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## Pacific Highway: 1913; U.S. 99: 1926<sup>1</sup>

**Pacific Highway: 1913 - 1926** The 1922 completion of the 345 mile Pacific Highway in Oregon came with the distinction of being the first state west of the Mississippi to have a paved highway the entire length of the state.

**1917** C. A. Erickson, a well known auto repair man and vulcanizer, was arrested Friday night by Sheriff Lewis on a bootlegging charge. When arraigned before Judge Gillette Saturday afternoon he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 90 days in jail and a fine of \$250.<sup>2</sup>

**U.S. 99: 1941** The Pacific Highway became U.S. 99 in 1926. It was rerouted to a new location east of the old 1922 location (i.e., today's Oxyoke) ca., 1941 - 1942.

**1924 to 1942** Art Erickson built and ran the Sexton Mt. Auto Camp from 1924 to 1942. There were six cabins in the camp north of the Pacific Highway (i.e., where big old trees are today at northwest junction of Hugo Road and Oxyoke Road).<sup>3</sup>

### Chester Arthur "Art" Erickson

Born: 1884, Oregon  
Died: September 7, 1960, JO CO, OR  
Father's Birth: Sweden  
Mother's Birth: Indiana

### Florence (Norton) Erickson

Born: 1887, Michigan  
Died: January 16, 1939, JO CO, OR  
Parents Birth: Michigan

**1927** camp address and telephone no were: "Sexton C. D. Route 1 611-F-15".<sup>4</sup>

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## Hugo's Regional Auto Camps<sup>1</sup>

**1928** In 1928 the Kolkows would go about a mile north up U.S. 99 to the Art Erickson Auto Court when they wanted to use a phone. Art had one of the first phones in the area. "Sexton C. D. Route 1 611-F-15".<sup>5</sup>

### 1930 Census. Lucky Queen, Josephine Co., OR

Chester's occupation was service station owner.

Chester A. Erickson	Head	OR	1885	45 yrs
Florence Erickson	Wife	MI	1888	42 yrs
Catherine Norton Mother-IL	MI	1863	67 yrs	

**1932** Erickson owned 38 acres on U.S. Highway 99. *Tuesday as two young men were on their way to British Columbia driving north over Sexton Mountain they came in contact with a freight truck which demolished their car. Erickson's wrecker was sent for and they brought it to Erickson's garage. The boys resumed their journey by stage.*<sup>6</sup>

**1932** "Sexton Mountain, C. A. Erickson, Agent, Call Long Distance", Erickson C. A. Service station. Route 1, 611-F-3".<sup>7</sup>

**1933** *The ladies circle met last Thursday with Mrs. Erickson at Mt. Sexton auto camp. Twenty-six ladies were present. A quilt was made for the Red Cross and plans of contribution to relief work were discussed.*

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## Erickson's Sexton Mt. Auto Camp: 1924 - 1942

**1939** Florence Erickson passed 1939 at her home on Mount Sexton. Her nurse had been Fern Larson.

**1940** C. A. Erickson and Fern Larson married.

**1941** Almost two miles of the Pacific Highway near the top of Mt. Sexton was being rebuilt during the fall of 1941. It was finished the next summer along with other sections for a total of almost seven miles rebuilt from north of Mt. Sexton south to Jump-off Joe Road. The new route eliminated much of the narrow, twisting highway in the area. It also bypassed Art Erickson's Service Station.



**Mt. Sexton Garage**  
Courtesy of Wayne & Janet McKy

**1955** The C.A. Erickson Service Station property was owned by others in 1955.

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*.

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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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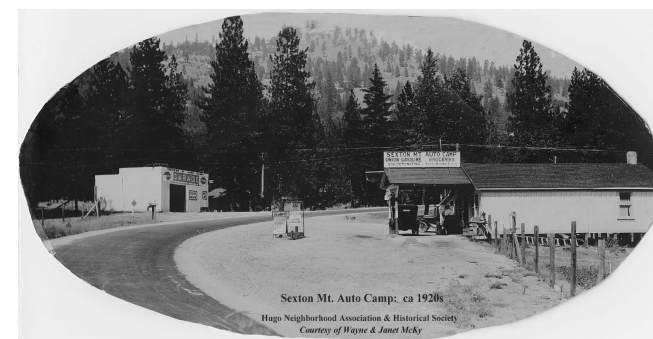
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## Mt. Sexton Auto Court: 1924 - 1942

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**Mt. Sexton Auto Court**  
Courtesy of Wayne & Janet McKy

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