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RIDING THE RAIL

by Ken Armstrong

With the continued agricultural and ranching development across southwestern Saskatchewan, the Canadian Pacific Railway mixed train service quickly became a fixture on many of its branch lines. Schedules were varied—from three days per week each way on the Shaunavon-Manyberries line to just once per week on the branch line extending eastward to Val Marie, SK.

At least two days per week, mixed train schedules terminated at Consul, with the return trip to Shaunavon, or Manyberries, departing the next morning.

A study of a 1937 CPR Public timetable shows that it took about four hours to run the 62 miles between Shaunavon and Consul. This includes stops at every village and hamlet to set-out/pick-up cars, as well to unload/load passengers, mail, small shipments, livestock and other freight. This long schedule was a character builder, and continued right up until the demise of the CPR Mixed Trains in the mid-1960s.

More often than not, the mixed trains operated late due to seasonal demands and stops along the way. At stopping points where a station was located, the waits for passengers (particularly during winter) were tolerable because of sheltered warmth, and the Agent/Operator could usually telegraph the next open station to determine just how late the mixed train was operating.

However, at non-agency points where the accommodation could be nothing more than a cinder and wood platform at a local road crossing, their waits could be long—all passenger eyes searching the horizon for telltale signs of a locomotive headlight, black smoke, or to hear the long, lonesome wail of a train whistle.

The coach-baggage car on a mixed train offered passengers "basic transportation" and not one iota more—steel wheels clattering over 85-pound jointed rail, thinly padded seats, varnished interior wood, kerosene lighting, protection from the elements, and a little heat in the winter.

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M646 Tue.	Miles	TABLE 110	M645 Wed.
A.M.		Mountain Time	P.M.
9:00	0.0	Lv. CONSUL 96... Ar	3:00
9:30	3.2	Ar. NOTUKEU 96... Lv	2:35
9:45	3.2	Lv. NOTUKEU 96... Ar	2:20
f 10:10	9.3	... Nashlyn ...	f 1:55
f 10:40	15.2	... Supreme ...	f 1:30
f 11:05	22.5	... Arena ...	f 1:00
f 11:30	29.5	... Divide ...	f 12:30
f 11:50	34.9	... Katherine ...	f 12:05
1:10	40.8	... Claydon ...	11:35
2:15	48.3	... Loomis ...	11:00
3:10	56.1	... Frontier ...	10:10
4:15	64.3	... Climax ...	9:25
f 5:00	71.8	... Canuck ...	f 8:50
5:45	77.8	... Bracken ...	8:15
6:35	86.7	... Orkney ...	7:35
7:25	91.7	... Masfield ...	7:00
7:55	99.6	Ar... VALMARIE... Lv	6:30
P.M.			A.M.

1950 Timetable from Canadian Pacific Railway
(f = flag stop - only stopped if necessary)

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COMING EVENTS

Golf Tournament - Sunday, September 18th - 11 am. Registration opens at 10 am. Proceeds to Consul Hall and Consul Youth Archery Club. Cypress Hills Golf Course. \$75 includes 18 holes of golf and supper. Best ball format. Lunch available for purchase. Enter as a team or an individual. Call or text Jodi at 306-662-7072 or Kim at 306-299-7877 to enter or for more information. You can also sponsor a hole (\$100) or donate prizes by contacting them.

Consul School invites you to their **Open House, September 20, 2016** from 6pm - 9pm at the school. There will be a supper, school welcome, SRC and SCC presentations followed by guest speaker Darci Lang. Darci gives an inspiring message on how we view our jobs, co-workers, our clients and our families. Don't miss this opportunity to benefit your work and home environment. There is no cost to attend this supper and event. Community members are welcome to attend. To reserve a spot please RSVP to the school @ 306-299-2044.

Pet Vaccination Clinic - September 21st - 9:30 to 11:30 am at the old RM Shop. Maple Creek Vet Clinic. Call 306-662-2724 if you have any questions.

Consul's Annual Craft, Gift & Trade Show will be happening on **Wednesday, October 26th** from 10:00 - 5:00. To book a table contact Heather 306-299-4954.

Plans are being made for the St. Stephen's CWL **Annual Harvest Bingo**. Look for more details in the next issue.

RENO RASCALS

Reno Rascals Early Learning and Child Care is planning a fundraiser chartered bus trip from Consul to Regina, **Saturday October 22**, to watch the Saskatchewan Roughriders vs the Montreal Allouettes at 2 P.M.

Cost is \$145 for Adults, \$120 for Children (under 18). Price includes game ticket and a seat on the bus. Deadline to purchase tickets is September 29.

To reserve your ticket please call Stephen Behrman 299-7700 C, 299-4450 H. Tickets are selling fast so don't wait and be disappointed.

Thank you for supporting Reno Rascals ELCC.

**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to all the people on the Consul Fire Department and Consul Ambulance for their quick response to our fire. Also thanks to Geoff Fisher for bringing his water truck. We are very fortunate to have so many super responders in a community of so few people. The Blakley Family





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 for the next issue is
Monday, September 19
 at noon.

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EARLY RANCHERS

Come meet the families that shaped ranching in this area a hundred years ago! Featured are more than 40 ranchers that came to the southwest and built a life on the open range. You'll learn how some had their sights on getting here and some just accidentally ended up here.

Some names you will recognize as the ancestors of present-day ranch families in the area.

Others moved in, left their mark, and moved on. All of them have remarkable stories to share with us.

Experience it all at **consulumuseum.ca**.

Click on the 'Early Ranchers' tab, sit back, and enjoy!



Some things haven't changed so much!

Mrs. Bessie Reesor

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Canada In A Day will capture one day in our lives. No matter where you are, in Canada or around the world, during those 24 hours – any time from 12AM to 11:59PM on September 10th – record yourself and show us your story.

Canada In A Day is a country-wide project built from crowd-sourced footage filmed by YOU that will be uploaded BY YOU and then crafted into a celebration of Canadian stories by award-winning director Trish Dolman. The finished film will air on CTV in Summer 2017, as part of our country's 150th anniversary celebration.

Get more info at canadainaday.ca.

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 What does Canada mean to you?