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Last train Friday GO bus Monday

Acton's last passenger train ceases to operate this Friday, November 14. The commuter service, which ran from Guelph to Toronto each morning and back each night, will be replaced by a bus which will connect with the GO train from Georgetown station.

Starting Monday GO transit will run a GO bus from Guelph through Rockwood and Acton which will allow commuters to connect with GO trains going from Georgetown to Union Station, Toronto.

GO is starting this new service as a replacement for the CN commuter train from Guelph which will cease operating this Friday.

Last month the Canadian Transport Commission gave CN permission to cancel the commuter train runs from Guelph, Rockwood, Acton, Georgetown, Brampton and Milton to Toronto.

The train, designated number 160, in the morning, and 161 in the afternoon, began operating in 1962. CN first tried to discontinue the train in 1969 but residents in Georgetown, Acton and other spots along the route went to hearings in Guelph and fought hard to keep the train running.

CN received permission last month to cancel the ser-

vice after it operated at a loss of \$480,000 last year. The number of commuters riding the train had dropped from over 300 in 1969 to less than 100 last year.

CN rail officials blame the tremendous success of the Georgetown GO trains, started in the spring of 1974, for the rapid decline in customers on the Guelph commuter train.

Year indicate an average of six people were boarding the train in Acton, another three passengers got on in Rockwood and 27 were from Guelph.

Change Tests taken during the last GO officials believe many people who used to get on the commuter train in Acton now drive to Georgetown and take the GO train to Toronto.

The new GO bus from Guelph to Georgetown will leave Guelph at 6.35 a.m. and stop in Rockwood at 6.45 a.m. and Acton at 6.57 a.m.

Passengers on the buses

will have a short wait for the 7.25 a.m. GO train after arriving in Georgetown. The train arrives in Toronto at 8.15 a.m.

In the evening commuters will take the 5.10 p.m. GO train which arrives in Georgetown at 6.05 p.m. and then take the GO bus to Acton, Rockwood and Guelph. The bus will stop in Acton at 6.28 p.m. and Rockwood at 6.37 p.m. It will end the run in Guelph each evening at 6.50 p.m.

The bus will stop at Watson's Restaurant and the CN station in Acton and the north corners in Rockwood.

Immediately following the Canadian Transport Commission decision to allow the cancellation of the train, GO transit stepped in and announced the new bus service.

Officials don't know how successful the services will be but think it will draw customers not only from the cancelled commuter train but also from the car commuting public. It is also hoped some of the Acton commuters who have been driving to Georgetown will now take the GO bus.

The new bus service will only operate weekdays.



