

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - 1976

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Alexandria

Vars

Two pictures

Some April Fools trick, the conductor of this CN diesel may have thought as he watched workmen loading the Vars station on to a truck April 1. Cumberland Township is moving the station, with the help of a \$13,000 LIP grant and the expert help of Drummond Bros. Ltd of Almonte. "They did an impressive job," Cumberland Recreation Director, Paul Lavigne, said. He also expressed thanks to Laurent Leblanc who donated 400 tons of crushed rock for the museum site and Albert Bergeron for allowing heavy machinery across his property during transportation of the station.

Born in County Tyrone, Ireland, 89 years ago, Jack Kyle of Vars watches foreman Dave Drummond help dismantle the old Vars station in preparation for its shipment to Cumberland. In Cumberland the station is to be refurbished and used as the township's museum

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Chalk River

Woman killed in car-train crash

Arnprior. A car-train collision about four miles east of here Wednesday claimed the life of an Arnprior area woman.

Mrs. Lola Moorehead, 59, of RR 1, Arnprior, was alone in a car travelling south on the Galetta side road about 8:30 a.m. when it was struck by a westbound Canadian Pacific freight.

Hank Manders, who lives about 50 yards from the crossing said he heard the train whistle, looked out and saw the train hit the front side of the car. The car was hurled about 40 feet against the signal post.

There were no lights or wig wags at the crossing.

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Belleville

Perth

Perth. Canadian Pacific Railroad crews are working today cleaning up the aftermath of a train derailment along the main line four miles east of here.

Thirty cars of a 94-car freight train bound for Montreal from Toronto went off the tracks about 11.30 p.m. Sunday. The freight cars were piled two and three high in places.

CP Rail officials said that there were no dangerous commodities being carried by any of the derailed cars. Most of the cars contained wood and building materials.

There have been no estimates made of the damages caused to the rail line and the cause of the mishap has not yet been determined.

Five hundred feet of track were torn up in the derailment. CP Rail spokesman Herb Brookes said that they hoped to complete repairs by midnight tonight.

Meanwhile all freight deliveries between Toronto and Montreal have been postponed.

Railway officials said there were no injuries in the mishap.