

Train station author tells of past history of local CN rail depot



Elizabeth Willmott, author of "Meet Me at the Station" presented a slide show and signed autographs last week at Whitchurch -

Stouffville Library. The event was co-sponsored by the library and John Lord Books.

STOUFFVILLE — How to see the Stouffville Canadian National Railway station preserved was one question asked of Elizabeth Willmott last week at Whitchurch - Stouffville Library.

She was on hand to present a slide program in connection with her book "Meet Me at the Station," a photo journalism record of old stations around Ontario. The program was co-sponsored by the library and John Lord's Books, Stouffville.

"I do hope we'll always see it standing right there and we'll see it restored," said Miss Willmott. Besides being an author, Miss Willmott has crusaded to save old train stations, many of which she believes have architectural and historic importance.

"If a community is really keen about saving a station, they will find a way," she said.

Jean Barkey of the Whitchurch - Stouffville

Museum Board said, "we feel (the station) is worth \$150 - \$165,000, and we'd hate to lose it."

The board has suggested the station be moved to the town museum site in Bogartown.

The slide presentation included a variety of ways that old stations have been put to use, including a private residence, a library, a senior citizen drop-in centre, and a museum, among other uses.

Miss Willmott pointed out that one problem connected with using old stations on their current sites is that the train companies are hesitant because of the safety factor — children running onto the tracks, and so on.

She suggested that for the Stouffville Centennial, the tradition of a "floral arch" be revived, and an old steam engine chartered. In the old days, on an important occasion, each com-

munity would construct an arch of flowers for the train to pass under.

The train stations in those days, usually were built by carpenters who were given no plans to go by, she said, and often, they put creative woodwork into the structure.

About the Stouffville station, Miss Willmott said, "they had a good time building that."

One unique feature of the railway line running through Stouffville, according to Miss Willmott, is that it is one of two narrow-gauge tracks in Ontario.

To show that "railways were not nearly as romantic as we'd like to think," Miss Willmott mentioned the "Watermelon Special" that used to pass through Stouffville in the earliest days. Benches were nailed to the floor of flat bed cars, and passengers "sat on them and rode down to Toronto eating their watermelon."



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Victoria Square news

Harry Barber's pass 50th anniversary

By MRS. W. SANDLE

Another Euchre party will be held in the Community Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary by holding "Open House" in

the Victoria Square Community Hall on Saturday, Nov. 27th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

The Rev. Peter Wyatt of the Whitevale pastoral charge exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Victor Shepherd on Sunday morning.

Sunday, Nov. 28 at 11:30 a.m. the Rev. Victor

Shepherd will be in charge of the service. Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Henderson, (Lois Draper) and family have moved from Udora to Stouffville.

The many friends of Mrs. Treanor Canning will be pleased to hear that she is able to be home from York Central Hospital.

Mrs. Barbara Hart, Judy and Wendy, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hart attended the Tapscott Wheeler wedding held in the Agincourt United Church

on Saturday afternoon and the reception that followed in the Fiesta Room.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Clark, (Ellen Boynton) who were married Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Winger of Kindersley, Saskatchewan visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heise and other friends in the district.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Winger, (Lois Heise) of Carlisle, Penn., spent Wednesday of last week

with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heise.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Scott Richardson, (Pat Williams) Nov. 26; Mrs. Richard Frisby, Dec. 2; Peter Vanderkooy, Dec. 2.

A speedy recovery is wished for Wayne Boreau who is in the York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

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Gormley news

Advent services set

By MRS. E. MILSTED

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill McDonald, Mrs. Dora Dawson and Steve, all of Willowdale, were dinner guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright and family.

Mr. Larry Ashton has been a patient in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Peter Steckley had surgery on Friday in the Wellesley Hospital in Toronto.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger were Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore and family of Wainfleet, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Winger and family of Nakina, Northern Ont.

The Hiding Place will be showing in the Odeon Theatre in Newmarket Dec. 3 to 9. Group tickets may be purchased at a reduced rate from the local churches.

Mr. Fred Tiesen of the Canadian Home Bible League will be the guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. on

Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Missionary Church.

Special Advent services will be held at the Heise Hill Church for four Sundays beginning Nov. 28, at 11 a.m. For the four Sunday evening

Ringwood news

Return from Israel

RINGWOOD — Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown of Bishop's Mill in the Ottawa district visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley, and also his aunt, Mrs. Verna Grove, of Parkview Home, on the weekend.

Relatives and friends gathered in the basement of the Christian church on Saturday evening to shower John Fockler and fiancée Sylvia Gaarkeuken with gifts and good wishes.

Shirley Steckley and Ruth Fox have returned from a delightful three week trip to Israel.

Mrs. Joseph Fockler and her sister-in-law,

Mrs. Mehafeff have returned from visiting relatives in the western provinces.

Mrs. Joseph Fockler and Mrs. William Mehafeff have returned home from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Roderick MacDonald and family and Wilmot Fockler and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fockler of Ringwood who became grandparents on Nov. 10 when a little baby son Joseph David arrived.

Norman Fockler is home again from overseas where he visited relatives.

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TOWN OF MARKHAM

NOTICE

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Regular Polls Will Be Open On

Monday, December 6th, 1976

Between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the election of the following offices as required:

1. Mayor
2. Two members to be elected at large for the combined office of Regional and Local Council.
3. One Councillor for each of the Wards: one, five, six, and seven to serve the area municipality of the Town of Markham for the years 1977 and 1978.

and also
For the election of the following offices as required:
1. Four members for the York County Board of Education
Area 1 (Wards 1, 2 and 7) — 2 members
Area 3 (Wards 4 and 5) — 2 members

ADVANCE POLL

For persons who expect to be unable to vote on polling day in the polling subdivisions for which their names appear on the polling lists.

Advance Polls will be open at:

1. The Municipal Office, 8911 Woodbine Avenue, at Buttonville
2. Markham Arena, 12 Wellington Street, Markham.
3. Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill, on Saturday, November 27th, 1976 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PROXY VOTE APPOINTMENTS may be obtained from the address below and must be certified by the Returning Officer, up to 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 30th, 1976.

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