

Author brings charm of old railway stations to Midland

Elizabeth Wilmot, author of *Meet Me At The Station*, met with 30 admirers and fellow enthusiasts at Midland's public library last week, and talked about her great passion - early Ontario railway stations.

The architecture of these rural buildings, many of them abandoned now, seems an unlikely hobby for an attractive blonde. She explains her enthusiasm this way: "My father was an architect. Wherever we went, he was always pointing out particular details of buildings and I think that opened my eyes to the joys of seeking out old railway stations. They were built with such pride and individuality."

Miss Wilmot told her audience that 1853 marked the beginning of the golden age of railways in Canada. "And the stations that were built along the lines were a joy to each village. Each one had a personality and was the scene of many (and sad) comings and goings."

Now, with the decline in rail service, and the emphasis on speed and efficiency, the old stations are disappearing. "What we gained in speed, we lost in romance," said Miss Wilmot.

With her, she brought a collection of 85 coloured slides that she gathered through Ontario. Although the aban-

donment of many of the charming old rural stations is cause for regret, Miss Wilmot noted cheerfully that many of them have been put to other community uses - museums, club rooms, art centres and restaurants.

Still others have been converted into homes. This meets with the unqualified approval of Ontario's foremost railway station enthusiast.

As a photograph of one particularly charming building was flashed on screen Miss Wilmot sighed like an art collector viewing an early Kriehoff. "Now that's a station I'd really like to own!"



Elizabeth Wilmot and fan

An appreciative audience of railway buffs turned out to welcome Canadian author Elizabeth Wilmot during her slide presentation at the library last week. Some brought copies of Ms. Wilmot's book. Here, Reeve Dunsford of Wimblewood has his book signed by the author. Staff photo

Bantam B's win 2-1 over Wasaga

Midland South Shore Bantam B's shut out Wasaga Beach for 59 minutes and 57 seconds while scoring two goals themselves.

Keith Sager and Ken Boyer scored for Midland with Mike Wristen picking up an assist. R. Richards from Wasaga made the score 2-1 with three seconds remaining.

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Jeanette Rivet of Midland dies

Jeanette Marie Rivet, wife of the late Omer Rivet of 480 Elizabeth Street, Midland, died at the Toronto General Hospital on January 29, 1977. Mrs. Rivet was 67 years old.

The late Mrs. Jeanette Rivet rested at the Nicholls Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be said from St. Margaret's Church Midland, on Thursday February 3, with spring interment at St. Margaret's Cemetery, Midland.

Mrs. Rivet is lovingly remembered by 31 grandchildren and 8

great-grandchildren. Predeceased by 3 brothers and 3 sisters, she is survived by her children Germaine (Mrs. Art Ambeau, London) Joseph, Ottawa, and Sharon, (Mrs. Bill Ellery) Midland.

Mrs. Rivet was stepmother to Lorette (Mrs. Harvey Boyd) Midland; Donald, Montreal; Margaret (Mrs. Art Olsen) Scarborough; Omer, Fullerton California; Theresa (Mrs. John Barutski) Bolton; and Mary (Mrs. Al Faiella of Garden Grove, California).

Nelson John Jones of Vasey dies

Nelson John Jones, beloved husband of Muriel Grigg and the late Margaret Elliott, died on Friday January 28 at his late residence on County Road 23, Vasey.

Funeral services were held at the Nicholls Funeral Home on Monday January 31 at 1:30 p.m. Spring interment follows, at Vasey Union Cemetery.

Mr. Jones is survived by daughters Shirlev (Mrs. Bob Riley)

Cookstown and Mary (Mrs. Victor Campbell) Wyevalle, and by sons Brian of Tay Township, Dean of Missassauga, Jack of Scarborough and Ron of Ebenezzer.

He is also survived by sisters Dorothy Miller of Hillsdale, Irene (Mrs. Frank Wilford) Midland and a brother Graham Jones, of Wyebridge.

He is lovingly remembered by 21 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

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Minister: Rev. Sydney McDonald BA Phones: The Church 322-1411, The Manse, 322-2453 Elmvale Church: Christian Education, 10 a.m. Christian Worship, 11 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA St. John's - Elmvale

Minister: Rev. B. Gazzard Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Nursery during Service) Phones: Church 322-1472, Manse 322-1522 Wyevalle United Church: 11:30 a.m. Waverley United Church: 10:00 a.m. Rev. Allan J. McLaughlin, Minister

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