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## Cheat Grass, Cereal Crops

**1903** Some of the Hugo farmers sowed cheat seed for hay crop. They get cheat in return. It is always better to sow good cheat seed, cultivate the land well then we can expect a good crop.<sup>1</sup>

**1906** Our farmers here are deeply interested in the fruit growing enterprise and several thousand grape cuttings have been ordered from Hon. A. H. Carson of Grants pass and a nice lot of fruit trees have been ordered from Tangent.<sup>2</sup>

**1911** D. W. Butler, the strawberry expert, who originated the Corinne variety of strawberry, is putting in a bed of this specie at Three Pines for J. D. Cook, secretary of the Farwell Construction company. Mr. Butler is taking great pains with the planting and the berries are sure to be prize winners as soon as the vines are in bearing.<sup>3</sup>

**1908** V. S. Grout, who has a farm one-half mile west of Hugo, was in Grants Pass Monday, buying seed preparatory to the fall sowing of wheat and oats. Mr. Grout also intends putting out 225 fruit trees this fall, 150 apple and 75 cherry. This will increase his orchard to a little over six acres two acres of which is now in bearing.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Wide Awake. *Rogue River Courier*. July 23, 1903. [Leland Shiftings](#).

2. *Rogue River Courier*. March 16, 1906. [Hugo](#).

3. *Rogue River Courier*. March 31, 1911. [Three Pines](#).

4. *Rogue River Courier*, November 6, 1908. [News Notes From The Business Man To Readers](#).

5. *Rogue River Courier*. November 4, 1910. [Hugo's Fine Soils](#).

6. *Rogue River Courier*, March 13, 1913. [Producers Of County Organize — Will Take Over The Grants Pass Cannery — ADDRESS BY GEO. H.](#)

[TINKER — Final Organization to be Effected at Second Meeting to be Held Saturday Afternoon](#)

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## Hugo's Crops

**1910 Hugo's Fine Soils**<sup>5</sup> Some of the leading owners of the property at Hugo got together recently and discussed the conditions of soil in their neighborhood and the crops best adapted to them. It was finally decided to secure the services of Professor O'Gara, the United States soil expert, and get his opinions on this important subject., so as to enable them to commence right.

Professor O'Gara made the examination and gave his report, in which he says that apples, pears, peaches, cherries, and grapes will grow to perfection in that locality and that all of them would be profitable crops.

These owners were: W. Soloman. D. C. Abrams, Robert Randolph, Wm. McKenzie, S. Sehorn, John Peterson, John R. Beegle. S. S. Beveridge, Dr. F. E. Holgate, H. E. Martin, J. M. Hall, Robert Crockett, Thomas H. Ahern, and D. H. Heller. The action of the Hugo land owners is an object lesson for the many who are clearing and planting lands in this country.

**1913**<sup>6</sup> The Josephine county farmers and fruit growers are on the right track, and have started out through co-operation to find profitable markets for the products of the fertile soil of the Rogue valley. The meeting held at the Commercial club rooms, Saturday afternoon was well attended, representatives being present from all the districts adjacent to the city, and the machinery was set in motion whereby the Grants Pass cannery will be rehabilitated and ready to take care of the surplus product of the farm and the orchard this present season. The membership of the Josephine County Growers' association's *organizational committee* includes **D. E. Heller**, Hugo, and others.

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## Cherries, Apples, Pears, Peaches, Grapes, Berries

**1913** A grand improvement is developing daily in our community, fruit trees, berries and crops taking the place of pine and oak, for our soil and climate is as good as any in southern Oregon. The people are industrious and up-to-date in all their improvements which are many.<sup>7</sup> There are no drones in the Hugo hive. All are planting and tilling the soil looking forward to the bountiful crops. When man does his best, the giver of all good, with his wonderful skill and nature, will fulfill the rest.<sup>8</sup>

**1920** Silas Ludwick is working on the road near the County Club orchard.<sup>9</sup>

Several Hugo families attended the Farm Bureau picnic in Grants Pass Saturday. *Rogue River Courier*. July 9, 1920. [Hugo](#).

The harvesting of the cherries in our neighborhood is about finished. Growers seem to be well satisfied with the crop. While there was some less from the rain over 20 tons of the delicious fruit was shipped to other markets. The price ranged as high as 35¢ per pound. *Rogue River Courier*. August 6, 1920. [Hugo](#).

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history and land use.

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7. *Rogue River Courier*. April 4, 1913. [Hugo Items](#).

8. *Rogue River Courier*. May 2, 1913. [Hugo Items](#).

9. *Rogue River Courier*. March 15, 1920. [Three Pines Weekly](#)

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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