

III.E. AUTO CAMPING IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON: 1940s:

1940 Automobile dealers announce showing of 1941 models, set for Nov. 22 and 23 at high school auditorium (November 23, 1940).

1941 Right-of-Way Cleared on Sexton – The residence overlooking the Pacific highway summit on the shoulder of Mt. Sexton has been rased and trees are being felled for 1.92 miles of new construction soon to take place there. Here is a view toward the summit from the Grants pass side showing the steep, old dirt road on the left, the curving present highway on the right, and the felled trees on the right-of-way of the new work. The highway summit will be lowered several feet by a deep cut (Right-of-Way Cleared on Sexton, *The Daily Courier*, January 6, 1941, Front Page).

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. (Today in History, *The Daily Courier*, Jerry Acklen)

1951 Don Erickson is pretty proud of the four new cars which arrived recently at his Kaiser-Frazer Agency, 926 SW Sixth street. They were one Silver Dragon, two Golden Dragons and one Green Dragon and three of them were sold so quickly, Don said he hardly got to know what they looked like, although that might have been an over-statement. He say he's selling Shetland ponies, too, for Christmas presents out at his farm home, 1245, Highway 199 (December 1, 1951).

1952 Fifty feet of the new Pacific Highway have slithered into a 150-foot gorge about three miles south of Wolf Creek. Highway crews from the Siskiyou summit are being ordered to the scene to rebuild the road base out of crushed rock and boulders, according to J. G. Bromley, resident engineer for the State Highway Department. Bromley said that an underground spring, confined since the road was built, burst out Friday night, uprooting trees in the gorge. Some 12,000 yards of dirt also was washed out. (Today in History, *The Daily Courier*, Jerry Acklen)

The Southern Pacific passenger train service between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir, California, formally abandoned only last February 26th, is again in operation as a result of a Pacific Greyhound Bus strike. Service has been restored for duration of the bus strike because Southern Pacific has contracted with Greyhound to replace its passenger trains. (Today in History — From Out of the Past, *The Daily Courier*, Jerry Acklen)

1958 White Horse Trailer Park, which will provide the first adequate public-owned camping facilities in the Grants Pass area for trailer-tourists, was formally dedicated Saturday afternoon.

The park, or camp, portions of which are shaded by big oaks, pine, firs and madrone trees, is located between Lower River Road and the Rogue River about seven miles west of Grants Pass (June 23, 1958).