coast Range and arrive at the coast towns. The Grand Ronde Indian Reservation is located on the Donation Land Claim of A. D. Babcock who sold it to the government. The boundary line between Polk and Yamhill counties was established by William Wright, surveyor in 1892. The line ran north of the old fort, which was in Polk County. The Indian agency was in Yamhill County, three miles west of the fort.

Fort Hill at Grand Ronde looks somewhat like an inverted cup. The sides are very steep and now are covered with trees. On the top of the hill stood the fort, and blockhouse for the soldiers.

It was here between the years 1853 and 1861, that Phil Sheridan was stationed here. General U. S. Grant came from Vancouver to visit this fort and Fort Hoskins where Col. Cornelius Gilliam was in command.



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Aerial view of Independence, Oregon looking east across the Willamette River, showing farm lands and beautiful tree covered foothills.

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Pioneer Wagon Train, 1959

On April 19 the Oregon Centennial Wagon Train, consisting of seven mule and horse drawn covered wagons, left Independence, Missouri on a scheduled 2,000 mile journey over the Old Oregon Trail of the 1840's.

The wagon train is scheduled to arrive at Independence, Oregon on August 15, 1959.

The wagon train shall cover about 20 miles a day in the four month journey. Independence, Missouri was the starting place of a great many wagon trains in the 1840's.

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History of Independence

Independence is 11 miles southwest of Dallas and is located on the Willamette River. Mrs. Thomas Burbank suggested the name of Independence. E. A. Thorp who came from Independence, Missouri, platted North Independence in 1850.

In 1847, however, Henry Hill came to Oregon and took out a Donation Land Claim one mile square just south of what is Ash Street today. In 1867 he platted out a townsite of about 40 acres and called it Henry Hill's Town of Independence. Officially Independence began on October 13, 1874 when the town was incorporated. But only the Henry Hill's Town was included and Thorp's North Independence was not included.

On October 17, 1878 a second charter was voted on and specified special duties to be performed so that practically all records of the town date back to 1878.

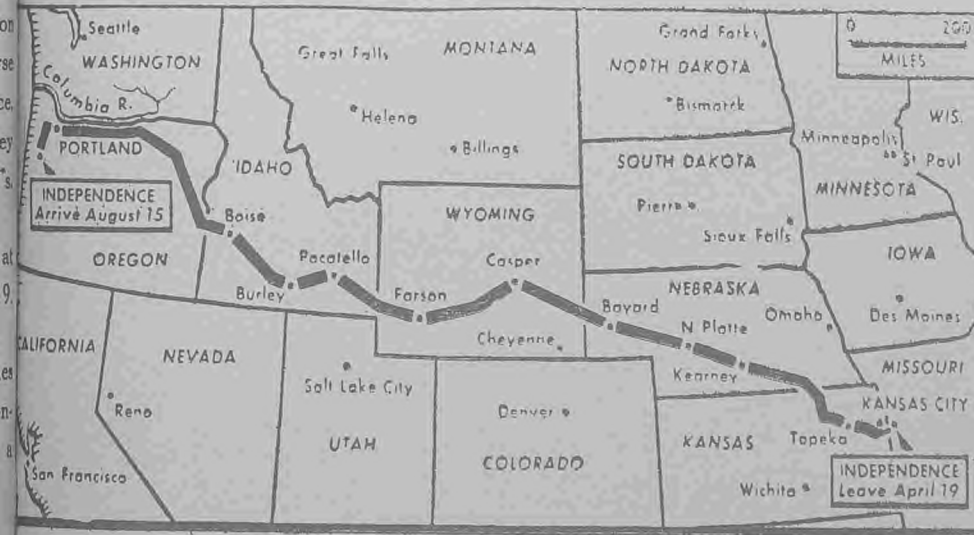
However E. A. Thorp's Independence and Henry Hill's Independence were both incorporated into a city by the state legislature on February 26, 1885.

Independence tried to change the county seat from Dallas to Independence but was defeated by the legislature in March. The location of the new court house was a strong issue for a long time but things quieted down after the big flood of 1890. The flood washed away the wooden bridge to North Independence ferry boat, Prescott and Veness mill and several warehouses.

