Hydesville---Pioneer Humboldt Town

New Home Area
Once Pack Train And Stage Depot

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On a hilltop, as the clouds drift toward the Van Duzen River canyon, you come to a town that arrests your attention with its setting, and not its historical appearance, but because it occupies a setting of outstanding scenic beauty. Hydesville, located some 20 miles southeast of Eureka on the Fortuna-Rad Bluff highway.

Ahead of it lie the shadowed coast range mountains, a blue-blue green against the gray, and a look of timeless age in the hills whose life is only the Redwood Empire. And deep down a ridge, the Van Duzen River rushes down its valley to meet a town of surpassing beauty.

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One of Hydesville's finest homes is the home of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cooper, who own the post office. The house was built in 1910, and is a fine example of Victorian architecture.

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HYDESVILLE HISTORY

Humboldt Times, Eureka, California, Sunday, January 3, 1949

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