

American Legion honors long-time retiring officers

W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion honored long-time retiring officers at the Post's Annual Ladies Night dinner-meeting at Taco Tony's Restaurant last Tuesday night, June 27.



Vic Scott, incoming Adjutant of American Legion Post 108, presents an engraved plaque to Walter Lee Bauer, at right, retiring Adjutant, for many years of service to members of Post 108.



Fred R. Frnka, at left, retiring Commander, accepts an engraved plaque from Dr. Raymond Thomas for 10 years of meritorious service as Post Commander.



Retiring Commander Frnka, at the left, extends a welcome to the Honorable Austin County Judge Carolyn Cerny Bilski, speaker at last week's Ladies Night dinner-meeting. At right is in-coming Commander Philip Mehner.

Photos Courtesy of Jeff Frnka

ELHS Reunion 2000

The following persons were faculty members at Eagle Lake High School between 1950 and 1970. If you have any information (especially on address or whether deceased), please call Vic Scott at 234-2792, Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452 or Grace Dell Cooper at 234-2937.

The date following the name indicates the yearbook in which that name first appears:

Tootsie Alford, '53; Barbara Alvear, '65; James Atkins, '61; William Berry, '55; Sammy Bynum, '60; Inez Cabiness, '60; Mrs. Rex C. Cabiness, '53; Jack Carpenter, '65; Jessie Clark, '51; Mondel & Betty Coleman, '65; Paul Cowan, '56; Bill Davenport, '65; Grover J. Douglas, '52; Dale Eberhart, '64; Wanda Erickson, '61; Willard Ethridge, '60; W.M. Forehand, '64; Dayne Gau, '52;

Also, William E. Hart, '51; Robert Hooker, '70; Darrell Hunt, '69; Cruz Jimenez, '67; Jim W. Jones, '67; Margaret Jones, '68; Charles Larrison, '63; Rosalie Mayes, '60; Roland & Peggy McArthur, '69; Herbert K. Nagle Jr., '60; Mike Newby, '66; Mrs. B.K. O'Donnell, '51; A.M. & Helen Sams, '59; Ray Smith, '51; Frances Tate, '54; Albert Taylor, '66; Annette Tise, '69; Simon Utley, '63; Charles Voluse, '66; and Ed Waggoner, '70.

Farm Bureau pleased with ease of sanctions

Texas farmers and ranchers are pleased with the news that a compromise has been reached to ease U.S. economic sanctions on Cuba, according to the president of the state's largest general farm organization. The compromise would allow food and medicine sales to Cuba for the first time in nearly 40 years.

"This is a red-letter day for agriculture. Texas farmers and ranchers are excited about the real possibilities of trading with Cuba," said Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) President Donald Patman. "We have the supply of agricultural commodities that can be shipped to Cuba to help people of that country improve their standard of living."

Patman and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, led the TFB Board of Directors on a fact-finding mission to Cuba in April to meet with agricultural, financial, port and trade officials.

The agreements call for no private or government financing from the United States to be allowed on food sales. Patman said food and medicine should never be used as a weapon of reprisal.

"We certainly encourage both the U.S. and Senate to pass legislation very soon to lift the embargo. The removal of sanctions on Cuba could result in \$1 billion of additional agricultural trade to the United States," Patman emphasized.

If and when the unilateral sanctions are lifted "Texas farmers and ranchers are ready to sell Cubans various commodities such as wheat, beef, poultry, dairy products and rice, the staple of Cubans' diet," said the FB leader.

The latest agreement on Capitol Hill addresses exempting food and medicine from unilateral embargoes with Cuba being the major beneficiary. Iran, Libya, Sudan and North Korea would be impacted as well.

One of the largest groups ever to attend a Post 108 Ladies Night enjoyed the event highlighted by an address by the Honorable Mrs. Carolyn Cerny Bilski, county judge in Austin County.

She used a handbag full of everyday items and illustrated how each can be used to effectively make this a better life in service to people of our community, especially to less fortunate families. The speaker commended the Legionnaires and wives for carrying out projects especially for the welfare of children and the elderly.

Bilski stressed the importance of volunteer service reminding those present that "we need to stand together just as roots of our large redwood trees have held in place these large trees for hundreds of years." She was accompanied to the dinner-meeting by her husband, Joe Bilski.

The installation of officers for 2000-2001 was carried out at the meeting by retiring commander of the Eagle Lake Post for the past 10 years, Fred R. Frnka. He reminded the new officers that they should accept challenges offered by their respective offices. "The welfare and success of this Post depends on you, as does the preservation of the integrity of the American Legion, and its goals and ideals of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty," concluded Frnka.