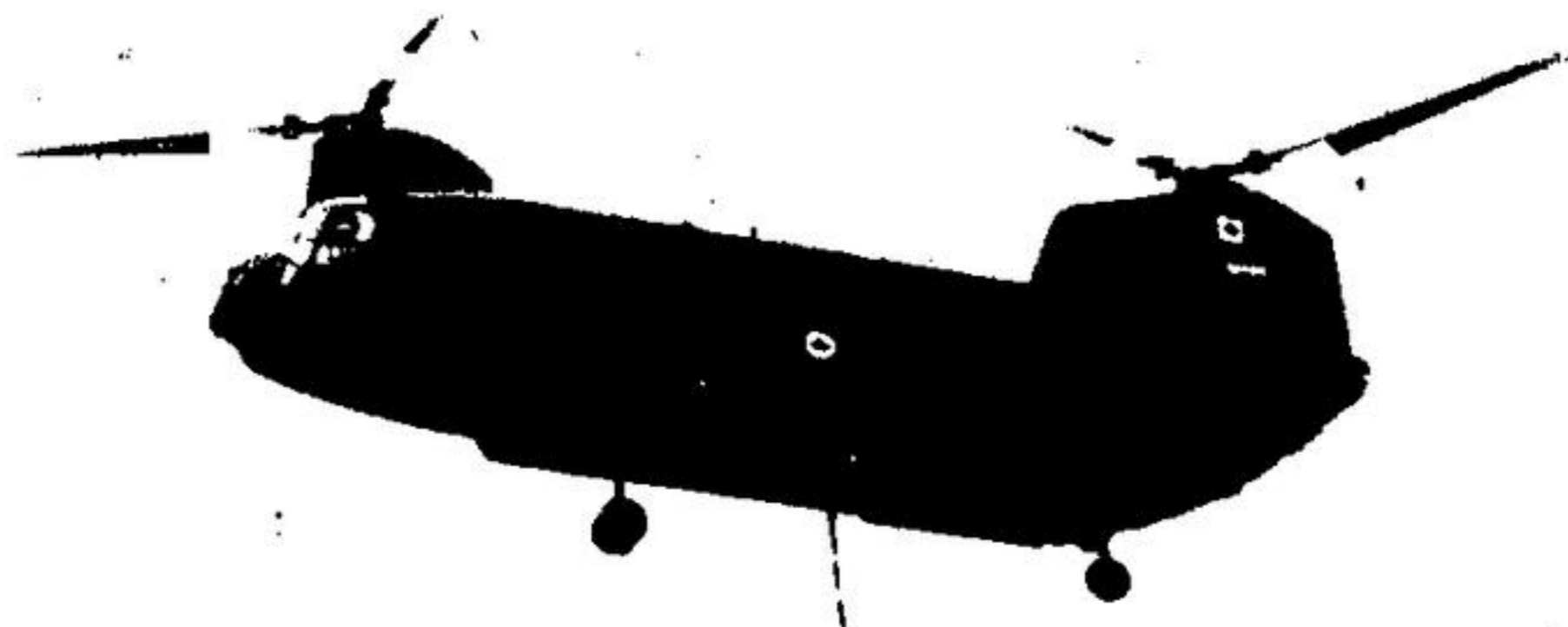
PRE-SCHOOL GYM teacher Thelma Cooper gives pupil Catherine Kinnon a kiss for her fourth birthday. See Page 13.

Out of hospital

Two of the three victims in the triple shooting on October 27 have been released from hospital and the third, Wayne Mayer, nine, is in satisfactory condition in Toronto Sick Children's hospital, according to investigating officer Halton Regional Police Detective Sergeant Keith Robertson.

The officer said Guy Mayer, 49, had been released from Toronto General Hospital "some time ago" and Mrs. Hilda Baron was able to leave Guelph General hospital on Friday.

Horst Baron, charged with attempted murder, is in custody in jail at Milton. Bail was refused.



Actually, it's a jet trainer for the Legion

Copter delivers Legion's jet

After almost two years of negotiations and hopes, Acton Legion has an aircraft ready to be mounted on a pedestal outside the new building.

The T33 jet plane arrived Sunday at 1 o'clock in a flurry of excitement. Hundreds watched enthralled as a huge Chinook 147 helicopter carrying the trainer slung below it whirled in over the treetops and set down its precious load right in the centre of a newly-paved parking area near the Legion.

The force of the down draft forced nearby spectators to huddle into their coats, bend and turn. Clods of earth and leaves swirled violently for yards around until the helicopter crew cast loose their load, moved into the nearby field and settled their craft down on the grass.

Then the crowds came rushing in, cameras snapping all the time. They surrounded the new souvenir plane, poking its packing of mattresses and peeping in the high windows.

They found they were welcomed into the helicopter and taken on impromptu tours by the friendly crew of six.

For the crowd of people waiting in the Legion parking lot Sunday, the dramatic landing of the plane was the culmination of rumors and stories that had been circulating for months.

Johnny Goy could make no promises, but he had high hopes when he set out about 17 months ago to try to locate an aircraft for the Legion. He had heard surplus craft were for sale, and he went searching. This one was in a hangar at Camp Borden, no longer in use. And so the discussions and applications for permission started. Just recently the plans hit a snag, and one department frowned on the procedure. Here, smiles John, he got invaluable co-operation from Halton M.P. Dr. Frank Philbrook.

The helicopter crew was happy to have an actual load to convey as experience for their aircraft and its crew. However, they simply can't go doing jobs for civilians whenever they're requested. There were channels.

