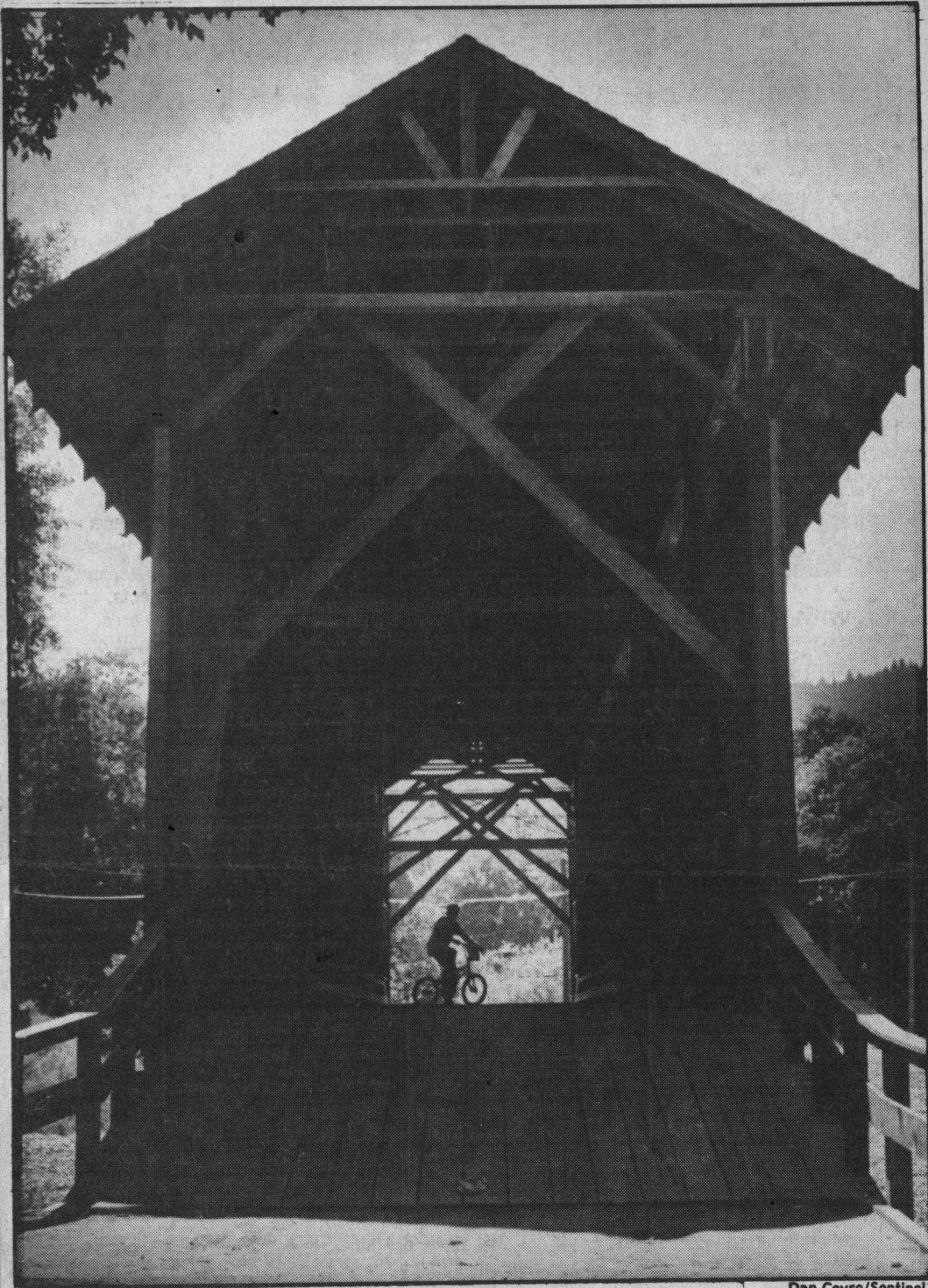


A bridge apart

Bridges



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The Felton Covered bridge has never looked so good.

Covered Bridge wins award

FELTON — The Felton Covered Bridge restoration project received a Preservation Design Award by the California Preservation foundation in a ceremony held recently in San Diego.

The award, for "community effort in a class by itself," was presented to Jeff Oberdorfer, the restoration architect. The people of Felton were also recognized for their efforts in maintaining the bridge along with Schultz construction who contracted the project.

The bridge, which was built in 1892, was

damaged in the floods of 1982. After the floods, the County of Santa Cruz embarked on a \$350,000 restoration project with support from various Felton community organizations.

Restorers worked from archival photographs, milling local timber at the site to ensure the reconstruction would be as close to the original as possible.

The bridge is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is believed to be the tallest covered bridge in the United States.