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May it Spread

More and more the Decoration Day service held in Acton in early June is becoming appreciated. In spite of disagreeable weather on Sunday last there was even more participation than a year ago. The cemeteries saw more decoration of the graves. To those who arrange and work on this occasion a great deal of credit is due.

It is a time for honoring memories. It provides an occasion for many from out of town to meet friends under circumstances that bring back hallowed memories. Each year sees more new graves in the local cemeteries and more faces missing from the gathering that meets.

Acton has pioneered in this district in holding an annual Decoration Day. To those who originated and maintain it an appreciation is due. To those towns which have not yet held these Decoration Days we heartily commend it. We hope it may spread until it is nation-wide.

An Appreciation

We often wonder if the general public fully appreciate the effort of that tireless group in town and district who make possible the staging of public events. Crowds line the streets for parades quite often and then go back home without lending further support to any event. Last week in Oakville a big band event was staged. It is reported that owing to the weather there were 200 present when a crowd of 3000 was expected. Such things have happened in most every town and the big disappointment is that in every case the workers who staged the event have an additional burden of meeting the deficit.

We can fully appreciate the reasoning of folks who do not want to be out of doors on a cool, damp night. We do not write in any critical way of them or the weather. But we want to just put in a word of appreciation for those citizens who arrange these public events. We don't know that anything can be done to correct the situation. But we do hope that the day will never come when our town and district will lack workers who are courageous and enthusiastic in putting on such community affairs and not get down-hearted in seeming failure. It is such people who make many improvements and advancements possible. Money can never repay their efforts.

We just want to add our word of appreciation to the efforts of these public-spirited citizens, whose work is rewarded often times only in history and satisfaction of having done their best. May their numbers never grow less.

Showdown Coming

Whether we like it or not, warns The Financial Post, pretty soon we are going to be forced to take a new and a hard and a long look at this whole railway business. We're simply not going to be able to continue passing increased costs along.

Long ago, the railways discovered that there is a limit as to what the consumer will pay for moving freight by rail. Already a lot of stuff that used to be moved entirely by rail now goes by truck or ship or through a pipeline. And the higher rail freight rates are hoisted the more business will go to competitors.

The railways know all about this but under the present set-up they can't do much about it. They are not free agents, not by any means. In effect they are told what they must pay for labor and their freight rates, minimum and maximum, are controlled by a government board. Some of them in fact, like grain, are controlled by a rigid agreement that goes back to our grandfathers' time, when wages were a fraction of those that must be paid today and when the cost of a whole train was little more than what a good box car costs now.

Times have changed and changed greatly in the railway business. Once these carriers had almost an absolute monopoly of the transportation business. They haven't anything like a monopoly today. But we are still trying to run the railways in the same old straight jacket of 25 or 50 years ago. There must soon be a face-up of all the facts on railway operations.

Something New Here

Last week Acton Council took the very unusual procedure of holding a special meeting in which by unanimous approval of council, visitors attending the meeting including the press, were excluded. We are quite aware that the case under consideration was the long drawn-out Brankiewicz argument over a right-of-way into lake-view subdivision which has already had a lot of very unfruitful discussions both by council and other groups in town. While these attempts at settlement have seemed endless we have endeavored to report the story as it was told since it was public business in which the town and consequently every ratepayer was involved.

Having duly reported the preliminaries, it is rather odd to miss out on the main bout. It will be interesting to see if the new approach will be more successful. There's an old Chinese saying that a secret is not a secret when it is shared by two persons and it is quite applicable in the present day.

We are not yet perturbed at the new approach but we are more than a trifle surprised at the attitude which is new to Acton public business and the source of the motion which instituted the plan of barring the public from learning at first hand of dealings of Council. It may be there is need for investigation—a need that had never appeared necessary before the present year. The public has a right to full knowledge of the conduct of its business. We hope the incident of last week will not establish a precedent for this town.

It's interesting to note that the withdrawal of citizens was orderly. No one cheered or jeered. There was no fist shaking at council nor any name calling. We hope such tactics will never enter the public meetings held here.

Wind and Pipe

Mention pipeline and thoughts immediately turn to Ottawa. We've read thousands of words on this now infamous issue, in Conservative papers and Liberal papers, in Hansard, the official record of the Commons debates, in a report to the provincial government, in the opinions of editors across Canada as well as what has been broadcast.

To say the issue is clouded would indeed be redundant. Hansard has been jammed with debate that is certainly unbefitting to those whom the voters appointed to represent them.

