



**Author-cartoonist visits Stouffville**

Noted author-cartoonist, Ben Wicks (centre) was a guest at John Lord's Book Store, Main Street, Stouffville, Friday night. He was hosted by Mr. Lord (right) and

autographed many copies of his latest book including one for Bill Rowe (left) of Goodwood.

—Ed Schroeter.

# Threaten teacher strike

**YORK REGION** — The York County Board of Education and its secondary school teachers are "well on their way to a strike or a lockout," according to the report of Fact Finder Bryan Downie, released

at a press conference last Monday. Negotiating committees for the board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation asked for a Fact Finder's appointment after ten meetings. The document

gives recommendations to guide the two parties in negotiations, but are not binding. Trustee Bill Monroe, chairman of the board's Negotiating Committee for secondary teachers, charge Professor Downie's comments were unfounded. "We've never talked about a strike, nor have the teachers," he told reporters.

OSSTF president Bruce Beck stressed the positions outlined in the document were not irreversible. "The Fact Finder's study reports the status of negotiations at a particular time," he said.

Mr. Beck, however, would not state whether the teachers' position outlined in the report, prepared Oct. 3 and 4, was still an accurate reflection of teacher sentiment. "We're ready to negotiate," he would only say.

The major unresolved issues are

teachers' and principals' salaries, the pupil teacher ratio, and positions of responsibility. Professor Downie also completed a report

for the elementary school teachers and a board committee. The major issues are similar to those at the secondary level. However, these groups have met twice

since the study's preparation, Sept. 29 and 30. Trustee Dorothy Zajac was confident the contract renewal could be complete before the budget was set.

## Late Percy Brillinger Long illness

**STOUFFVILLE** — Following an extended period of failing health, Percy Brillinger of Stouffville, passed away on Monday, Nov. 13 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. Mr. Brillinger who spent the greater part of a long life-time in Stouffville, had been a recent resident at Green Gables.

Deceased was well known in the area where he was engaged in the

market gardening business for many years. Mrs. Brillinger, the former Flossy Foster, predeceased him several years ago. He is survived by one brother Harold (Harry), Albert Street, Stouffville.

The service on Wednesday afternoon was conducted from the O'Neill Funeral Home with interment, Stouffville Cemetery.

# Underdog is now a "top dog"

**MARKHAM** — Never underestimate the powers of a woman. After experiencing all the ups and downs of a veteran campaigner Alma Walker, Markham should have known better. Still, Unionville's Carole Bell entered the 5-way regional race a decided underdog. Now she's a "top dog".

other two went to incumbents Ron Moran and Mrs. Walker. The Bell-Daurio battle was a see-saw contest right down to the wire. The lead between the two changed hands on several occasions. In the end, Mrs. Bell had 6,828 votes to 6,783 for Mr. Daurio. Carole Bell claimed the support she received in Thornhill was the key to success. She also did well in Unionville and "old" Markham, but this had been expected because she's well-known there.

As for a recount, councillor Daurio told The Tribune he wanted to take a look at the figures once they become official. Thursday (today), "If it's really close, and I don't mean 45 votes, I'll consider it," he said. Ron Moran, selling himself as "a man of action", far outdistanced all rivals with a vote count of 9,796. Alma Walker "the old reliable" was second with 7,047. Walter Grieve trailed the field with 5,545. The Moran landslide has already set the stage

for a move to the mayor's chair in 1980. However, Tony Roman, the current office-holder may have something to say about that. Town of Markham Council for 1979-80 will comprise the following members: Mayor-Tony Roman; Regional Councillors- Ron Moran, Alma Walker, Carole Bell; Ward 1-Ron Fenson; Ward 2-Bob Sherwood; Ward 3-Dave Wilson; Ward 4-Bud Bonner; Ward 5-Ron Dancey; Ward 6-Elson Miles; Ward 7-Tom Gove.

## Late Thomas Dawson

# Loved growing things

**GOODWOOD** — Rev. Clifford Pendlebury conducted service for John Thomas Dawson, Nov. 6, from the O'Neill Funeral Home. Mr. Dawson passed away Nov. 3. He was 92. Born in Yorkshire, England, Feb. 22, 1886, the son of William and Cathryn Dawson, Tom grew up on a farm, helping out with its operation. He married Mary Jane Nellis in June 1908. The couple lived in Durham, England, where Tom worked as a coal miner. He had served in the medical corps, administering aid to the

wounded during World War I. Emigrating to Cedar Grove in 1923 with his wife and three children, Mr. Dawson obtained employment at Aurthur Lapp's farm on the 10th Concession. Later, the family rented and worked several farms in the area, including the Collins' property on the Uxbridge fourth concession, and the Roche farm, near Goodwood. During the 1930's and 40's, Mr. Dawson worked for the Township of Pickering and in the munitions factory at Ajax. They lived in a house at Atha at the time.

In 1952, Mr. Dawson moved with his wife to Goodwood, across from the Baptist church. His wife, however, was not to fully enjoy the home. She passed away that year. Tom Dawson worked for Sarco, in Claremont, until he retired at age 70. In May, 1966, he married Cora Feasby. When his second wife passed on, Mr. Dawson moved to Mayfair Avenue, in Oshawa. Several months ago, he took up residence in Fairview Lodge, Whitby. Mr. Dawson enjoyed travelling. On more than one occasion he returned to England for a visit. Mr. Dawson's interests were wide. He was a member of the Goodwood United Church many years. He had a special talent with

flowers, however, which many people remember. Always fascinated with horticulture, he broadened his knowledge through his affiliation with horticultural societies in Claremont and Oshawa. Until a few years ago, he rarely missed the exhibits at the C.N.E. and Royal Winter Fair. Tom Dawson is survived by his daughter, Edith (Mrs. Clarence Hallett); two brothers and four sisters in England. The pall bearers were Harold Gribble, Dean Wilson, Frank Hendy, Paul Wood, Barry Wood, and Stan Feasby. There were two honorary pall bearers, Bob James and Harry Woodland. Interment was in Goodwood Cemetery.

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