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The attached property, Larwood Bridge in Linn County, OREGON, reference number 79003733 and part of the Oregon Covered Bridges Thematic Resource, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 11/29/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST Vol. 45 number 54, notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, page 17475. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

For the Keeper: *Ruth Zinke Galt R. Galt* 2-3-2010
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places Date

THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION
OREGON COVERED BRIDGES

Bridge Name and Number Larwood Bridge, Index No. 45

County Linn

Stream or River Crabtree Creek

Location Lacomb-Roaring River Road, at Larwood Site, ca. 8 miles East of Crabtree

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, T.11S., R. 1E., W.M.

Zone 10 E520690 N4941670 Snow Peak Quadrangle

Acreeage and Boundary Description Full width of road right-of-way
for the distance between abutments and ten feet additional
at either end, containing in all approximately 7500 square feet.

Present Owner Linn County Board of Commissioners

Linn County Courthouse

Albany, OR 97321

Date of Construction 1939

Description of Bridge

Length of span 105 feet

Truss type Howe truss

Cladding Board and batten. Central sections of side walls
open, rafters to deck, with flared skirting at base.

Roofing Shingled gable roof

Decking Wood overlaid with asphalt

Other salient features Segmental portal arches. Central sections
of side walls are unenclosed. Beams exposed at gable ends. Concrete piers.
Standardized plans provided by State Highway Department. Timber trestle approach spans.

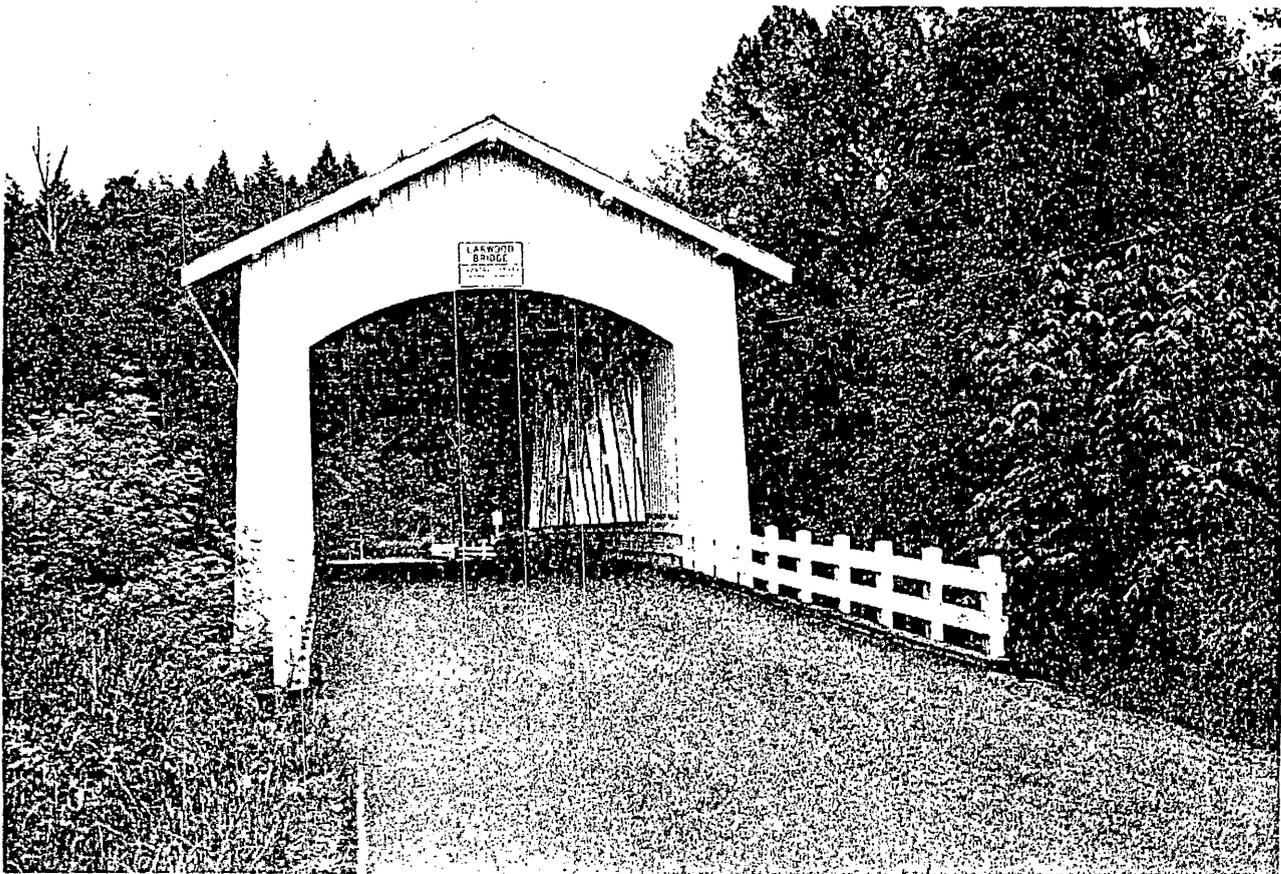
The bridge spans Crabtree Creek at the junction of Roaring River. The defunct
community of Larwood was named for William T. Larwood, who opened the first
post office at site in 1893.

