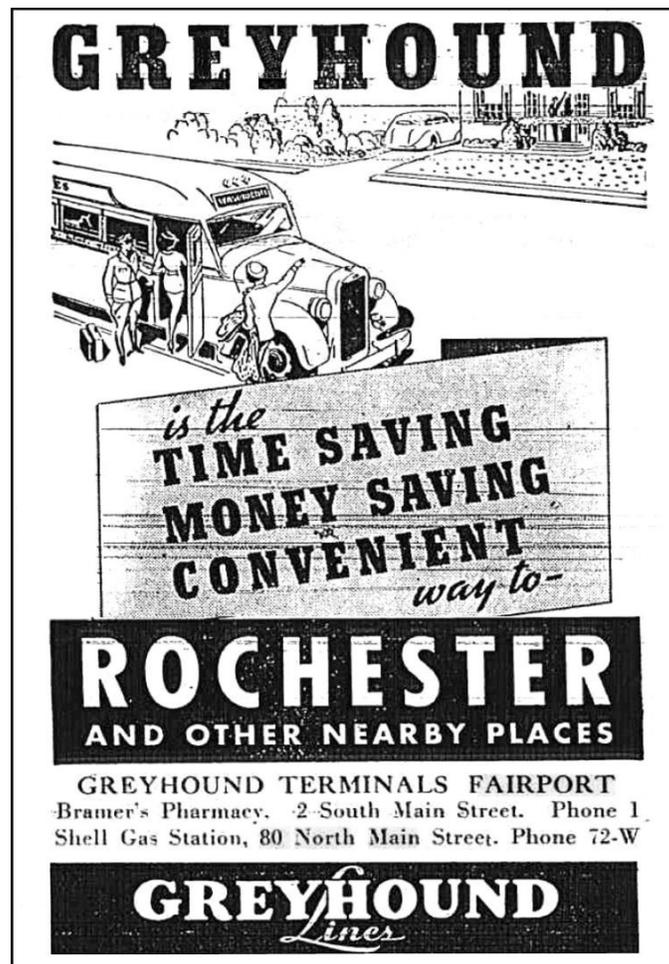


Bus Garage to Bistro at 80 North Main Street

Take a trip to 80 North Main Street and you will find yourself at Compans, a cozy bistro known for a variety of Italian specialties and gourmet pizzas named after Fairport Streets. Visitors to the same address in the 1930s were not served dinner, but rather a ticket for the next Greyhound bus leaving town.

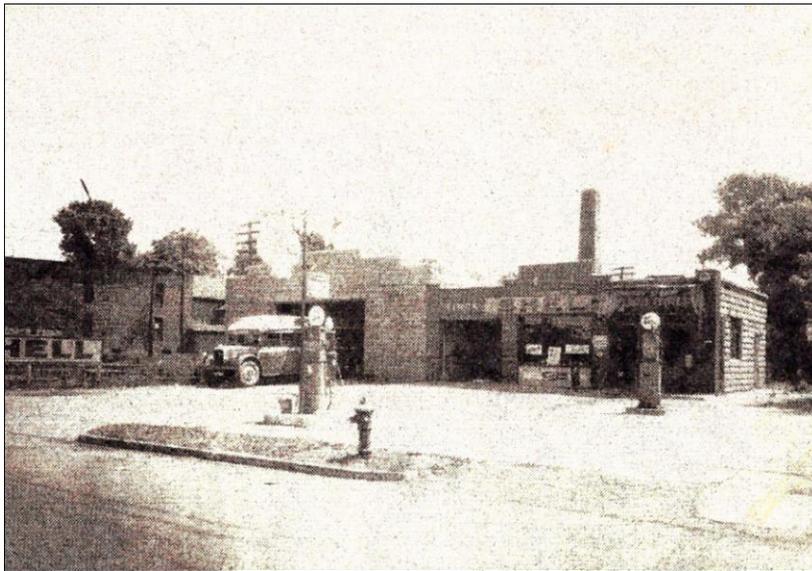


Greyhound advertised frequently in the Fairport newspapers. Tickets were available at Bramer's Pharmacy, and the depot was located at 80 North Main Street for many years.

After 25 years of service, bankruptcy brought the trolleys of the Rochester, Syracuse and Eastern to a halt in June of 1931. Greyhound bus service immediately filled the void, to the dismay of the New York Central Railroad, which had hoped to capitalize on the situation. Greyhound offered service to big cities and to commuters who needed a daily lift. A trip to

Rochester in 1931 was a 25 cent fare, and workers at the New York Central car shops or the piano works at East Rochester paid a dime. A round trip to New York City could be purchased for less than ten dollars. By 1949 it cost a Greyhound traveler \$90.00 for a ride to San Francisco, including the return trip to Fairport.

The Greyhound ticket office was located at Bramer's Drug Store at the corner of South Main Street and West Avenue, but soon many bus patrons urged the company to also offer ticket sales on the village's north side. Edwin Jordan got the business, and by December of 1931 he dedicated a portion of his Shell gas and service station to Greyhound ticket sales, and also added a waiting room for bus customers.



In this early 1930s photo, a Greyhound bus peeks from the garage at 80 North Main Street, where today the popular bistro named Compaine is located.

In 1932 Jordan built a 75 x 40 foot concrete block building, attached to his Shell service station. A 1934 edition of the Fairport Herald-Mail covered the news as follows: *“Mr. Jordan saw an opportunity for serving the residents of the north side of the town by providing them a nice bus ticket office and waiting room, and he made a deal with the bus people for this service. All Greyhound buses, both local and long distance, contact that station. He also built a large roomy garage at the north of the lot, and has storage there for Greyhound buses needing to remain in Fairport overnight. There is also storage for cars of the public.”*

Edwin Jordan's bus garage has been many things since the Greyhound days. Lake Beverage used the building as a beer warehouse in the 1950s and into the 1960s, and for many years Conking and Calabrese sold building supplies there. Stop in at Compaine, 80 North Main Street, and try to imagine the scene in the 1930s, when you could purchase a ticket and take a Greyhound bus to East Rochester, or across America.