
Communities

1906 The First County in Oregon to Secure This Evidence of a Progressive Community – All Sections to Be Connected by Telephones Within Six Months

Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. To Co-operate With Local Co. in this Service

The movement undertaken some time ago by the Rogue River Courier to secure a complete system of telephones for Josephine county has meet with such hearty support from the farmers, miners and the stockmen of the rural districts and of the business men of Grants Pass and the other towns that it is now certain that before the close of this year that every section of the county will be in telephonic connection with the county seat. *Rogue River Courier*. March 21, 1906. [Free Telephoning To All Part of Josephine County Secured.](#)

1906 Hugo needs a telephone system along with the rest; everybody wake up and attend the meeting at Merlin on Saturday, April 14, and later get a nice little piece of furniture in the house — one you can talk to and you will never be lonesome. *Rogue River Courier*. March 30, 1906. [Hugo.](#)

Hugo Telephone System

1914 - 1917 There was a telephone for the railroad at the Section House. Sometimes Maude Dingler would call a store in Grants Pass and they would bring meat out on the train. Hugo Neighborhood Association. 2000. *Juanita (Dingler) Pratt's Hugo Memories: 1907 - 2000*. Hugo, OR.

1931 The Browns did not have a telephone. It cost a buck a month and they could not afford it. About a half-dozen families (e.g., Art Erickson, McKenzie, Pirzer, Peterson, Aheirn, etc.) had telephones, and most of those were just for local calls. You could make long distance call on Art Erickson's phone at his store on old U.S. 99 (at junction of what is now Hugo and Oxyoke roads).¹

More Information

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

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2000. *Carrol E. Brown's Hugo Memories: 1916 - 2000.* Hugo, OR.

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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