Legal description is included in the appropriate County Road Department
right-of-way files and County Deed Records.

Information based on following sources: Statewide Inventory Form prepared by
Stephen Dow Beckham, 1976. Typescript on Oregon Covered Bridges by Nick and
Bill Cockrell, 1977.

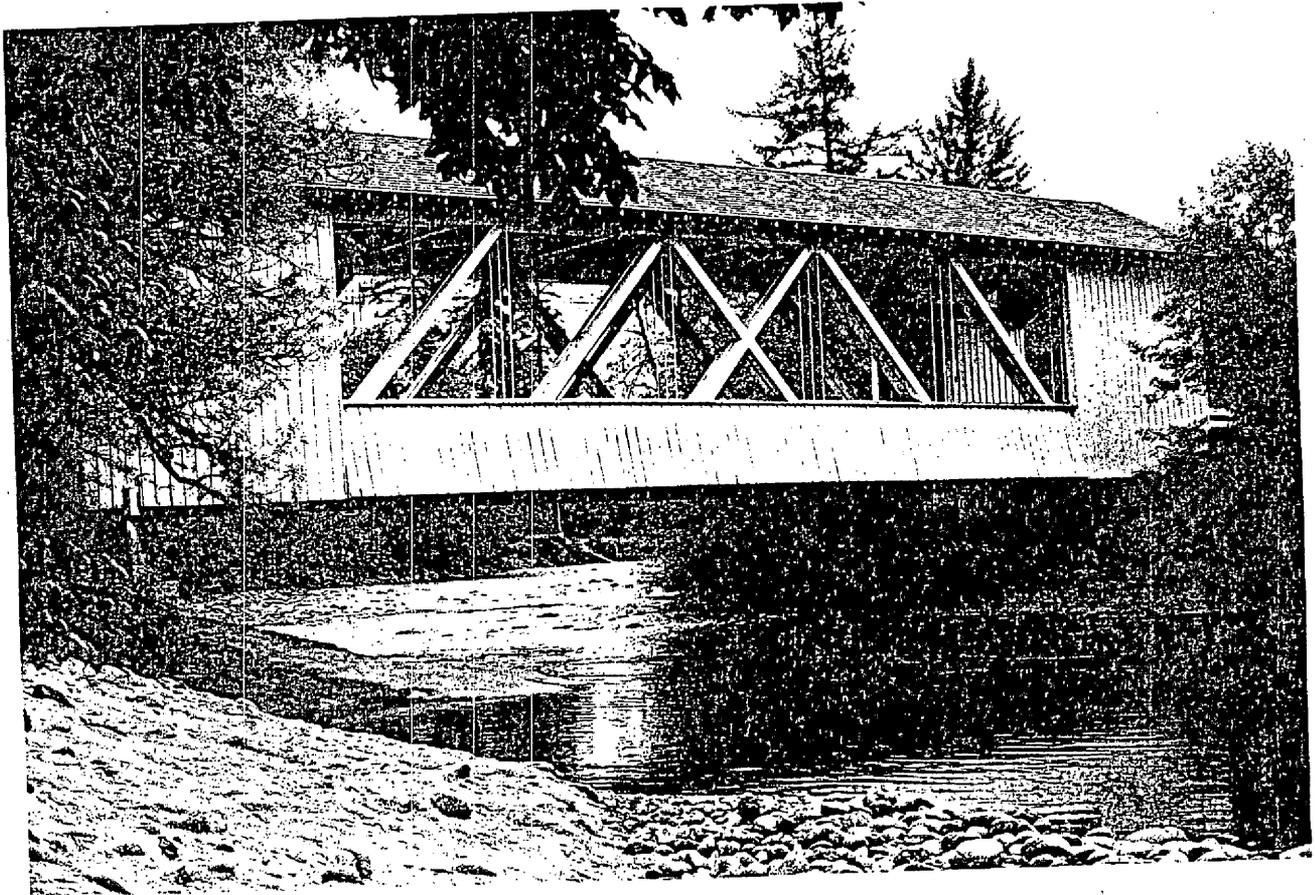
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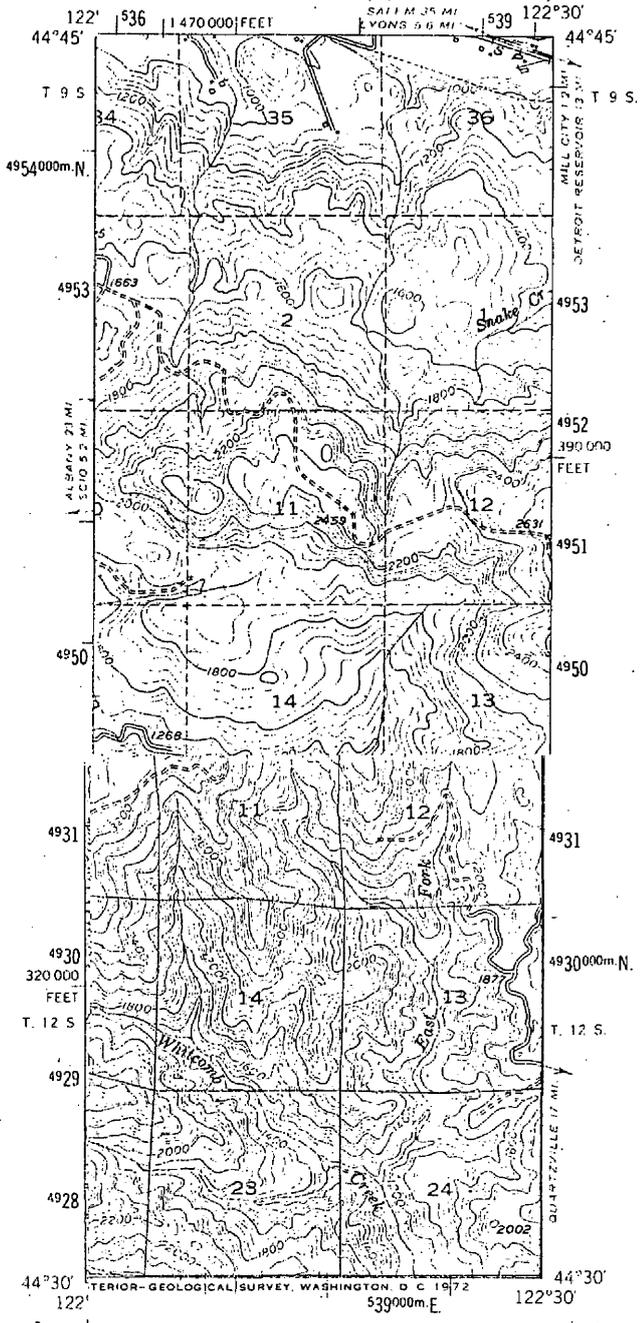