The first school in Independence was held in a log cabin in about 1852 or 1853 and was taught by Mrs. Thomas Burbank. The first public school was opened on February 9, 1891. A high school was opened in 1891 for a two-year course and it was not until 1910 that the high school had a four-year course.

Wagon Train From Missouri to Oregon

Map Traces Route of Wagon Train



Map shows the Oregon Centennial wagon train route of 1959 along the Old Oregon Trail of the 1840's.



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Buena Vista - River Port of 1850



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Buena Vista is located on the Willamette River just seven miles south of Independence. In 1847 Reason B. Hall stopped here and named the town Buena Vista (good view) recalling his relatives who fought in the famous Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico in 1847.

Vanderpool helped Hall plat the town with 35 lots in 1851. Soon there was a warehouse, general store, hotel, wagon shop, blacksmith shop, drug store, two doctors, cobble shop, saloon, grist mill and sawmill. The town was growing.

In 1851 Hall obtained a license to operate a ferry across the river. The ferry is still operated today but is made of steel and run by electricity.

In 1865 Hall donated 36 lots along the river to Freeman Smith, a potter. Smith's pottery was the first of its kind in Oregon and was the town's greatest industry for 20 years.

In the days of the river boats Buena Vista did a great deal of commerce and had two warehouses that could hold 100,000 bushels of grain or hops.



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Old & New Suver - 1845 Parker - 1852

New Suver or what some people call "The Crossroads" is located seven miles south of Monmouth. Old Suver is one mile east of New Suver.

Suver was named after an early pioneer by the name of Joseph W. Suver. He took up a Donation Land Claim at the present site of Old Suver in 1845.

Today the Southern Pacific railroad runs through Old Suver and there are two large grain elevators, an old school, and seven or eight houses.

At New Suver there is a service station and grocery store, another service station, a garage and a motel. There are only twelve people in Old and New Suver.



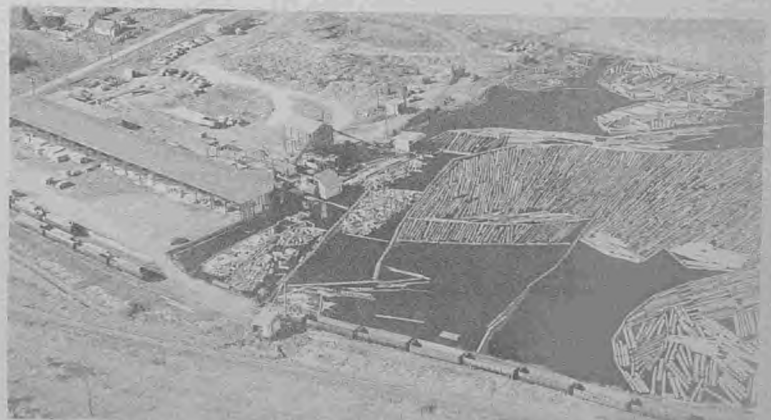
Parker is about two miles west of Buena Vista and about two miles southeast of Helmick State Park. Parker was named after a pioneer land owner by the name of 'Lon' Parker. Eli W. Foster established the first post office May 25, 1852. It was finally closed in 1927. Today it's a ghost town with three families there



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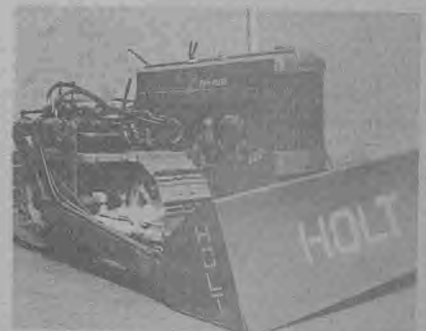
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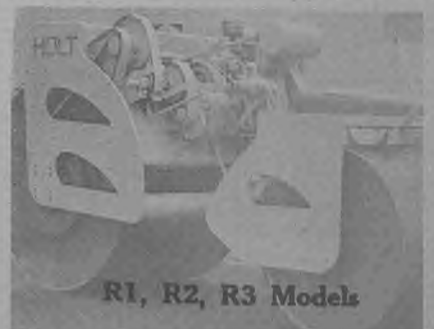
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Aerial view of Monmouth, Oregon showing some of the residential area and also part of the college campus which is the center of city activity.

