

Hugo's Elementary School & High School

1894 The first official Hugo School, Lucky Queen School, was started in 1894. It served as the school, with a name change to Hugo in 1896, until the fall of 1912 when a new school was built and the old school became the grange hall.

1912 The new 1912 school was one of the most modern school buildings in the county and cost about \$2,000. It had a regular school room, a cloak room, and a library all under one roof. Later in the 1930s the original school became the Hugo Ladies Club.

1916 The Hugo High School started in 1916 in what later became known as the cloak room.

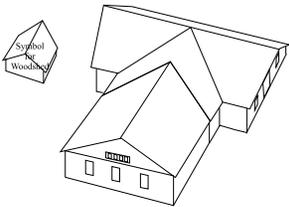


Diagram 1.
Hugo School:
1912 - 1930

1929 In the fall of 1929 more room was needed for the high school. The high school students moved down to the first school and old grange hall (Hugo Ladies Club in 2011) while a third room was added adjacent to and north of the school. The next year the old high school

room became the cloak room and the old south elementary room became the high school room with the elementary school students moving into the new northern room. At the time there was an outhouse out where the gym was later built (Diagram 1).

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2001. *Draft - Beatrice June (Decker) Bentson's Hugo Memories: 1924 - 2001*. Hugo, OR.

2. Hugo Neighborhood. 2001. *Clarence and Bernice (Brazille) Kolkow's Memories: 1924 - 2001*. Hugo, OR.

Hugo Gym

1938 - 1940 The Hugo gym was built from the summer of 1938 through 1939 (Diagram 2; Photo 1; Photo 2). Hugo High School Sophomore Bea Decker was excited about the \$5,000 Hugo gymnasium-auditorium finished the fall of 1939. Now the kids had some place to play during the wet winter months. Local help was used almost entirely in its construction. The building contained a standard-size basket-ball court, a stage, dressing and study rooms. It was heated by a furnace in the basement.¹

In 1939- 1940 Clarence Kolkow was a freshman at the Hugo High School. What Clarence thought was neat was the Hugo gym. He

had been working in Klamath County the first summer it was being built. Roy Case was going to pull the trusses up with his car. They had block and lines out, but all Roy did was burn-out his clutching trying to pull the trusses up. Wayne McKy's dad, Glen McKy, eventually pulled the trusses up with his tractor. Old man Heller was the engineer for the gym and it took about a year and one-half to start and finish it. Everyone thought it was wonderful that it had electricity as soon as it was built. It also had an oil furnace. The oil furnace system was never really successful as a heating system - there was just too much space in the gym to heat.²

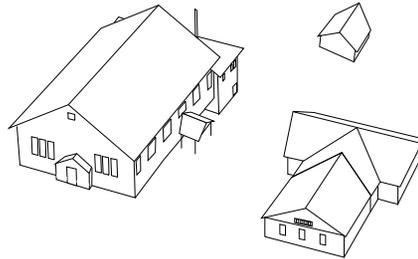


Diagram 2.
Hugo School & Gym: 1939

Gymnasium-Auditorium

Clarence remembered that it was warmer eating your lunch in the gym than outside on a log, but not much warmer. Wayne's father was the janitor at the school after they moved back to Hugo from Sunny Valley in 1942 and he and his dad would get up early to start the oil furnace before the kids came to school.²



Photo 2. Hugo Elementary School: 1947
Gym In Background
Courtesy of Jacque Hardwick

1950s - 1960 Mike Walker remembered that even into the 1950s and 60s all the kids thought it was so cool to have a building and a basketball floor during a time when most of the other rural schools had only dirt playing areas. What a place to play dodge ball!

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

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.

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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.

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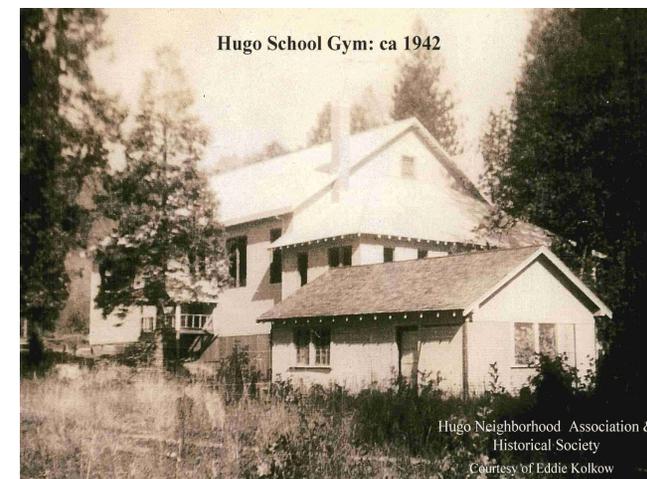
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Hugo School Gym: ca 1942

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Photo 1. Hugo School Gym & Woodshed: 1941
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