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MIXED TRAIN QUIRKS

While doing historical research for preparing a number of articles on CPR Mixed Trains and service to southwestern Saskatchewan, the author discovered some rather interesting quirks with the CPR and its acknowledged competitor, Canadian National Railway.

A good case in point was a twice-weekly CNR Mixed Train service from Kindersley to Alsask, SK, via Eaton and Acadia Valley, AB.

The westbound Tuesday/Friday schedule took 7 hours, 35 minutes to cover the 62 miles to Alsask — and the return trip on Wednesday/Saturday via Acadia Valley, AB, required 10 hours for 109-mile run. One can imagine how painfully slow the day went for both train crew and the passengers they carried on their branch-line train.

Another odd quirk was found with the once-weekly service provided by CNR on its rickety 25-mile Peebles-Handsworth, SK branch line.

Although the Mixed Train operated each Tuesday, there was never a published schedule. Thus, passengers were apparently required to inquire locally to find out exactly what time the Mixed Train would be operating on that particular Tuesday! It was hardly convenient.

The CPR also provided sketchy Mixed Train service on some of their lightly used branch lines. The 25-mile Colony Subdivision branch line from Rockglen to

Killdeer, SK, had service advertised that ran only on the third Thursday of each month — just twelve trains per year.

The author would like to thank Susan Pridmore and Consul Museum for allowing me to write about CPR Mixed Train service and its history. Wishing the Reno Reader readership all things good for 2017.

Best,
Ken Armstrong

ALSASK—ACADIA VALLEY—KINDERSLEY

Read Down		TABLE 282		Read Up	
M353	M332	Miles	Mountain Time	M331	M354
Wed. Sat.	Wed. Sat.			Tue. Fri.	Wed. Sat.
A.M.	A.M.			P.M.	P.M.
..	8.00	0.0	Lv ALSASK, SASK.	4.35	..
..	8.20	4.0	Hardene	4.10	..
A.M.	8.45	12.6	Ar EYRE	3.30	P.M.
8.49	..	12.6	Lv EYRE	..	1.12
9.20	..	20.9	Cuthbert, Sask.	..	12.50
9.50	..	29.4	Arneson, Alta.	..	12.20
10.10	..	36.9	Ar ACADIA VALLEY	..	11.45
A.M.	1.15	12.6	Lv EYRE	3.30	A.M.
M332	1.50	18.5	Mantario	3.00	M331
Wed.	2.50	27.5	Laporte	1.45	Tues.
Sat.	3.50	33.9	Eatonia	12.30	Fri.
P.M.	4.20	38.7	Dankin	10.35	A.M.
4.50	4.45	44.1	GLIDDEN	10.10	9.55
5.10	..	49.5	Sandgren	..	9.40
5.25	..	52.7	Inglenook	..	9.30
5.35	..	57.0	Verendrye	..	9.20
5.55	..	61.6	Ar KINDERSLEY	..	9.00
P.M.	P.M.		SASK. 236, 278	A.M.	A.M.

UNITY—BODO

Read Down		TABLE 283		Read Up	
M311	Miles	Mountain Time	Only	M312	Sat.
Fri. Only					
P.M.				A.M.	
2.30	0.0	Lv UNITY	Ar	9.15	
2.52	6.6	End Lake		8.40	
3.13	11.2	Sunnyglen		8.15	
3.40	14.6	Reward		7.40	
4.05	20.7	Donegal		7.15	
4.30	26.5	Salvador		6.50	
4.55	31.6	Hearts Hill		6.25	
5.35	39.5	Cactus Lake		5.55	
6.00	44.8	Cosine, Sask.		5.35	
6.35	51.5	Ar BODO, ALTA.	Lv	5.00	
P.M.				A.M.	

PEEBLES—HANDSWORTH

TABLE 284	
Miles	Mountain Time
0.0	PEEBLES 240
3.2	Bomersyde
14.4	Corning
22.3	HANDSWORTH, SASK.

NOTE—Freight with Coach operates Tuesdays in each direction, carries Passengers.

Table is taken from actual 1953 CNR train schedules.

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COMING EVENTS

Consul Figure Skating Club presents **Kick Off Your Boots** on **Thursday, March 2** at 7 pm at the Consul Skating Rink. Flower Table, Raffle Table, 50/50 Tickets. Admission: Adults - \$6, Students - \$4, 5 & under - free. Everyone welcome!

Winter Wind-Up will be **Friday, March 10th** with doors opening at 9:00 at the Community Hall. Music by Elektrik Mayhem, Curling Club Calcutta and Midnight Lunch. No Minors!!

Time to organize a team for the **Consul Curling Club Open Bonspiel March 6-11**. Entry deadline is March 1, with a maximum of 16 teams accepted. Entry fee is \$120 /team. Enter teams with Dale or Doreen at 306-299-5712. Don't forget to buy your ticket for the Bronco game box suite raffle. Draw is March 2.

Consul Community Hall Annual General Meeting March 13th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Hall. Come and see what's new and interesting this year!!! We have a fun and exciting year on the horizon and would love to have new voices and input! Hope to see you there.

$\pi = 3.14$. 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!** Join us for pie and coffee at the Reno Seniors Hall from 2 til 5:00. Whole pies will also be sold. Proceeds to St. Stephen's Church—Togo Mission Project.

Consul Museum Annual General Meeting—March 27 at Reno Seniors Hall starting at 7:30 pm. Watch for more details in next issue!

Ladies, save the date! Ladies Fellowship Night is coming up on **Thursday, May 4th**. More details in the weeks ahead.

RM OF RENO REMINDERS

The RM of Reno No 51 would like to remind the community to please dispose of grain bags properly and do not let them blow around the municipality.

The RM of Reno No 51 would like to remind the community of garbage and recycling practices for the municipality.

1. Please Do Not Bag or Tie your recyclables before depositing them in the bin.

2. No glass in the recycling bin.

3. Please bag household garbage.

4. Only soiled cardboard in the garbage bins. Please recycle all other cardboard.



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The next Reno Reader deadline is March 6th at noon.

T H A N K Y O U

A big Thank You to everyone who donated to Telemiracle on February 5th at the Reno Senior Citizens Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. We raised \$1306.60, and Wendy from Telemiracle says a big thank you also.

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C H A N G E S F O R W A L T E R ' S

A long time Shaunavon business - and Reno Reader advertiser - has changed hands.

Effective February first, Walter's Home Furnishings in Shaunavon was purchased by Voths Brandsource out of Swift Current.


Darcy and Jane Barkley purchased Walter's Home Furnishings, an appliance, furniture and electronic business, about twenty five years ago.

Jane was born and raised in Shaunavon and Darcy spent a number of his school years here, so they were looking for a business in a community that they knew was a good place to raise their family.

The decision to sell the business, they said, came quickly and while they will miss the store and it's customers, Darcy says this is not retirement for them. He says, "We're gonna take a couple of months and just decide which direction we're gonna go, so it's just gonna be another chapter. But actually, I'm staying on and helping here for the next few months just to keep things going."


Barkley adds that the local employees will continue to work there, and he and Jane would like to thank their customers from all over the southwest for their support.

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