

**Wilmot Stover**

# 40 years service at Stouffville Bakery

By Don Bernard  
STOUFFVILLE — Wilmot Stover may not be a familiar name to many people in Stouffville, but the man carrying the name has worked in the Stouffville Bakery for 40 years, and is well-known in town.

When he was attending Summitville School as a boy, Mr. Stover picked up the nickname Casper and it has stayed with him ever since.

Last week Casper retired as cake and pastry baker at that Main Street establishment. His whole life has been spent in the Stouffville - Markham area. He was born south of town in 1904 and started at Mongolia School. Later the family moved to Dickson Hill and he attended that school.

In the spring of 1919, the Stovers moved to Stouffville and his older brother Ambrose bought the bakery from Frank Gordon. Casper began as a baker's helper in 1924. Things were different in those days, Casper told The Tribune. "Mostly bread than and buns," he said. "There was no store because most of the bread was delivered by horse and wagon."

In 1934 he married a Stouffville girl, Hazel Boyd. It was 1938 that he left Stouffville Bakery and worked for the bakery in Markham. He was there eight years, after going down there to give the owner a hand for short time. After a stint there, he decided to seek an outside job and became gardener at the Briar Bush Hospital. But ended up in the kitchen there also. After two years there, Casper went back to his original job at Stouffville Bakery. That was in 1948.

"I've given 40 years to this bakery," he said. "There's been a tremendous change over the years."

"It was all hard work then, but now it's all done by machine," he added. "It was kneaded and moulded by hand and every loaf had to be weighed."

He conceded that today's method are, "faster".

What about his retirement? Casper concedes that he might have trouble finding enough to do after working full-time, but he hopes to devote more time to his green house. "I grow every kind of flower I can get," he said.



Casper Stover stands by his oven at Stouffville Bakery just prior to his retirement after a total of 40 years at the bakery. He hopes to spend a great deal of time in his green house during his retirement. Don Bernard.

## Large fish catch thrills youngster

CLAREMONT — Six-year-old John Taylor of Claremont accomplished something he may never forget. While fishing with his parents, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor, tagged a 36 inch muskie, just over 10 lbs. The fish was caught in the Burnt River at Fenelon Falls off the dock at the family's cottage. "We have two polaroid pictures and the whole fish in freezer, for proof," Mrs. Taylor told The Tribune. Mrs. Taylor added her son enjoys fishing. John recently completed kindergarten at Goodwood Public School.

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They have each been charged with three additional counts of theft and possession under \$200. Several articles recently reported stolen from a garage were discovered by police in the accused's vehicle.

assistance for residents on highway 48 who must pay for a watermain, they are not hooked up to.

Council defeated motion presented by Councillor Ron Moran for residents to pay the cost of installation when they hook up instead of being levied a local improvement tax. The motion was defeated by a narrow 5-4 margin.

The problem dates back to 1971 when the town installed a watermain between 16th and 17th avenues. The plan was to bill residents along the route \$400 a year to pay for the main. "I'm only asking for the help that these residents were promised by council," Councillor Moran said. "These people didn't want this watermain to begin with."

Most councillor agreed the fight is between the affected residents and the province. They said the province put the land freeze on the area. Because of the freeze

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