Perhaps three things come into focus from the distant clouds. The hue and cry of freedom being attacked is coming from the wrong side of the House. There would appear to be a concerted attempt to throttle the majority. Evidently there is little concern on the value of the pipeline itself because the lack of debate had not only been hit by closure but also by a windy opposition apparently attempting to stifle the elected majority.

While this session is being hamstrung with fist shaking at the speaker, consideration of whether to steal the mace or not, preparation of five hour speeches and constant consultation of the rule books, no constructive counter suggestions have been outlined by the opposition as a means of improving on the legislation now under fire. A completely negative attitude rarely accomplishes much.

That a pipe line is necessary, is indicated by at least one provincial government, that of Ontario. Premier Frost, discussing the Ontario section in a speech in February of this year, declared, "I think the present arrangement provides for the fulfillment of a great opportunity which is before our people."

Probably the one advantageous thing that has come from all the lack of self control on Parliament Hill is the fact that the citizens now realize there is a government that is not some distant automation.

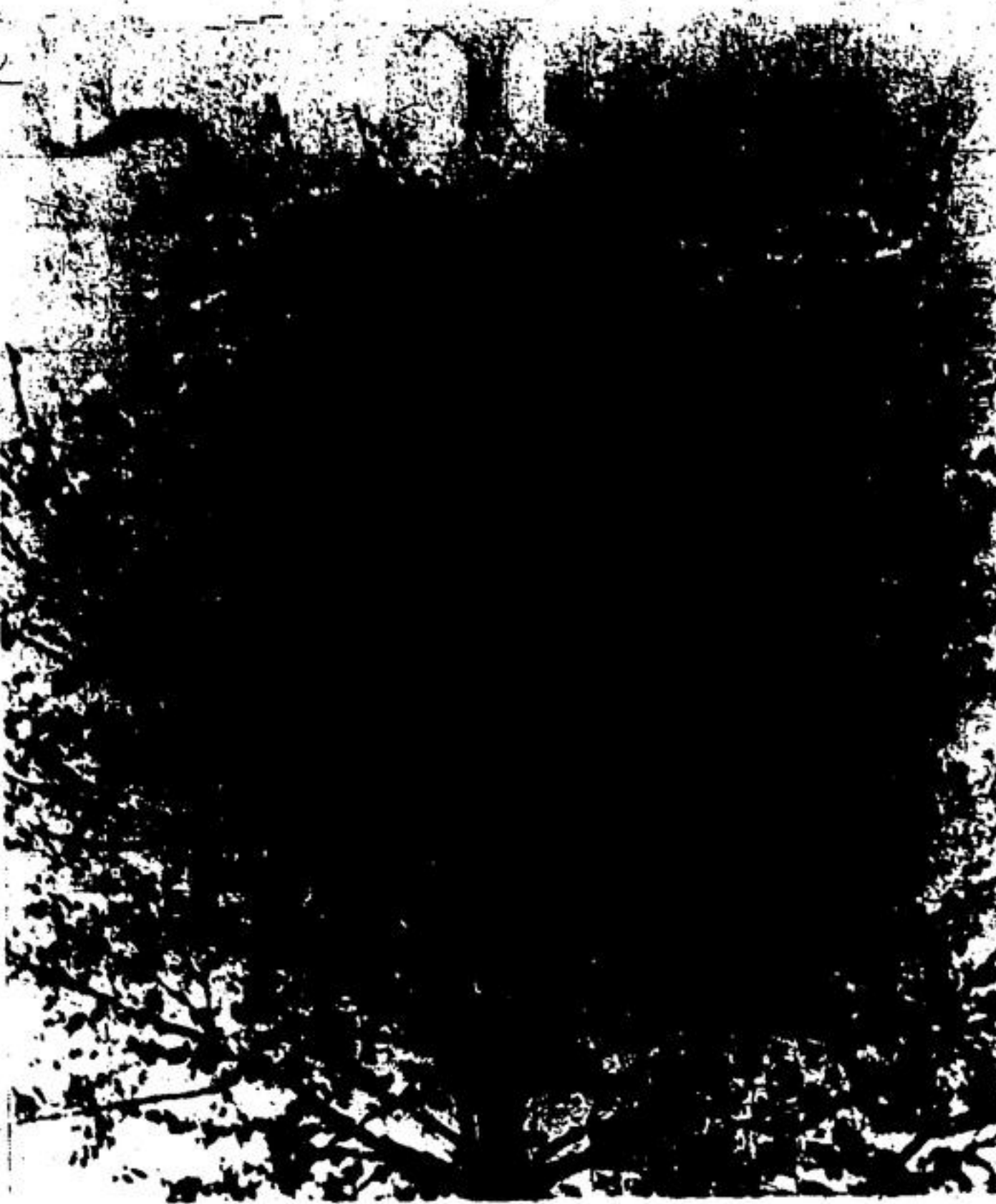
Predictions on the effect of all this turmoil run anywhere from calling a general election this year to thoughts that all will be forgotten by another year. What ever the result, we can only conclude that we are happy to see people more interested in government and more ready to talk about it.

