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ARRIVAL OF THE RAILWAY

- by Kenneth Armstrong

Many long-time residents of Consul and the southwestern Saskatchewan area will probably remember Freight-Passenger rail service along the so-called "southern tier" branch line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, or otherwise known as the CPR.

With arrival of CPR construction crews building a branch line to the general area in 1910, came steam locomotives pulling trains. The early 1900's were a heady time of branch line expansion all across western Canada, and the Consul area was a part of it. Consul quickly became a significant commercial concern serving the surrounding area.

Consul was situated in the middle of a 122-mile stretch of prairie branch line called the Manyberries Subdivision, which extended from Shaunavon to Manyberries, Alberta. The CPR wasn't satisfied with just this one rail line. It therefore decided to extend its reach by building another branch line from Notukeu, located three miles west of Consul that angled southeast, then ultimately 96-miles east to the new village of Val Marie, located along the Frenchman River. This branch line was the Notukeu Subdivision.

New hamlets and villages, both large and small, sprouted along the new CPR lines — Robsart, Vidora, Senate, Govenlock, Altawan, Divide, Arena, Claydon — just to name a few, served enthusiastic arriving residents and their families staking a new life in the promising southwest corner of Saskatchewan.

While Canadian Pacific Railway management realized their southwestern Saskatchewan branch lines held promise of solid future potential, they also knew that current business revenues were light. In order to reduce operating expenses associated with running short trains over a many empty miles, the vast majority of new rail business — whether it was humans, animals, mail, package freight, or otherwise — traveled on a CPR Mixed Train.

These combined Freight-Passenger-Baggage trains patrolled both CPR lines on a fixed weekly schedule, and handled whatever there was to haul in and out of the area.

Why such an arrangement? The answer can be traced to a conflict between responsibility of the CPR to provide freight and passenger service to the southwest Saskatchewan area — and the existence of significant excess capacity on part of the railway company to provide that service.

In other words, the CPR had to provide both passenger and freight service to sparsely populated areas in the face of what was, at least initially, very limited demand for the services being offered. In short, there simply wasn't enough business that warranted a dedicated passenger train — but some scheduled train service still had to be offered.

From this operating and business revenue reality, the CPR decided on Mixed Trains.

Mixed Trains were appropriately named. It was a scheduled train comprised of a mixture of freight cars that carried grain, coal, livestock, or whatever else needed to be moved — and a combination Coach-Baggage car on the tail end of the train — just ahead of the ubiquitous caboos. The Coach-Baggage car carried anything and everything: revenue passengers, baggage, packages, mail, and other less-than-carload freight.

In the next installment, we will explore the world of CPR Mixed Train railroading.

Kenneth Armstrong is a life-long student of North American history, railroading, and geography. His professional driver work takes him everywhere across Canada and the U.S. He has three children and resides in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

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COMING EVENTS

TODAY (February 25) by 9 pm is your last chance to book a table at **Tables for Two** being held on **Sunday, February 28** at Consul Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Only \$65 per couple for a four-course dinner and wine. Phone June to reserve. 306-299-4863

Everyone is welcome to come to the third **Living Hope Ranch Good Neighbour Talk** on **Saturday, February 27** at 1:30pm in the Consul Hall. The guest speaker will be Darren Gasper from Sun West Distance Learning Centre.

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Come join us for the **Rockets Wind-Up** on **Friday, March 4** in the Consul Hall from 9 until 2. Dance to the music of Elektrik Mayhem. All minors must be accompanied by a parent!!! The Curling Club Calcutta will also take place during the evening!!!

TWO BROKE GIRLS are once again serving meals at the Consul Hall, **March 5**, for the Open Curling Bonspiel. Food available from 9:30am. There are also adult beverages from 11am-10pm. A Pork Chop supper will be served from 5-7. Only 30 plates available. Please book with Barb Willberg or Connie Behrman before March 1. THIS IS NOT JUST FOR CURLERS; EVERYONE CAN COME ENJOY THE GOOD FOOD AND DRINKS. No Minors after 8:00pm.

