
Communities

1902. As bad as the roads are there is lots of freight being hauled to Greenback and vicinity according to the Leland correspondent. All placer mines are running full blast. The larger mines use plenty of powder to tear down the heavy banks. One can hear the blast continually. Acklen, Jerry, *Courier Historical* Editor On February 24. [Today in History. Out of the Past](#)

1906 Mr. Crow was at Hugo Wednesday reminding us that it is again time to “work roads” or “dig up” that three \$\$\$.
Rogue River Courier. March 30, 1906. [Hugo.](#)

1909 Mrs. Caroline Sexton, of Hugo, is the guest of Sheriff Russell’s family this week. Mrs. Sexton is one of the oldest “Indian fighters” in Josephine county, she being 81 years old, and in the early days had her home burned three different times by the redskins. Wednesday, Mrs. Sarah York, mother-in-law of Sheriff Russell, and Mrs. Sexton took their first automobile ride, Cap. Verdin taking the two old ladies for a long ride in the country. *Rogue River Courier.* July 2, 1909. [Personal & Local.](#)

1914 -1917 Their were few road names in the Hugo region. Some of the informal ones were named after settlers and/or creeks (e.g. Ahern Road, Quartz Creek Road, Jump Off Joe Road, etc.) The Ahern Road is the present day Hitching Post Road and a private road to the Ahern property about two miles from the old Hugo school location. The Quartz Creek Road is the present Hugo Road. Jump Off Joe Road is the present day Jump Off Joe Road including present day Monument Drive from I-5 to at least its junction with present day Three Pines Road. The area was just not developed in the 1910s. The Dingler’s address was simply, “Hugo, Oregon.” Hugo Neighborhood Association. 2000. *Juanita (Dingler) Pratt’s Hugo Memories: 1907 - 2000.* Hugo, OR..

Hugo Roads

1915 Josephine County automobiles now number 266, of which 46 have been purchased since the first of January. There is one car to every 34 persons in the county and the ratio of persons to cars is greater than the state average ????. Auto owners in the state now number over 21,000, and of this number 4528 were purchased since the first of January. If these cars on the average, cost \$700 each, Oregon people have over \$15,000,000 invested in gas burners. Yet, some continue to say that times are hard. *The Oregon Observer.* August 4, 1915.

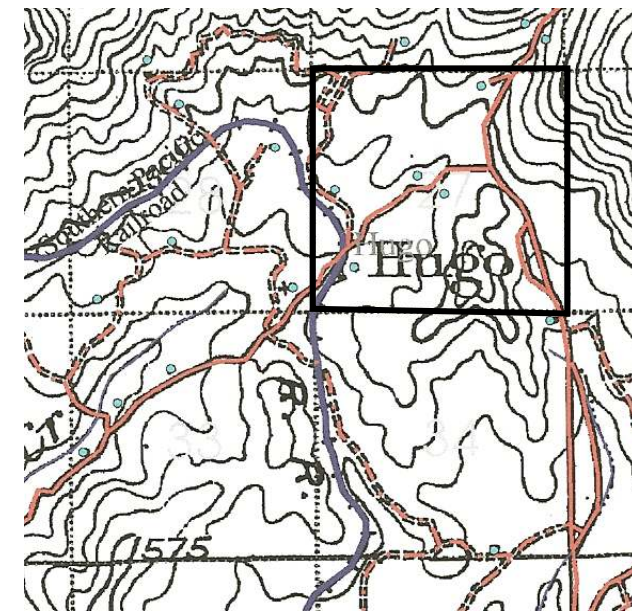
1920 Crew Building Roads — A crew of 35 men is at work constructing a road to Jump-off-Joe creek where the [Josephine Lumber company](#) is planning to erect a sawmill. The Josephine Lumber company is the concern which bought out the [Three Pines Timber Co.](#), and the machinery from this mill is to be moved to a new location. Hauling will commence in about 10 days. *Rogue River Courier.* April 30, 1920. [Local News Notes.](#)

T. Fitzgerald and family left last week for Los Angeles where they expect to make their home. Mr. Fitzgerald has been foreman of the steam shovel crew working on the highway for several months. O. V. Pierce takes his place. *Rogue River Courier.* July 30, 1920. [Hugo.](#)

1922. With the first fine weather of the year has begun on Smith hill and Sexton mountain, a grader and gang of men being kept busy in filling in the soft palces which occur where the road is in the shade the greater portion of the day, and in general conditioning of the highway. Motorist who recently returned from Portland state that the highway between that city and Grants Pass is in excellent condition, making the trip easily in a day, and at no time being forced to change gears because of the condition of the road. Acklen, Jerry, *Courier Historical* Editor On April 7. [Today in History. Out of the Past.](#)

More Information

1942 An earth slide on Mount Sexton early today covered the Pacific Highway, north of the new construction area, from about 3:30 a.m. to 5:30 o’clock before highway crews could remove enough dirt and debris for one-way traffic. The highway maintenance office here expected the highway crews to spend two or three days removing what was estimated at 1,200 yards of dirt and rock. *Rogue River Courier?* [Today in History. Stories Told on Feb. 4.](#)



Hugo Roads: ca., 1901 - 1923

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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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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