Brief Comment

The majority of people would go along with the idea of main highways by-passing the communities. But an adequate connecting road is by no means an unreasonable request. —Hanna (Alta.) Herald.

We keep having difficulty getting delivery of papers each week in centres ten or 12 miles distant from town. But in the distant places they have much better delivery time. We're sorry when papers are late but assure subscribers the fault is not local. They leave here every Thursday night right on time.

Here's just the thing to wear for this up and down weather we have been having in most of Canada. It is, reports The Financial Post an insulated garment fabric which is a combination of wool, acetate, and Dacron—prevents matting or lumping and preserves insulating air cells. It is said to keep the wearer warm in temperatures as low as minus 20 F. and yet comfortable at ordinary temperatures.



BLOSSOMTIME, usually here and gone a month ago, has only the past week broken over trees in patches of pink and white in this district. Even in the Niagara fruit belt the annually-anticipated Blossom Sunday was weeks late, but this sodden spring has made lateness the rule rather than the exception. —Photos by Esther Taylor

The Bible Today
REV. G. F. FARSON, District Secretary. Upper Canada Bible Society

A new book now goes along with the pencils, ink, and erasers, exercise books and staple readers, in the hands of children leaving the "store" beside the Guatujata Baptist church educational building in Bolivia. It is the New Testament in "Aymara" or "Biblia Aymara."

Years ago the only portions of the Bible in this Indian language were the translation of Luke made over 100 years ago by a priest and a translation of Mark made some 30 years ago by one of the Methodist missionaries. 29 years ago the four Gospels were printed for general missionary work.

Now the whole New Testament has been translated and printed under Bible Society auspices. A Canadian girl, a language specialist, Ellen Ross, has worked on the final corrections of the proofs during the past two years. Three years ago the Canadian of the Canadian Baptist Mission's staff at Guatujata did the work of translation and revision, working in a cold little room, wrapped in gaily striped woollen blankets. Finally the finished text was typed for printing.

Old Days of Dairy Industry Were Poor According to Book

Things were tough in Canada in 1686, according to The Dairy Industry in Canada, a book which traces the history of dairying since the early days of the Dominion there was scarcely a pound of butter to be found in the land.

AT THE CHURCHES

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams M.A., B.D. Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60

Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1956
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evah H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1956
(2nd) SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
4:00 p.m.—Holy Baptism of Infants.

TWO FIRSTS
COCHRANE, ONT. (C.P.) — The first trout ever caught by 10-year-old Joe Michloski was the first entered in the annual fishing derby for this town. 40 miles north of Timmins.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Minister: Rev. A. Newton Reid, Avonlea

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1956
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
A warm welcome awaits you

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Corrus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m.—Ordination Service.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corner.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 64w.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer meeting and Bible study.

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 13, 1936
Guelph, Acton and Milton Rural Power Districts, over the winter and early spring months, added 47 new consumers to hydrop service.

At the annual Junior Farmer Plowing Match and Demonstration, at the farm of Allan Dixon, Nichol township, last Friday, some splendid ridges were turned. The best four ridges were plowed by Kenneth Peddie, George McCormack, Arnold Pickett and Craig Reid. Other prize winners were: Equipping, Kenneth Peddie, Craig Reid, George Alexander, Nassagaweya, George Simpson, Ivan Taylor, Fred Rinehart, Gilbert Hunt, Nelson, George McCormack, Fred Dixon, Lytle Dales, Grant Baker, Truffalgar, Arnold Pickett, John Dixon, Clarence Kingston.

Last Sunday eight young men were ordained at a service in St. Giles' United Church, Hamilton. Among these young men was J. Elvin Gamble of Acton.

Sonia Henje, ten times the holder of the world fancy skating title, has signed a five year "movie" contract, and her film career is to begin August 1.

The new pipe organ has been installed at the United church.
Mr. G. W. Masales is erecting a new and modern dairy house on his premises on Main St. The structure is of cement blocks and will house modern dairy equipment when completed.

Lloyd Dingle of Burlington has been elected president of the Hamilton Liberal-Conservative Association. Among those on the executive are George Cleary, W. B. Puckett, John Allison, W. A. Irving, J. M. McDonald, Dr. C. A. Martin.