Monmouth - The College Town

Monmouth is seven miles southeast of Dallas. The history of Monmouth is the history of the Oregon College of Education. The settlers who founded Monmouth came from Monmouth, Illinois with the intention of establishing a church and theological school.

On April 13, 1852 a wagon train of seven families left Monmouth, Illinois. They arrived in Oregon in August and spent the winter at Crowley which was a railroad station four miles north of Rickreall.

The settlers decided to locate on the present site of Monmouth and in 1854 their plans for a university town were fulfilled. The families donated 640 acres for a townsite which was platted in 1855. The university was to be financed from the sale of town lots. In 1856 J. Butler, Sr. moved from Eola and built the first store. By 1859 there were three dry good stores, drug store, grocery store, harness shop, two blacksmith and two wagon maker shops, a copper shop and post office.



Monmouth, Oregon in the 1890's showing train leaving on trip to Independence, Oregon.

The I and M Railroad, 1890's. A group of citizens built a railroad connecting Monmouth and Independence in the 1890's. The rolling stock consisted of steam engine, one coach and flat car. Six round trips were made daily, the fare, five cents. The line attained prosperity in the early 90's extending the line to Airlie and Dallas, Oregon. The coming of automobiles and hard surfaced roads finally put an end to the railroad.



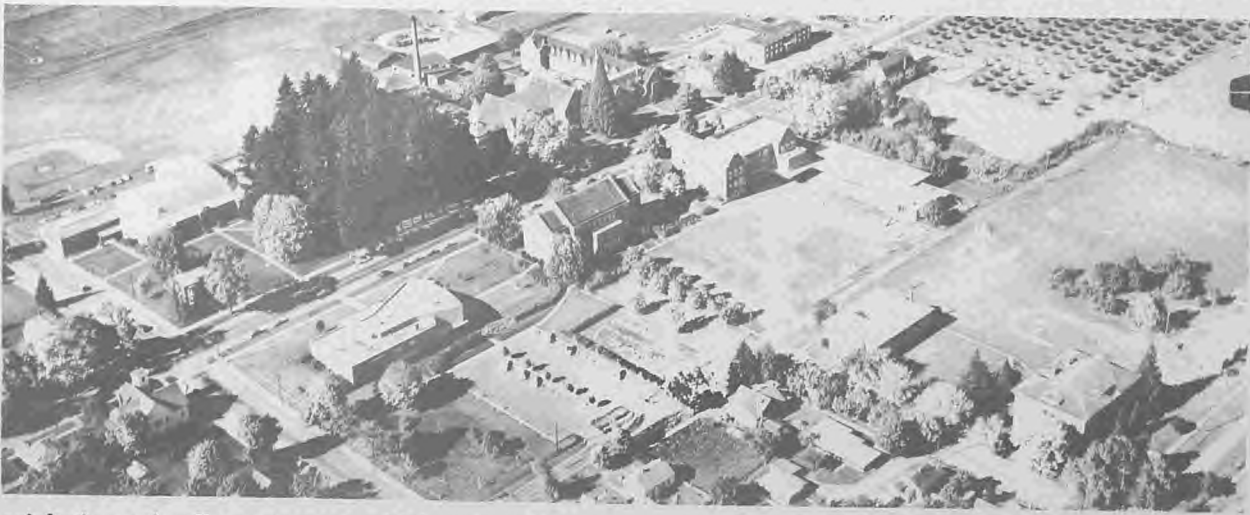
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Aerial view of college campus which occupies an area of approximately 50 acres. Shown here are the main college buildings, recreation fields and the historic fir grove planted by early pioneers.

Oregon College of Education - 1856-1959

In 1856 the settlers built a one-room wooden school house in the block where the Christian Church now stands. School opened on November 19, 1856 with 35 or 45 students. Judge Cowls of McMinnville was the first teacher. On December 8, 1865 Bethel College was united with Monmouth University and was called Christian College .

