

Past Noble Grands meet

The Past Noble Grands of the Rebekah Lodge held a luncheon meeting at the Golden Dragon Restaurant in Hermiston on Sept. 25.

Each of the six present received a wheat doll. Discussion was held concerning a project for the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

Drawing contest slated for children

In recognition of children's week October 3-9, the Morrow branch Children's Service Division has planned a drawing contest for children kindergarten through third grade.

Twelve drawings on the theme "Community Caring For Kids", will be selected to be featured in a calendar celebrating children's week. Calendars may be purchased for \$2 at the CSD office in Boardman or at the library in Heppner. Proceeds are donated to the Morrow County Children and Youth Commission.

Oregon Trail descendents to receive certificates

Certificates for descendents of people who travelled the Oregon Trail will be presented on Sunday, October 3 at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society. Presentations will be made to those who have sent in the required information.

The committee has names of over 75 people who are eligible to receive the certificate and more names are coming in daily, reports a spokesperson. Information required includes the name of the Oregon Trail participant with a short sketch of that person's life with dates and place of birth and the names of Morrow County people who are descendents. Information should be sent to Jean Nelson or Marsha Sweek at the museum.

The annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society will be held at the Lexington Grange Hall starting with a turkey dinner at 1:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Each person is asked to bring a salad or desert for the dinner. The 1993 Chronicles will be available at that time.

Bobbette Hedman earns UI degree

Hanna Bobbette Hedman, Heppner, earned a master of education degree at the University of Idaho, Moscow.

A total of 278 University of Idaho students were graduated at the close of the 1993 summer session.

Of those 140 earned bachelor's degrees, one completed the Juris Doctor degree, 110 received master's degrees, 11 completed specialist certificates and 16 earned doctoral degrees.

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DOCKET NO. AB-33 (SUB-NO.83)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ABANDON AND DISCONTINUE SERVICE

Union Pacific Railroad Company gives notice that on or about October 16, 1993, it intends to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423, an application for a certificate permitting the abandonment of and discontinuance of service on a line of railroad known as the Heppner Branch extending from railroad milepost 0.0 near Heppner Jct. to the end of the line at railroad milepost 45.4 near Heppner, a distance of 45.4 miles in Gilliam and Morrow Counties, Oregon. The line for which the abandonment and discontinuance application will be filed includes the stations of Heppner Jct. (milepost 0.0), Morgan (milepost 19.8), McNab (milepost 25.2), Lone (milepost 28.3), Jordan (milepost 31.0) Lexington (milepost 36.3), and Heppner (milepost 45.2).

The reasons for the proposed abandonment and discontinuance are (1) freight traffic revenues do not justify the costs of operation and maintenance, and (2) there are no reasonable prospects that traffic and revenues would increase sufficiently in the foreseeable future to justify continued operation of the line.

Based on information in our possession, the line does contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

This line of railroad has appeared on the system diagram map in category 1 since August 22, 1988.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by Oregon Short Line Railroad Co. - Abandonment - Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

Any interested person, after the application is filed on October 16, 1993, is entitled to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission written comments concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance or protests to it. Protests must contain the following:

- (1) Protestant's name, address and business.
- (2) A statement describing protestant's interest in the proceeding including:
 - (i) A description of protestant's use of the line;
 - (ii) If protestant does not use the line, information concerning the group or public interest it represents; and
 - (iii) If protestant's interest is limited to the retention of service over a portion of the line, a description of the portion of the line subject to protestant's interest (with milepost designations if available).
- (3) Specific reasons why protestant opposes the application including information regarding protestant's reliance on the involved service (this information must be supported by affidavits of persons with personal knowledge of the fact(s)).
- (4) Any rebuttal of material submitted by applicant.
- (5) If an oral hearing is desired, a request for and reasons why an oral hearing is necessary.

In addition, a commenting party or protestant may provide a statement of position and a summary of evidence regarding:

- (i) Intent to offer financial assistance;
- (ii) Environmental impact;
- (iii) Impact on rural and community development;
- (iv) Suitability of the properties for other public purposes;
- (v) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees; and
- (vi) Prospective use of the right-of-way for interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29.

Written comments and protests will be considered by the Commission in determining whether an investigation is needed to assist in determining what disposition to make of the application. The Commission will automatically direct investigation if a protest is filed which demonstrates: (1) The protestant filed a feeder line application under 49 U.S.C. 10910; (2) the feeder line application involves any portion of the rail line involved in the abandonment or discontinuance application; (3) the feeder line application was filed prior to the date the abandonment or discontinuance application was filed; and (4) the feeder line application is pending before the Commission. If an investigation is conducted, the commenting party or protestant may participate in the proceeding as its interests may appear.

Those parties filing protests to the proposed abandonment and discontinuance should be prepared to participate actively in either oral hearing or through the submission of additional material in the form of verified statements. Parties seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to 49 C.F.R. 1152.25.

Written comments and protests should indicate the proceeding designation No. AB-33 (Sub-No.83) and should be filed with the Secretary, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423, no later than November 15, 1993. Interested persons may file a written comment or protest with the Commission to become a party to this abandonment and discontinuance proceeding. A copy of each written comment or protest shall be served upon the representative of the applicant, Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179. The original and 2 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Commission with a certificate of service.

If no protests are received within 30 days after the application is filed, the Commission will grant the abandonment and discontinuance request and issue a certificate which permits the abandonment and discontinuance to occur within 75 days after the application is filed.

The line sought to be abandoned and discontinued will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail use, if the Commission decides to permit the abandonment and discontinuance, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 C.F.R. 1152.27). Applicant will promptly provide upon request to each interested party an estimate of the subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the line in operation. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is Joseph D. Anthofer, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Interstate Commerce Commission's Office of Proceedings or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Commission's Section of Energy and Environment.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection on or after October 16, 1993, at each agency station or terminal on the line proposed to be abandoned or discontinued. If there is no agency station on the line, the application shall be deposited at any agency station through which business for the line is received or forwarded which is Union Pacific's National Customer Service Center, 210 N. 13th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. The toll free telephone number is 1-800-272-8777, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The carrier shall furnish a copy of the application to any interested person proposing to file a protest or comment, upon request.

An environmental assessment (or environmental impact statement, if necessary) prepared by the Section of Energy and Environment will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact the Section of Energy and Environment. EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in the Commission's decision. A supplemental EA may be issued where appropriate.

Children wishing to enter the contest may do so in Boardman and Lone on October 4 and 6 at the city library and Lone United Church of Christ from 3-4:30 p.m.; in Heppner and Irrigon Oct. 5 and 7 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the city library and A.C. Houghton library respectively.

For more information call the CSD office 481-9482.

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Friends and relatives are cordially invited to a surprise 90th birthday reception in honor of Hila Timm on Saturday, October 2, 1993 from 1-3 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 435 SE First. Cards would be appreciated.

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