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(STATTON)

1573 N
(MILL CITY)

SNOW PEAK QUADRANGLE OREGON-LINN CO.

15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



1472 N
(BROWNVILLE)

1572 N
(CASCADIA)

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
1963

Medium duty ——— Light-duty - - - - -
Unimproved dirt - - - - -

○ State Route

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HANNAH COVERED BRIDGE

SNOW PEAK, OREG. 10/522360/4950800

N4430-W12230/15

1951

AMS 1473 II, SP-11'S V792

JORDAN COVERED BRIDGE

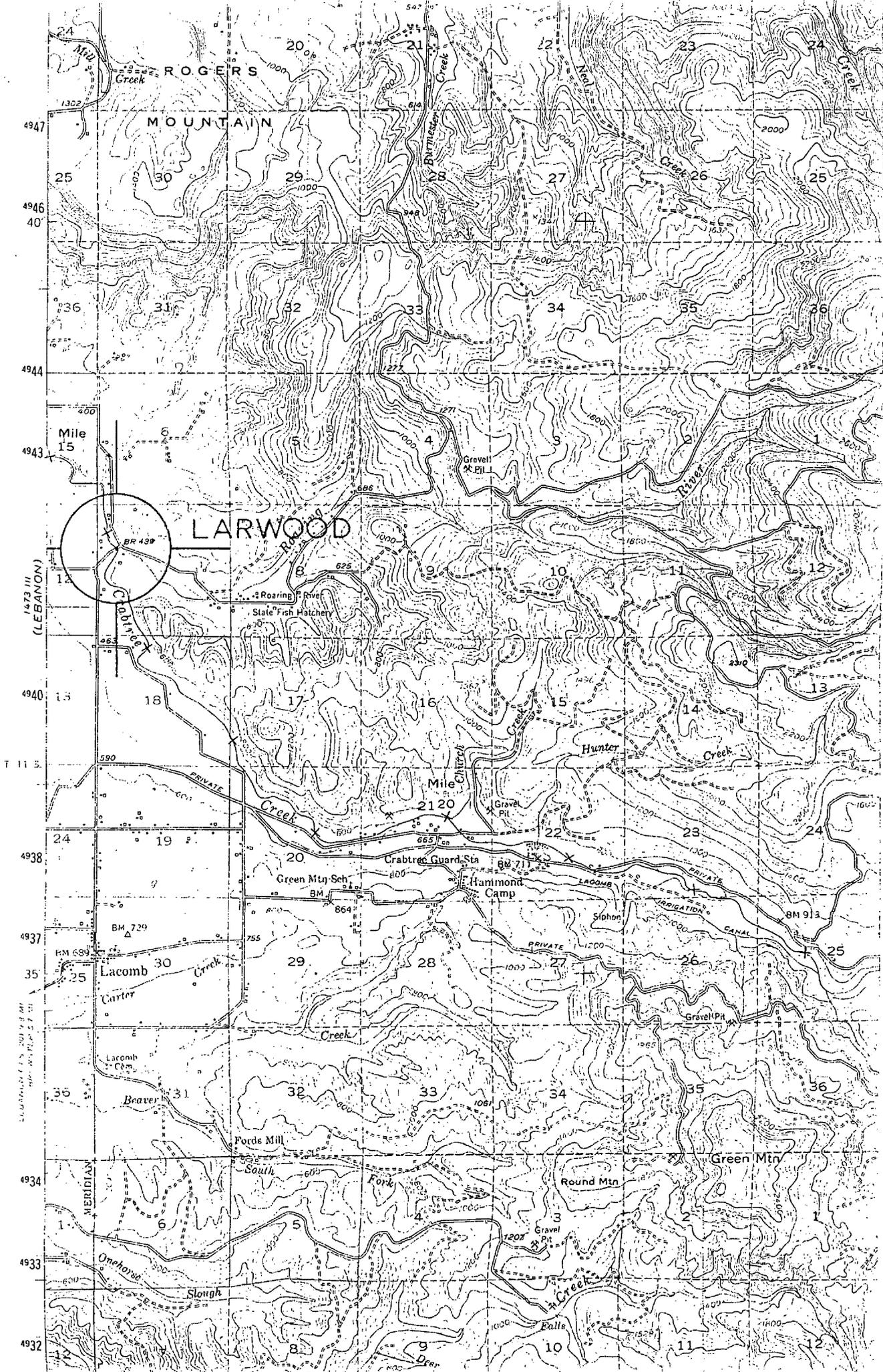
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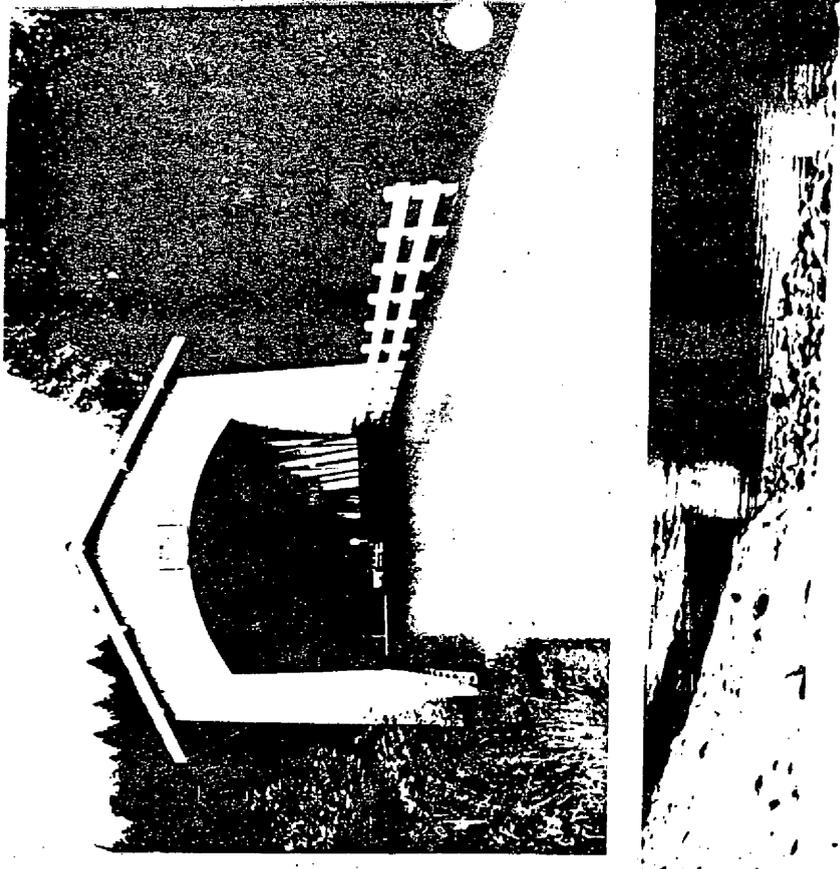
ARWOOD COVERED BRIDGE

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 State Historic Preservation Office
 Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310



County Linn #46

Theme 6-A

Name (Common) Larwood Covered Bridge

(Historic) (same)

Address Larwood, Oregon

Present Owner Linn County

(Address) Albany, Oregon

Original Use Bridge

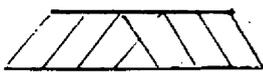
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Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Larwood Covered Bridge is a span of 105 feet which crosses Crabtree Creek near its junction with Roaring River at Larwood, Oregon. The bridge has a shingle, gable roof and a vertical board and batten exterior which flares at the base. The north and south elevations of the bridge are large, open portals for lighting. The bridge has a sign above the semi-elliptical openings on the east and west approaches which identifies it, its date of construction, and the stream it crosses.