Vic Scott, incoming adjutant, presented an engraved plaque to Walter Lee Bauer for long-time service as

adjutant. The new commander of Post 108 Philip Mehner presided at the presentation of other awards for meritorious service to Mrs. Frnka and Mrs. Bauer and to Jeff Frnka for special services to the Legion Post.

A life-long friend of Frnka, Dr. Raymond Thomas, briefed the group on important events in Frnka's life and presented him, on behalf of Post 108, a beautiful engraved plaque "in recognition of a decade of service."

Barbara Pidgeon, Mayor Pro-tem for the City of Eagle Lake, was on hand and presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to the retiring commander. The certificate, signed by Mayor Michael Cooper, said in part "...whereas Fred R. Frnka has long been active in numerous community activities and as Commander of the Post for many years, now therefore I tender this certificate of appreciation, extending thanks on behalf of the citizens of Eagle Lake."

Highlighting the awards ceremony was the presentation of a United States Navy wrist watch, inscribed on the back, "FRF, Navy Air, 1941-1945." Mehner made the presentation on behalf of members of Post 108.

The retiring commander extended sincere thanks for the support shown in Legion-sponsored projects during the past decade and urged them to continue the office with "humble feelings". He asked the officers and members to continue service to the citizens of this community, "and especially to Veterans in need and to their families."

Donald F. Simons, Department of Texas Commander also extended congratulations to Post 108 retiring commander Frnka in a letter dated June 28.

Commander Simons commended in part: "Your service has been an inspiration to the success of Post 108, in achieving goals and beyond, and has contributed to the attainment of the District 9 Goal, and the Division 3 Goal, for the Year 2000. Statistics are measures of achievements within the American Legion and you and your post have met your part of our Texas goal. All of the Department of Texas extends hearty congratulations for your attainments during the millennium year! You should tell your newspaper about your wonderful achievement and stick out your chest as a button popper!"

"This successful record in membership means that your community is aware of the prominent role that our members play in the local, everyday, activities as we bring the programs of the American Legion to our Texas neighbors."

Other officers for the year 2000-2001 include, Elmer Struss, first vice commander; Orville Powers, second vice-commander; Frank Seals, finance officer; Vic Scott, adjutant; Raymond Thomas, service officer; Ted Brunner, judge advocate; Hugh Sheridan, historian; Robert Griffith, chaplain; Marshall Holloway, sergeant-at-arms; and Rollin Baker and W.L. Bauer, trustees.

Call
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1 Legal/Public Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS * BY VIRTUE OF AN
COLORADO * ORDER OF SALE
COUNTY, TEXAS * DATED JULY 3, 2000

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Colorado County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on July 3, 2000, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in August, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the inside South entrance door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Columbus, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on the said day, beginning at 10:00 A.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Colorado and the State of Texas, to-wit:

STYLE OF SUIT:

Cause No. 4086 - COLORADO COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT vs. AMELIORATE, INC.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Being .69 acre tract as described and reserved in a deed from Ameliorate, Inc., a Texas Corporation to Raymond R. Thomas, Jr., Kurt Martin Thomas, Griffith Mose Thomas and Julia Luise Thomas dated August 29, 1975 and recorded in Volume 335, Page 127 of the Deed Records of Colorado County, Texas.

Known as: 210 Heritage Lane

or upon written request of said Defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of said property(s) in order to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the Defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years or, if applicable, six (6) months from the date the purchaser's deed is filed for record in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the Defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

The Sheriff or his agent will sell the property interest to the highest bidder for cash upon oral bids under the rules governing auction sales generally. The bids must start at the amount of the opening bid set opposite each tract, which reflects the total taxes included in the judgment and the costs of the suit and of the sale and of the required legal publications. No bid less than this minimum figure can be accepted by the officer conducting the sale.

Purchasers will receive the standard type of Sheriff's Deed, which is completely without warranty, express or implied. Such Sheriff's Deed does not convey the property described per se, but rather conveys to the purchaser only whatever interest was owned by the persons named in the lawsuit judgment. There is also no guarantee of any kind that any private title company will be willing to grant the purchaser a title policy on property purchased at this sale.

It will also be necessary that all bidders satisfy themselves concerning the location of the property on the ground prior to the sale, as such information will not be available at the time of the sale and no representations as to the extent or sufficiency of property description or location of property will be made in any regard. Maps and plats of the named surveys or subdivisions are on file in the office of the Colorado County Clerk and/or the Colorado County Appraisal District in Columbus, Texas, and all papers of the suits on which this sale is based are on file in the office of the District Clerk of Colorado County, Texas.

