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Railroads of Fort Bend County: True or False

Below is an expert from Jim Vollmar & the Rosenberg Railroad Museum's book, *Railroads of Fort Bend County*. Read the passage and then decide whether the statements on pg. 2 are true or false.

“In towns throughout the United States, the railroad depot was the center of activity for the community. The same can be said for towns throughout Fort Bend County; the railroad depot was considered the hub of activity for the community. People and freight were on the move, and the railroad depot was the center of all the action. A unique aspect to the depot was found in the city of Rosenberg, Texas, where the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio (GH&SA) and Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe (GC&SF) Railroads shared common structures for their passenger and freight service. This was due to the close proximity of these two rail lines with one another through town. Some depots along the Southern Pacific route had beautifully manicured parks on their grounds treating their visitors to a wonderful sight upon their arrival.

The county developed economic diversity with the continued growth of agriculture commodities such as cotton, rice, sugar, corn, livestock, and hides. Later with the discovery of oil and development of sulfur mines, the cities and towns throughout the county continued to flourish and grow.

As many as eight separate railroad companies were chartered in and operated through Fort Bend County, including the very first rail line to be constructed in the state of Texas. Today four Class 1 railroads operate in Fort Bend County, making it a diverse economic center of South Texas.”

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Questions – True or False.

Based on the previous passage from, *Railroads of Fort Bend County*, are the statements below True or False? If the statement is true, circle “True.” If the statement is false, circle “False,” and correct the statement on the lines provided.

1. The railroad depot was usually empty with only a few travelers coming in and out. True/False

2. The Galveston, Harrisburg (Houston), and San Antonio (GH &SA) railroad along with the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe (GC&SF) railroad shared a structure or depot in Galveston.

True/False

3. Cotton, rice, sugar, corn, livestock, and animal hides helped to develop the economic diversity of railroad towns in the country. True/False

4. Eight separate railroad companies built and operated railroads in Fort Bend County, including the second rail line to be constructed in the state of Texas. True/False