And Acton Legion paid \$400 toward the transportation costs of bringing the aircraft here.

Cut off wings

For John, the final approval to bringing the trainer here by air was a big relief. At one time, he and his men were going to have to cut off its wings and bring it here by truck. (Goy's Transport, probably.) And they knew the resoldered wings would never really be strong and safe.

The way things ended had John and all his Legion colleagues beaming Sunday.

But John isn't perfectly happy. Not quite yet. He wants a field piece, to represent the Army. And something to represent the Navy, maybe an anchor. And he hasn't hesitated to drop the word as he dealt with Armed Forces personnel during this peacetime manoeuvre!

The T33 jet plane is still used in training and there are two squadrons of them—24 planes—out west. They are mainly used now for radar target practice since they are small and elusive. The plane is made by Canadair in Canada. It has a Rolls-Royce engine and gas tanks on the wings. It had been towed to the

lawn near the Legion and surrounded by snow fence for protection from the thoughtless and curious.

A cement base has been poured but still required a few more days to dry.

The metal pylon is ready to hold the plane aloft at its planned five degree angle. With its 38-foot wing spread, that will make a definite banking impression—as if the plane is about to soar out over the lake. A mannequin will be placed inside it in uniform and the whole tableau will be floodlit. Installation is expected a week from Saturday.

A weathervane donated by Fred Wright will be moved to a new location. Alex Fraser, general manager of Marley Canadian, did the engineering and fabricating of the steel pylon.

Alex Fraser and John Goy, with Ted Pope, Willie Halladay, Ed Smith and Steve Goy, went up to Camp Borden to get the plane ready for the trip. They cut into the body of the craft and installed a frame on the bottom of it which will fit onto the pylon.

This work has been done for about a month.

John Goy has words of special appreciation for Maj. A. S. Armstrong and Capt. Beleski, who are stationed in Borden, for helping with arrangements there.

On exercise The Chinook 147 helicopter is the biggest in use in Canada and was made in Morton, Pennsylvania. It was built for lifting heavy loads and logistics support; can carry 44 troops or 25 stretcher patients.

This one is based in Ottawa and was in Borden for a week on an exercise. It also flew a similar plane in the same way to Dundas. With Capt. Pat Moran who was at the controls, were Capt. Jerry Fryer, Corp. Jim Cooper, who handled the load, Corp. Charlie Charles, Corp. Harry Gillard the engineer, and Corp. "Zap" Zahoriney.

All are with the regular forces and the crew included a student load master and engineer.

The plane weighed 7200 pounds and the helicopter's

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Floats, clowns, bands getting ready for parade

Santa Claus is coming to town — on Saturday, December 13.

The Acton Y's Men are arranging a reception for him with Acton Citizens' Band, Georgetown Pipe Band and Georgetown Majorettes providing the musical accompaniment.

Participation from the skating club, Agricultural Society, firefighters, Scouting and Guiding sections, Junior Farmers, The Saturday Morning Club, John Deere, Halton Hills Electric, Page Glass and Mirrors, regional police, the Anglican church and a group of young men is all being arranged. George Presniak has volunteered to be the jolly fellow himself.

Santa receives The parade will begin at 1.30 p.m. at the former train station site, and will proceed to the scout hall where refreshments will be given.

Anxious children can meanwhile go to the Y.M.C.A. where Santa Claus will be waiting. Legion ladies are donating his candy canes. Donations of any amount will be appreciated and the Chamber of Commerce is giving their full support.

Clowns will also have a part in the parade. It is emphasized that any children wishing to dress up may join right in. Floats are still needed and anyone or any group may put them in the parade.

These plans proceeded swiftly at a meeting called by the Y's Men in the Y Monday evening. The committee will meet again on Nov. 24 and Dec. 8 at 7.30 p.m.

Happy The Y's Men were very pleased with the attendance at their meeting, and the number of unexpected volunteers who showed up. They will be seeking donations to pay the bands and provide prize money for the best floats.

