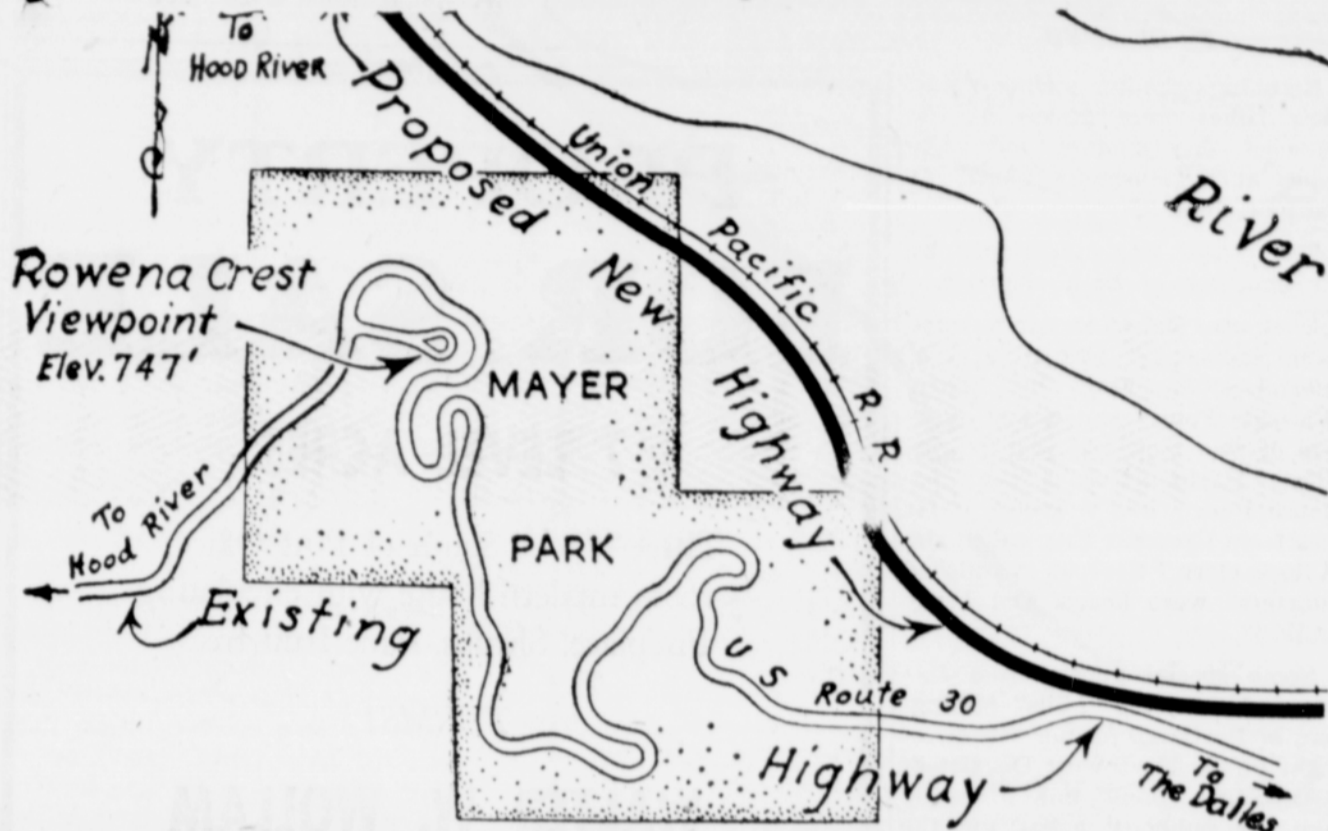


## Unlooping the Loops of Rowena



The State Highway Commission at its July meeting will inaugurate the approximately \$2,188,000 job of lowering the 7.64 miles of the Columbia Highway between Shogren and Rowena East of Mosier from its present perch 747 feet above sealevel down to water grade along the river. The distance will thus be shortened to 5.46 miles; the curvature will be reduced from 4,172 to 436 degrees, a saving of 3,736 degrees of crooks and twists; the up and down rise and fall will be cut from 1,398 to 380 feet, a saving of fuel-exhausting hoists of 1,018 feet, while the existing curves will be cut from 75 to 12, eliminating 63 around-the-corner driving hazards. Completed, the annual saving in fuel cost alone to the motorists will rise into the six-figure bracket.

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LACKLAND AIR BASE, San Antonio, Texas (Special to the Pilot)—Gene F. Gould, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blair J. Gould, Brookings, was graduated June 20 from the U. S. A. F. Officer Candidate School, here, and was awarded an Air Force commission as second Lieutenant.

He was among 308 members of the O. C. S. Class 52-B to complete the course successfully at San Antonio's Gateway to the Air Force base. Including 21 women of the Air Force graduates, the class was one of the largest to be commissioned since World War two.

In the Friday ceremonies they heard a graduation address by the Very Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Diplomas were presented by Brig. Gen. Wycliffe E. Steele—the O. C. S. commandant.

The graduates will receive a brief home leave before beginning new assignments at Air Force installations throughout the world. Each will commence an active duty tour in line with an evaluation of aptitude, interest and training—which was a regular part of the course.

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### Money Needed For Library Building

Negotiations are still under way between the Chetco Community Library Board and the federal government for the acquisition of a parcel of federal land in Brookings for use as a building site for the Chetco Community Library. The latest word is that this land will be deeded to the library board after the necessary funds for the erection of the library building are raised in the community.

The library building fund at the present stands at over \$2000 but the government officials consider a total of \$7500 will have to be raised before they will assign the land for library purposes.

A fund-raising committee is now busy engaged in organizing a rou-

tine house-to-house canvass of the entire area from north of Brookings to the state line.

Key women are being carefully selected for their tact, diplomacy and pleasing personality to canvass the householders. The solicitation campaign is tentatively set for the fore part of August.

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