DATED at Columbus, Texas, July 3, 2000

R.H. WIED, Sheriff
Colorado County, Texas
BY: R.H. Wied

1 Legal/Public Notices

STB No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 156) NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON OR TO DISCONTINUE RAIL SERVICE (REVISED)

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") gives notice that on or after July 21, 2000, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, an application for permission for abandonment of and discontinuance of service on a line of railroad known as the Bellaire Subdivision extending from railroad milepost 3.84 near Bellaire Junction in Houston to milepost 52.9 near Chesterville, a distance of 49.42 miles in Harris, Fort Bend, Austin, Wharton and Colorado Counties, Texas (the "Line").

The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 77005, 77006, 77027, 77036, 77042, 77056, 77057, 77063, 77072, 77081, 77082, 77083, 77098, 77401, 77423, 77434, 77435, 77441, 77450, 77469, 77476, 77485, and 77494.

The Line includes the stations of Bellaire Junction (milepost 6.2), Bellaire Team (milepost 7.3), Jeannetta (milepost 10.9), West Park (milepost 13.4), Alief (milepost 15.0), Quality (milepost 17.0), Codine (21.6), Fulshear (milepost 33.4), Simonton (milepost 38.4) and Wallis (milepost 44.8). No agencies exist at any of these stations.

The reasons for the proposed abandonment and discontinuance are (1) freight revenues on the line are insufficient to justify the costs of operation, maintenance and rehabilitation and (2) there is no reasonable prospect that traffic and revenues will increase sufficiently in the foreseeable future to justify continued operation of the line. Based on information in UP's possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession regarding this issue will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

This line of railroad has appeared on the system diagram map or included in the narrative in category 1 since April 1, 2000, filed May 8, 2000.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected as required by 49 U.S.C. 10903(b)(2).

The application will include the applicant's entire case for abandonment and discontinuance (case in chief). Any interested person, after the application is filed on or after July 21, 2000, may file with the Surface Transportation Board written comments concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance or protests to it. These filings are due 45 days from the date of filing of the application. All interested persons should be aware that following any abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 (\$1152.28 of the Board's rules) and any request for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (\$1152.29 of the Board's rules) must also be filed within 45 days from the date of filing of the application. Persons who may oppose the abandonment or discontinuance but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by appearing at any oral hearings or by submitting verified statements of witnesses, containing detailed evidence, should file comments. Persons interested only in seeking public use or trail use conditions should also file comments. Persons opposing the proposed abandonment or discontinuance that do wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest.

Protests must contain that party's entire case in opposition (case in chief) including 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) and evidence showing that the applicant can operate the portion of the line profitably, including an appropriate return on its investment for those operations.
- (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 facts).
- (4) Any rebuttal of material submitted by applicant.

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

- (i) Intent to offer financial assistance pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10904;
- (ii) Environmental impact;
- (iii) Impact on rural and community development;
- (iv) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees;
- (v) Suitability of the properties for other public purposes pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10905; and
- (vi) Prospective use of the right-of-way for interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and \$1152.29.

A protest may demonstrate that: (1) the protestant filed a feeder line application under 49 U.S.C. 10907; (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 Board.

Written comments and protests will be considered by the Board in determining what disposition to make of the application. The commenting party or protestant may participate in the proceeding as its interests may appear. If an oral hearing is desired, the requester must make a request for an oral hearing and provide reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Oral hearing requests must be filed with the Board no later than 10 days after the application is filed.

Those parties filing protests to the proposed abandonment and discontinuance should be prepared to participate actively either in an oral hearing or through the submission of their entire opposition case in the form of verified statements and arguments at the time they file a protest. Parties seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to \$1152.25.

Written comments and protests, including all requests for public use and trail use conditions, should indicate the proceeding designation STB No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 156) and must be filed with the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, no later than September 5, 2000. Interested persons may file a written comment or protest with the Board 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, James P. Gatlin, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179, Telephone (402) 271-2158. The original and 10 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in part 1152, each document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the abandonment proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

The line sought to be abandoned and discontinued will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail use, if the Board decides to permit the abandonment and discontinuance, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27). No subsidy arrangement approved under 49 U.S.C. 10904 shall remain in effect for more than 1 year unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties (49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(4)(B)). 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 James P. Gatlin, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Surface Transportation Board or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection on or after July 21, 2000 at each agency station or terminal on the line proposed to be abandoned or discontinued. If there is no agency station on the line (and there is none) 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 1-800-877-5130, select option 2. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 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 (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by the Section of Environmental Analysis 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 Environmental Analysis. 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 Board's decision. A supplemental EA or EIS may be issued where appropriate.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY