

U.S. 99: 1926 - 1959¹

U.S. 99: 1926 The Pacific Highway became U.S. 99.

1931 A study of 714 auto camps in the Evergreen Playground, soon to be published, indicates that 551 or 77.2 per cent are cabin camps with a total of 5,450 cabins.² A majority of these camps have running water, wood stoves for which the wood is furnished, electric lights, store, and community house or kitchen. A considerable proportion also provide shower baths and laundry facilities. The usual tenting charge is 50¢ per day, but the cabin charges range with a few exceptions from \$1 to \$2 per day.

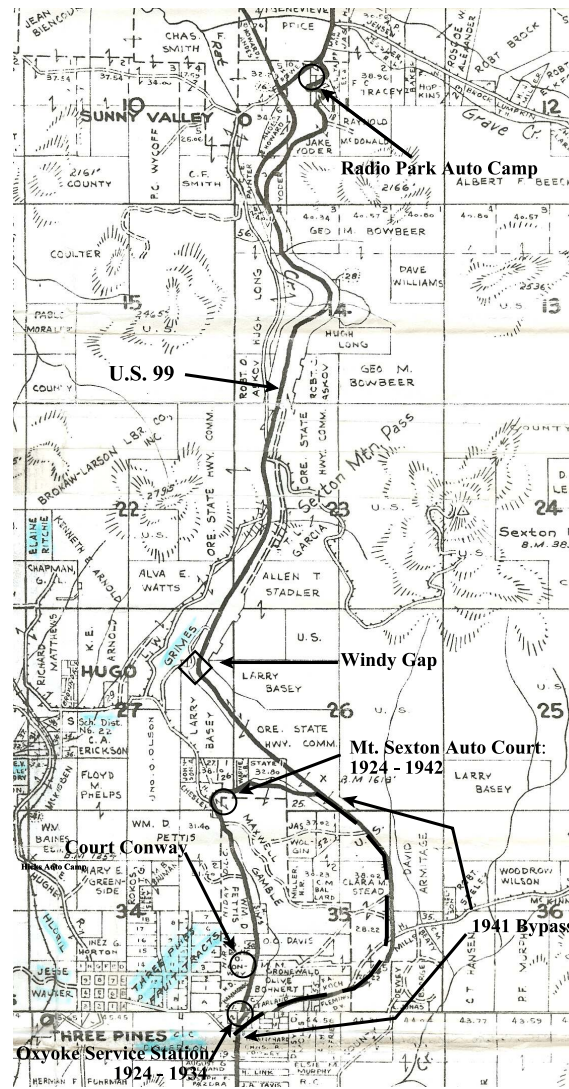
1933 Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell M. "Milo" Baucom was killed in the line of duty on July 1, 1933 near Mt. Sexton Pass.



Looking South Toward Mt. Sexton Pass: 1941
Courtesy of OR Department of Transportation

In **1941** a new right-of-way on Smith Hill (i.e., Sexton Pass) was cleared along with the old 1890s Smith house overlooking the summit.

1941 U.S. 99 Sexton Mt. Upgrade



U.S. 99 In Hugo Region: 1955

Oxyoke Auto Camps/Courts & Gas Stations Hurt

1941 The Pacific Highway was rebuilt for a total of almost 7 miles from north of Mt. Sexton south to Jump-off Joe Road (today's junction of Monument Drive and Three Pines Road). The new route eliminated much of the narrow, twisting highway on Mt. Sexton. It also bypassed the old Pacific Highway section known today as Oxyoke Road and hurt the businesses of the auto camps/courts, stores, and gas stations in that area.

Windy Gap was created by the renovated U.S. 99 about 3/4 miles south from Mt. Sexton Pass.

1948 It was supposed to be a joyful homecoming for the 1948 championship Grants Pass High football team, but tragedy struck on Mount Sexton. The bus driver driving the team home lost control at *Windy Gap's* sharp turn. Al Newman and Sterling Heater perished.⁴

1958 The I-5 freeway between Grants Pass and Jumpoff Joe Creek Road was completed and opened in the fall of 1958.

1959 A segment of U.S. 99 (i.e., Monument Drive) was transferred to Josephine County in 1959.

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.

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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.

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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Windy Gap On U.S. 99 South of Mt. Sexton Pass: 1951
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