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Reno Senior Citizens will be holding a **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** on **March 6** from 11 am to 1 pm at the Seniors Hall. Freewill donation to Telemiracle.

There will be a **Baby Shower** to welcome Tanner Thomas Glenn, son of Devina (Agar) and Richard Berger on **Sunday, March 13** at 2 pm in the Seniors Hall. Everyone invited!

$\pi = 3.1416$. Pie = a dessert consisting of filling in a pastry shell. Put them together and you've got the perfect reason to **CELEBRATE PIE on March 14/16!** Join us for pie and coffee at the Reno Seniors Hall from 2 til 5:30. Whole pies will also be sold. Proceeds to St. Stephen's Church—Togo Mission Project.



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Consul Community Hall Annual General Meeting to be held at the hall on **Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30pm**. We are asking that you please plan to attend! The hall needs new board members and new fresh ideas to help keep the hall the hub of the community. If you have a little bit of time or some ideas you would like to share we would love to have you join the Hall Board. If you have any questions about the level of commitment or any other concerns please feel free to contact any Hall Board Member or Angela Buchanan, Secretary/Treasurer. We look forward to seeing you there.

Govenlock's Annual St. Patrick's Dance will be held on **Friday, March 18** at the Govenlock Hall. Music by Elektrik Mayhem. Midnight lunch. Govenlock ladies, please bring lunch. Hope to see you all there.



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Mark your calendar for **March 23**. The grades 4-7 classes are hosting a **Bingo/Bake Sale** at Consul School from 7-9. The proceeds will go towards their field trip to the Drumheller museum.

Consul Museum Annual General Meeting—March 28 at Reno Seniors Hall starting at 7:30 pm. Watch for more details in next issue!



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Annual Information Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016 Consul Community Hall

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NOTICES

The **Grad 2017 class** is looking for **Grad jobs** for this spring please contact Larissa at 1-403-878-2584 or Brett 306-299-7599.

I will be offering **Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED** full courses and recerts in Consul this spring. For more info or to register call Mary at 306-299-7433.

The **Broncos Box Suite Raffle** was won by Kathy Smith. Consul Curling Club would like to thank everyone who bought or sold tickets. Thank you to Stark and Marsh Chartered Accountants for donating the use of the box suite for this fundraiser.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, condolences, and kind thoughts expressed about Mom, Mary Messmer, after her passing on January 16. Linda & Peter and family, Arlene & Ron and family, Velma and family

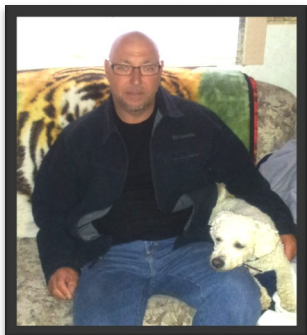


Reno Rascals Early Learning & Child Care would like to THANK all supporters of our doghouse raffle. The lucky winner was Shelley Seifert! The wooden doghouse was built by Paul Swihart and some school-aged children (thank you). This woodworking project along with other special activities and new learning experiences offered through our after school program this past year have been made possible through some funding received from the CIF (Community Initiatives Fund). We always encourage and welcome children's new ideas, suggestions or interests to enhance our program. All school-aged children (up to/incl. 12 years) welcome!

The Family of Keith Wenzel...

would like to thank everyone—family, friends and communities—for all the help, love and support. To Dave for the service and help to our family, to the ladies and people who helped at the hall. To the Consul Ambulance, and Maple Creek staff. To the amazing people that came out to help us with our harvest, putting our machinery away, and all the help with our cows. For all the cards, flowers and food that you brought us. The shoulders to lean on at our time of need and the wonderful stories and memories you shared of Keith. Thank you to anyone that we may have missed naming. Your generous donations to the Consul Ambulance and the Memorial Fund in the name of Keith was very appreciated and overwhelming.

~ Maggie, Kelly & Linda, Evelyn & families



I would like to thank the community of Consul for the many prayers, support, and condolences through the journey we have taken.

In loving memory of my husband,
John Guy Moor
July 30, 1963 to February 4, 2016.

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