Winner in Ohio

Fred Kentner of R.R. 3, Acton, came home from Columbus, Ohio, this weekend a champ.

His White Leghorns walked off with all but two of the national trophies, including the championship trophy for the best Leghorn in America. Several hundred birds were in the competition.

Eight large trophies are added to the huge display of silverware he has collected across North America in past years. This year, one of the trophies received was in the form of a battery clock.

Mr. Kentner is well-known in the Acton area, not only for his Leghorns but also his construction company.



FRED KENTNER proudly displays the eight trophies he won this past weekend in Columbus, Ohio, in the National White Leghorn Meet.

Drug charges end investigation at h.s.

Detectives charged one juvenile and one youth in Acton with possession of hashish and marijuana for the purpose of trafficking last week.

The arrests culminated two months of investigations of drug activities at Acton high school.

The first arrest was of a juvenile who was found in possession of seven cubes of hashish, which police valued at \$75 and money the juvenile had collected from the sale of the drug was also seized by officers.

As a result of that investigation, detectives proceeded to arrest an Acton youth with possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking. The young male was found in possession of one pound of marijuana and a quarter pound of hashish cubes.

Police said the drugs they seized were worth approximately \$2,000. In addition, officers seized \$513.75 in cash.

"He was putting the drugs out to juveniles at the high school to sell for him," Detective Tom Nicholson said.

He said more arrests of juveniles who were involved in the drug selling operation are pending.

RCMP officers and Halton Regional Police detectives raided six Georgetown area homes at 5 a.m. Wednesday, November 5, and arrested nine persons and laid 10 drug charges.

Various quantities of marijuana, hashish, liquid hashish and LSD were seized by officers during the raid. The arrests culminated several months of investigation stretching back to last summer.

A total of 10 charges resulted from the early morning arrests.

Five of the charges coming under the Narcotics Control Act were for possession and four others were for possession for the purpose of trafficking. The charge under the Food and Drug Act involved LSD.

The nine people, all in their late teens and early 20's included seven men and two women.

Police had warrants to search all six homes.



FAMILY AND friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sprowl to celebrate the 96th birthday of Jimmy Jesseman. See Page 2.

Union members favor vote on P.O. strike

"No change" is postmaster Gord McKeown's report about the Acton post office Tuesday.

No more union members have returned to work to join Vic Bristow, who went back last week. Mr. McKeown said again this week if one or two come back to work, he can re-engage the letter carriers and rural carriers "at least to serve our own customers."

He pointed out it would be expensive service, but better than none.

Mr. Bristow and all those who work for the post office are required to pay union

dues. However, Mr. Bristow chose not to join the local. "Every postal clerk is a member of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers," Mr. McKeown explained.

Very little mail is being posted here, but Mr. Bristow is being kept busy doing other jobs the staff doesn't normally have time for.

Favors vote Acton union steward Clive Lawrence, Brampton, said there's "nothing new" this week to report. No other Acton staff have returned to work.

Mr. Lawrence attended the

union meeting in Toronto last Saturday. He would like to have an opportunity to vote, and thinks all the other Acton workers would, too.

Union president Wilma Chapman agrees there should be a vote of members.

Arrangements People have been finding ways of coping with the lack of postal delivery.

Several businesses have had employees out delivering their own bills and cheques. Most of these deliveries are local but some companies need to deliver bills as far as

Toronto where the staff are encountering the many private postal services.

Two Georgetown postal workers have set up a distribution service of their own and are willing to deliver mail in Georgetown and Acton for ten cents a letter. They are contacting companies this week.

One Acton letter carrier was engaged to deliver one set of bills here.

Rural carriers are engaged by the Free Press to deliver the newspapers on their routes.

Notices such as the Legion newsletter and Walker Lodge notices are being taken to the homes of members.

People have contacted the Ventures about taking on delivery duties but most of these young men have other jobs and found they would be required to complete the job more quickly than they could handle. The high school was also asked if any groups wanted to deliver bills but didn't take on the task.

High school students delivered the letters of thanks after commencement directly to their recipients.