Thomas F. Campbell came to the college from Montana and became its president in 1869. He put new life into the school and raised money for the construction of Campbell Hall in 1871-1872.

In 1882, due to the difficulty of obtaining funds to operate the college, it was given to the state and became Oregon State Normal School. The state withdrew support in 1909. A vote of the people in 1911 re-established the school as Oregon Normal School. In 1939 the college became Oregon College of Education.



Campbell Hall at O.C.E. was built in 1871 and is the center of student academic life today.

Since 1882 the school at Monmouth has had as its principal function the education and training of teachers for elementary and junior high schools. There is also a program leading to the bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science degrees in both elementary and secondary education; a program leading to a bachelor of science or bachelor of arts degree in general studies; and a program of pre-professional work leading to a professional program at another campus.

The college is located within easy reach of the primary urban and natural recreational centers of Oregon. The 50 acre campus includes a modern library, science and administration building, new music building, Campbell Hall with an auditorium, a health and physical education building with a new swimming pool. A new combination student union and dining room will be built soon. The enrollment for the year '58-'59 was 969.



The modern library (1951) on the college campus contains about 45,000 volumes of books.

Compliments of Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Oregon

Pioneer Railroad of the Willamette Valley 1877

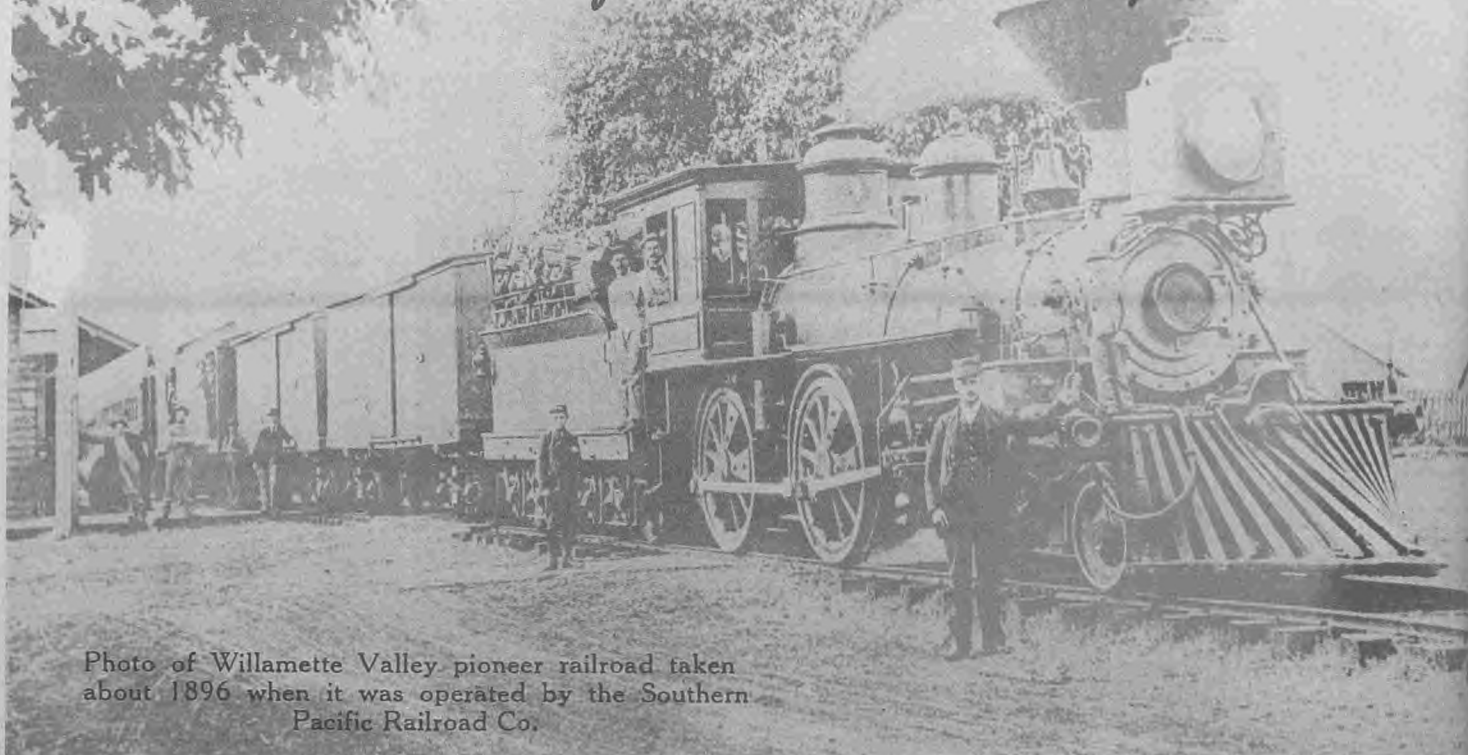


Photo of Willamette Valley pioneer railroad taken about 1896 when it was operated by the Southern Pacific Railroad Co.

Airlie, Oregon

Airlie was the southern terminal of the narrow gauge railroad. Airlie is 12 miles south of Dallas. The farmers of the Willamette Valley in 1877 formed the Dayton, Sheridan & Grand Ronde Railroad, as a faster means of getting their products to market. At the end of the year, after laying twenty miles of track, the company went into receivership. A group of Scottish investors took over the line and it was extended from Dallas to Airlie. The town of Airlie was named after the president of the company, The Earl of Airlie of Scotland. The name at this time was changed to Willamette Valley Railroad, but the line was never a financial success.



This photo of the John Hughes' homestead is typical of pioneer settlers throughout Polk County in 1800's.

MAPLE GROVE, OREGON

