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Did you know...

A Tidbit about a railroad connection to Patagonia Community UMC by
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The Southern Pacific RR discontinued service to Patagonia in 1962. In return for the town not opposing the abandonment of railroad service, the railroad transferred land in Patagonia to be used for maintenance of the former station building as a historical relic. In December, 1965, the depot building was purchased and donated to the Patagonia Community Church to assist in the accomplishment of its religious and benevolent purposes. On that same date, the church transferred the depot building to the Rotary Club as a community project of the club, with the provision that if the building was not developed and utilized by the club the property would revert to the church. In 1974, the Rotary Club paid the church the sum of \$1.00, with the church agreeing to disclaim any interest in the depot building. The church understood that the Rotary Club would sell the building to the Town of Patagonia.