A county park is located at the east end of this bridge at the junction of Crabtree Creek and Roaring River.

The truss arrangement is as follows:



Continue back if necessary

Recorded by Stephen Dow Beckham Date 27 June 1976

Sources Consulted:
 "Oregon Covered Bridges," MS Typescript, Oregon State Highway Division, April, 1973.

For Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
 Please enclose map Township 11 ^N _S Range 1 ^E _W Section 7

Larwood Bridge
Stream: Crabtree Creek
Built: 1939
World Guide No.: 37-22-06

T11S R1.. S11
Truss: Howe
Length: 105 feet

#45

The Larwood Bridge was built following Highway Commission plans. The 105 foot length, partially exposed trusses, white-washed interior, and rounded portal shape were features outlined by the state plans. The asphalt covering laid over the cross wise deck planking cuts down the vibration and should add years of use to the structure.

This covered span is located three miles north of Lacombe, spanning Crabtree Creek next to Larwood Wayside Park. Roaring River, which empties into Crabtree Creek near the bridge, is the only river to flow into a creek, an oddity in U. S. geography, and was featured in Ripley's BELIEVE IT OR NOT. The Larwood community was named for William T. Larwood, the first postmaster of the post office established in 1893.

Locals most often refer to the bridge as the Roaring River Covered Bridge.

To get there:

BRIDGE REPAIRS, REBUILDING COMPLETED IN 1990



Once again, traffic flows through the Wildcat (37-20-04) covered bridge, just off Highway 126 west of Eugene in Lane County. Crews worked during the summer to complete the rehabilitation which included a major overhaul of the structure. The roof, decking, bracing and other repairs makes the span look new again. A number of members reported that the bridge was reopened, and a trip to the bridge proved them right. The Wildcat span glows from the new wood and fresh paint.

At Earnest Bridge (37-20-35), most rehabilitation work is completed except for touch-up painting. Painting will be completed in the spring when the wood is dry. The renovation included concrete piers, new bracing, new approaches, and new decking. Visitors will be pleased to see the results, and photographers will note that some black berry bushes and trees have been removed making the bridge more accessible.



Lane County repaired the damaged needle beam at the Wendling Bridge (37-20-36). The old structure was enforced by a 4x6 crutch when the 1990 safari visited.

Traffic can now flow through the Mosby Creek Bridge (37-20-27) near Cottage Grove. This span also received major renovation this past autumn. This work included new decking, approaches, and piers. Also, a number of stringers were replaced and workers rebuilt the portal framing and added decorative portal brackets. New white paint will be added when weather permits.

Work has been completed on Polk County's Ritner Creek Bridge (37-27-01). New roofing, repairs to the flooring, new bracing, and new paint round out the repair work at that site. Although vehicular traffic does not pass through the span, the county determined the old wooden bridge met historic significance worthy of this attention. The bridge is now in excellent shape and looks good.

Upper: Wildcat Bridge in Lane County completely repaired.
Lower: Earnest Bridge in Lane County nearing completion.

Several Linn County roofed structures were renovated during the past months. County funds matched with state covered bridge money helped the county gather support and interest to complete the renovation projects. Those bridges completed during the summer were Hannah, Shimanek, and Gilkey. Later this past fall, the Larwood Bridge (37-22-06) received considerable work, and was reopened just prior to Thanksgiving. Indications are that the Short Bridge (37-22-09) spanning the South Santiam River near Cascadia will receive major repair in the near future. Future issues of the BRIDGE TENDER will report on any work at that site.