Maple Grove today is merely a highway intersection almost two miles north of Airlie and eleven miles south of Dallas. It is located on the Luckiamute River. After Lewisville was established Thomas Williams opened a blacksmith shop, later a store was opened and a post office on July 27, 1903 but it was closed January 19, 1904. William Bristow was the postmaster. It is a ghost town today.



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Lewisville - 1845 - 1959



Lewisville School built in 1908
used until 1929

Pioneer Church Building built
in 1891

Building known as the
"School House" 1855

Lewisville is located ten miles south of Dallas. It was named after David Lewis who had taken a Donation Land Claim here in 1845. On June 28, 1866 he sold five acres to Abram Wing for a townsite. Wing sold to Moses Apel who opened a store. Abe and Hary Wing opened a second store and established the first post office. Marsh Merwin opened a harness shop, T. Buffington, a butcher shop, W. D. Lewis, blacksmith shop and a Mr. Stover opened a shoemaker's shop.

In 1870 John A. Lindeman started a copper shop and made barrels, tubs, kegs and wooden churns. On April 5, 1873 he sold an acre to Dr. T. V. B. Embree, who established a drug store and became the town's first doctor. A Dr. Hill was the second doctor to come to town.

Lewisville today has two church buildings, the oldest on the Raymond Yung property and the other built in 1891 on the B. F. Smith farm.

MONMOUTH SHOPPING AREA



Main Street, Monmouth, Oregon



Pedee - 1844



Pedee is twelve miles south of Dallas. The first settler here was Colonel Cornelius Gilliam. He came with his family across the plains by covered wagon in 1843 and in 1844 took up a Donation Land Claim at Pedee. The Gilliam family had come from the south and Pedee was named after the Pee Dee River in South Carolina. Colonel Gilliam was killed in the Indian War of 1848 and buried at Dallas, Oregon.

Pedee used to be a travel point for gold hunters bound for California during the gold rush days and also for soldiers traveling to and from Fort Vancouver and Fort Hoskins. General Sheridan's house was moved by oxen from Fort Hoskins to Pedee and is still being used.

The land clearing by early settlers led to logging operations. The first mill was built on Pedee Creek in 1855. Lumbering has continued at Pedee to the present day.

Ritner - 1845



The community of Ritner was named after Sebastian Ritner, who was born in Switzerland. He took up a Donation Land Claim in this area about 1845 and members of the Ritner family are living there today. The covered bridge over Ritner Creek is the most picturesque of Polk County's bridges. It is a landmark much admired by those who draw, paint or photograph.



Log hauling in the woods of Polk County, early 1900



B. J. Lumber Company *Pedee Lumber Company*
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Bridgeport 1848



Bridgeport Public School, 1959



Sunday drive in the 'Good Old Days'

Syracuse 1885



Remodeled Syracuse Post Office, 1885

Bridgeport is located on the Little Luckiamute River about three miles east and down stream from Falls City and eight miles from Dallas. It was named after an old bridge that crossed the river.

In 1846 Wilson Lee took out a 648 acre Donation Land Claim here. Lee gave a 99 year lease on the land upon which the first school was built. In 1848 Adam Brown built and taught in the first school. There was also an Evangelical Church at Bridgeport with Guy Phelps as pastor. The first post office was established here on June 1, 1854 with Samuel T. Scott as postmaster. It was at this time that the name was changed from Bridge Port to Bridgeport. The post office was closed on January 13, 1874.

The first flour mill at Bridgeport was built by Adam Brown who hauled the grist mill from Oregon City. It was built on the place now owned by Carl Barnard. The mill-race was dug by Chinese from Grant Creek. The second house built by Adam Brown is still standing on the road between Bridgeport and Falls City. The present school is the fourth school.

Falls City was originally served from the post office at Syracuse which was located a mile east of Falls City. The post office was established in February 1885 on the Frank K. Hubbard farm who was the postmaster. He also had a store. Mail was received twice a week. The home used for the post office is still being used by the Paquette family.

In October 1889 the name was changed from Syracuse to Falls City and probably was moved to Falls City at that time.



View of business section of town in Polk County about 1850-'60.



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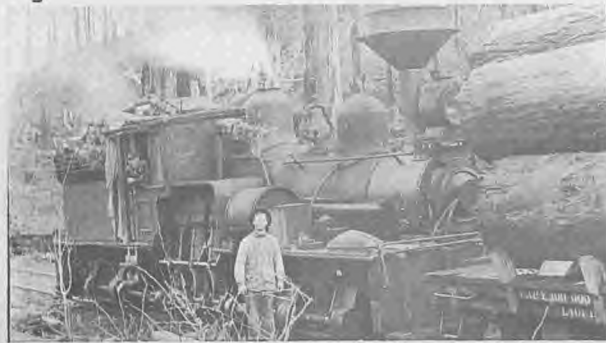
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Falls City - Luckiamute Falls - 1852



View of Luckiamute Falls looking upstream



Locomotive of the early 1900's used in timber areas of Falls City



View of Luckiamute Falls from top of falls

Falls City is located ten miles southwest of Dallas. As early as 1852, John Thorp built a grist mill by the falls. It operated successfully for many years but was finally moved to Rickreall where it would be more centrally located.

In 1889 a group of men platted the north side of the river while H. S. Montgomery, who owned the south side of the river, platted a townsite. To this day Falls City has a North Main Street and a South Main Street. Up until this time the locality was known as Luckiamute Falls. When the post office was moved from Syracuse to Falls City in July, 1891 the name was changed to Falls City.

John Montgomery started a mill and soon there were many other business enterprises. The Vick brothers built a creamery and stores were opened by George Griggs, John Carter, Fred Raymond, G. W. Sowers and W. L. Tooze, Sr.

A planing mill was built by a Mr. Watkins. At one time there were 15 small sawmills operating in the vicinity.

In 1901 Bryan and Lucas built a large mill and sold it in 1912 to Cobbs and Mitchell. Cobbs and Mitchell moved the mill to Valsetz in 1922.



Photo of early day home sites in the logging areas of Polk County



Oxen team dragging log on skid road on way to mill in the 1890's



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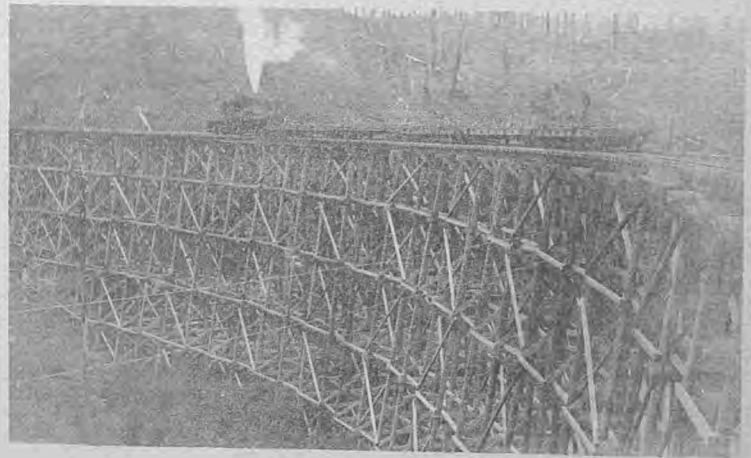


View entering Falls City

Black Rock - "Ghost Lumber Town"



Log hauling early 1900's in the Black Rock area.



Trestle bridge over which logs were hauled, Black Rock, 1929.

The ghost town of Black Rock, located in the mountain area of the Coast Range. It is on the Luckiamute River about four miles west of Falls City.

When Black Rock was in full operation after the turn of the century there were about 1,500 people living there. At one time this thriving town had three general stores, drug store, barber shop, butcher shop, restaurant, saloon, train depot, post office and a two-room school house.

In 1911 Black Rock was surrounded by four logging companies, Great Western, Charles Spaulding, Dallas Lumber, and Falls City Lumber Company. After the Great Western moved out in 1913 Black Rock began to decline.



Memorial at Black Rock.

The post office was opened November 17, 1906 with L. Gerlinger as the first postmaster. The post office used to be the center of attraction for hundreds of tourists since the post office desk was formed from a giant fir tree, eight and a half feet in diameter. The post office was closed on October 15, 1943 and Black Rock finally became a complete

ghost town.

Today, however, there are still logging operations at Black Rock and the few that live there live in long modern trailer houses instead of log cabins and bunk houses. The Wimer Logging Company is maintaining logging operations above Black Rock at the present time and a large percent of the logs are shipped by rail to the Willamette Valley Lumber Company.



Two-room school house at Black Rock, Oregon, built in 1915.



Inside view of Post Office, built around fir stump used as writing desk, 1906.