On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. George Havill marked their 50th wedding anniversary.
Slot machines in Acton are to be assessed a \$50 license fee. The high school English prize has been won by Sheila Breen.

Acton lost a tough ball game last night to Milton 4-3.
While participating in bicycle races on Guelph's new track, Tom Nicol had a crash that rather badly damaged his bicycle. But he came in second.

The annual sewing meeting of the Eden Mills Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Wilson. Mrs. Bimo is the president. One large quilt was finished and several articles of baby clothes made. Last night's shower was badly needed.

BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 7, 1906
For many years the possibilities of Fairy Lake as a pleasure resort have been talked about and various suggestions made, but nothing definite has been done. One citizen, at least has faith in Acton's summer resort. Mr. J. Carnochan, with a view to popularizing our beautiful sheet of water, and incidentally of deriving some pecuniary return, has purchased an up-to-date gasoline launch, which he proposes renting for trips. The launch is of strictly modern type, a 19 footer, with four horse engine which is guaranteed to drive her from six to eight miles an hour.

(Following are extracts from a large advertisement set in large and fancy type with illustrations.)
Banks Baird's Magnificent Scene Production, Uncle Tom's Cabin, travelling in our own Pullman Sleeping and Dining Cars, will exhibit at Acton on Friday, June 8, in waterproof tents. Magnificent Transformation Scene of 15 Minutes Duration, of Eva in Heaven escorted by angels, with "The Power of Roses," "The Power of Butterflies," "The Silver Lined Clouds," etc. Audience requested to remain seated. The Most Beautiful Picture of a Plantation ever Depicted. We carry every variety of scenery. 5 man-hunting Siberian Bloodhounds 5-35 People 35. Thrilling Floating Ice Scene showing the escape of Eliza with the bloodhounds in hot pursuit. Baird's Military Band and Orchestra. Street Parade at 4 p.m. I have spared no expense in securing the first choice of Historic Talent, Gorgeous and Appropriate Scenery, Mechanical and Electrical Effects, etc. Obediently, Banks Baird.

"Lacked but not discouraged" is the way one of the members of the Lacrosse team described the result of Saturday's game in Guelph. The score was 14-1. The Acton boys played a remarkably gentlemanly game.

One of Acton's respected citizens, Mr. Abraham Stauffer, lost his life in an accident at the tannery Saturday morning.

Wonderful growing weather. The local company of soldier boys is in good shape as usual and will proceed to camp at Niagara on Tuesday. The officers in charge will be as follows: Captain Ford, Lieut. Gamble, Col. Sergt. Lynn, Sergt. Coley, Craps and Wainbrough and Corp. Swackhamer. They recruits this year are mostly Englishmen and Scotchmen who have come to town recently.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

MEDICAL

DR. W. G. C. KENNEY
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Office in Symon Block,
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Residence 115 Church St. E.
Phone 158

DR. D. A. GARRETT
Physician and Surgeon
Corner of Willow and River Sts
Entrance River Street
Acton, Ontario
Phone 238

DR. ROBERT D. BUCKNER
Physician and Surgeon
39 Wellington St., Acton, Ont.
Phone 678
Office Hours 8-8 p.m.

DENTAL

DR. A. J. BUCHANAN
Dental Surgeon
Office—Leishman Block, Mill St.
Office Hours—8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
X-RAY
Telephone 148

DR. H. LEIB
Dental Surgeon
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Frederick Streets
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TELEPHONE 19 - ACTON

OPTICAL

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Optometrist
46 Mill St. E. Phone 115
Office Hours
Wednesdays 1:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Evenings by appointment

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Veterinarian
Office and Residence—24 Knox Ave.
Acton—Phone 139

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Veterinary Surgeons
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Brampton Toronto
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ACTON STUDIO
St. Alban's Parish Hall
14 PARK AVE. GUELPH
Phone 299

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAY COACH LINES
COACHES LEAVE ACTON

Daylight Saving Time
Eastbound
6:30 a.m., 8:56 a.m., 11:33 a.m., 1:08 p.m., 3:06 p.m., 6:33 p.m., 8:52 p.m., 10:06 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.)

Westbound
10:27 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 7:21 p.m., 9:12 p.m., 11:32 p.m., 11:2 a.m. Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m.; 7:19 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 8:08 a.m.; 4:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily 11:41 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:08 a.m., 1:56 p.m. (Sun. only); 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 1:20 p.m.; Sunday only 8:08 a.m. (Sun. only); Sunday only Flyer at Georgetown 1:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to Ottawa passengers from West Toronto and beyond 1:31 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 4:07 p.m.