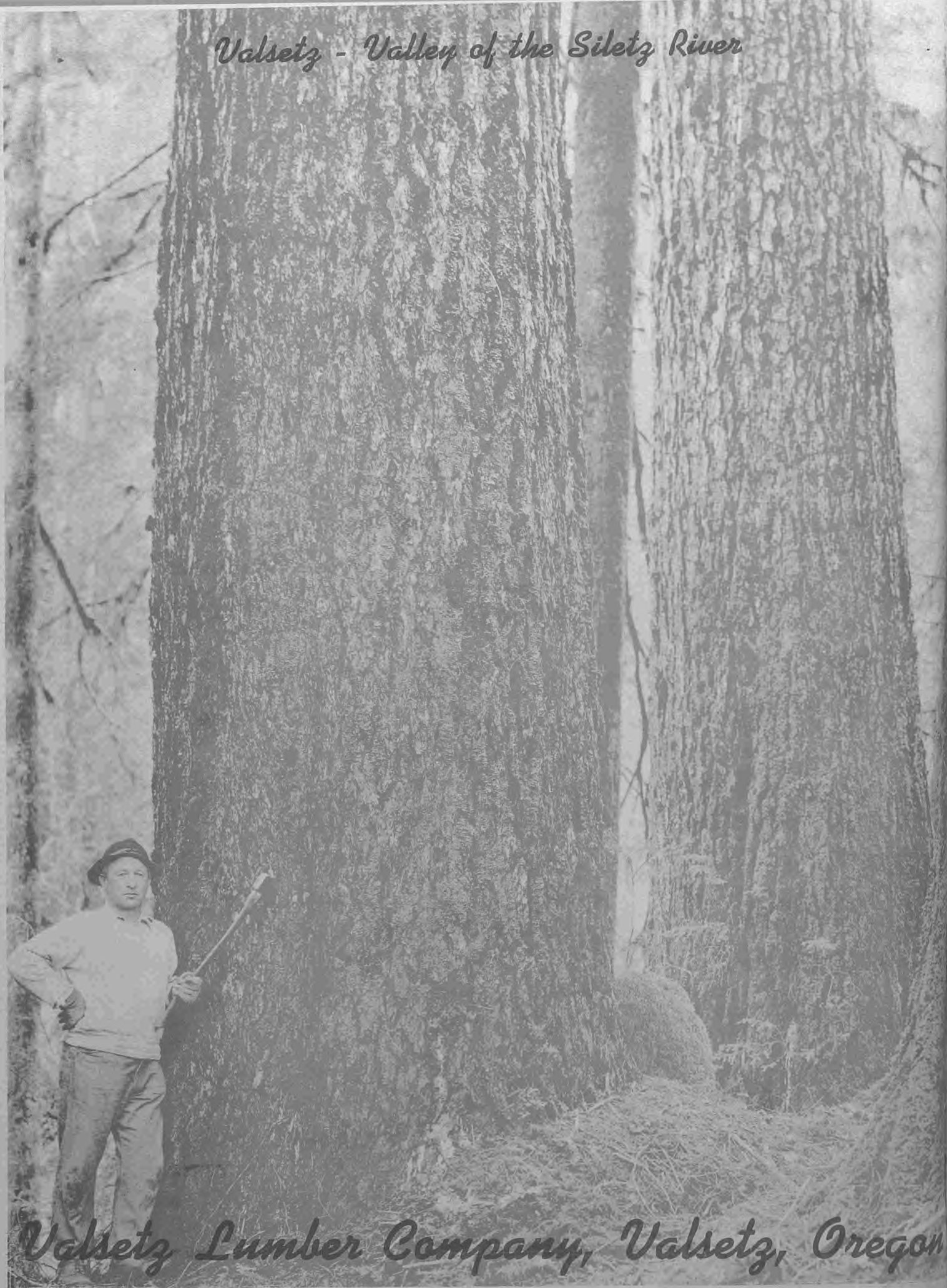
Railroad station at Black Rock in the boom days around 1914.

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Valsetz - Valley of the Siletz River



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Valsetz is located 25 miles from Dallas and 15 miles west of Falls City on the other side of the Coast Range. The first white settlers were Andrew Porter and his wife Philista (Akey). They settled on a 160 acre timber claim in 1894. Mrs. Philista Porter's sister, Lucy Parish came to Valsetz in 1895, is 80 years old and lives at Gleneden Beach.

The town was originally named Sugar Loaf after the Sugar Loaf Mountain. John Wright on April 16, 1895 became the first postmaster. The Sugar Loaf post office was closed April 30, 1904.

Cobbs & Mitchel, a Cadillac, Michigan firm, came to the locality in about 1903 and purchased large timber holdings.

In 1910 a fire destroyed a large amount of timber owned by Cobbs & Mitchel around the Hoskin's area. In order to salvage what timber they could, a railroad was started in about 1912 from Independence to Hoskins and completed in 1916. It was extended to Valsetz in 1919 and the mill was completed at Valsetz in 1922. It was at this time that the name was changed from Sugar Loaf to Valsetz after the Valley & Siletz Railroad. The Valsetz post office opened November 6, 1920.



Aerial photo taken in 1955 of Valsetz Lumber mill and log pond also a partial section of town. Log pond covers about 720 acres

The production of timber turned Valsetz into a boom town until the depression of the 30's when the mill was closed. During the boom there was a general store, showhouse, post office, train depot, recreation hall, one-room hospital, dentist, barber shop, company dairy ranch and school house. The business section was destroyed by fire in 1936.

In 1945 Cobbs & Mitchel sold their holdings to Herbert Templeton of Portland, Oregon. The original mill was dismantled in 1958 and converted into a modern plywood mill.

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Aerial view looking northeast of Dallas, Oregon 1959 showing the residential area of the city and surrounding Polk County farm land.



Aerial view of business section, Dallas, Oregon 1959, including the historic Court House Square of Polk County.

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