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## Claremont Brothers in Khaki



Douglas Norton



"Bud" Norton



Mose Norton



James Norton

Four well-known Claremont brothers, sons of Mrs. Norton and the late Jos. Norton, are all in khaki. Douglas is a lance-corporal with the Ordnance Corps, and is stationed at Debert, N.S. He is married and his wife and little daughter reside in Uxbridge; "Bud" who enlisted with the Brockville Rifles, is overseas; Mose is a private stationed in Toronto with an Engineers Unit; Jim who donned the army uniform first, has been in England now over two years. He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Light Anti-Aircraft. Incidentally this latter son took to himself a wife just last August, an Irish girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John Brillinger announce the engagement of their daughter, Ina Eleanor to Frederick Thomas Gilham, son of Mr. William J. Gilham and the late Mrs. Gilham of Dover, Kent, England. The marriage to take place on October 23, 1943 at 3.30 p.m. at Second Markham Baptist Church.

The engagement is announced of Hazel Gertrude, only daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Brander, and niece of Mrs. Clarence Lager, Stouffville, to Aircraftman W. Floyd McReynolds, R.C. A.F., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McReynolds, Heith, Ont. The wedding will take place early in October.

Mrs. M. J. Houck of Cashel, announces the engagement of her daughter, Edna Irene, to Lawrence Benson Meyers, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meyers of Zephyr, Ont. The marriage will take place this autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bolender of Bethesda, wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Bessie Orpha to John H. Ferris, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ferris, Redickville, Ont. Wedding to take place, Saturday, Oct. 23, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Conner of Unionville R.R. announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mary Eleanor, to Ordinary Seaman Kenneth David Stewart, son of Mr. Adam Stewart and the late Mrs. Stewart of Goodwood. The wedding to take place at 3 o'clock on Saturday, October 9th, at Second Markham Baptist Church.

## Buttonville Youth Killed in Crash

Douglas Raymond Walton, 15, of Buttonville, died early Sunday, Oct. 3rd, when being removed to hospital, after a collision between a motor car and a bicycle on the 4th concession of Markham, at Buttonville. Gordon Sanderson of Victoria Square, also on the bicycle, suffered cuts, bruises and a possible fracture of the instep, being attended by Dr. W. R. Wesley, Thornhill. Constable Ben Gayman said Walton was riding on the handlebars, with Sanderson pedalling, the bicycle being struck from the rear by a car driven by Isaac Hughes, Gormley. The driver told police he was blinded by headlights of on-coming cars. Dr. J. P. Wilson, coroner, Richmond Hill, ordered an autopsy, which was performed by Dr. Wesley.

## Old Business Firm Takes Over Again

An important business change took place in town on the first day of October when Mr. A. E. Carswell sold the big corner store dry goods business back to Mrs. W. H. Shaw from whom he purchased it three years ago.

Mr. Carswell intends to retire and has a farm in the Arthur district to occupy his time.

When the big store operated under the Shaw name it was the hub of local business, hence it is reasonable to assume that when mercantile goods flow more freely the old stand will again find its shelves laden with the goods sought for in this locality. In the meantime the Shaw store has been assured of liberal quotas that will enable the proprietress to retain the splendid patronage the big store so justly merits. A big dry goods and staples store such as this one is a great asset to any community, and we welcome the old management back to the business ranks.

## \$100,000 Expected from Local Investors

The fifth Victory Loan campaign will be launched on Oct. 13. Aubrey Davis, Newmarket, president of the Davis Leather Co., will again be North York chairman, and Harold L. Trapp, Toronto, investment dealer, is the organizer.

Mr. Trapp will have his headquarters in Newmarket. The organization meeting will take place at Pickering College on Friday, Oct. 8, with Bert Trestrail of the John Inglis Co., Toronto, as speaker.

The objective for York North is \$2,275,000, compared with \$2,150,000 in the last loan. Newmarket's objective is \$335,000, compared with \$325,000 in the last loan.

Stouffville is being asked to subscribe a hundred thousand dollars, which is ten thousand more than we raised in the last loan. It's a big order, but if everyone invests it can be sold.

## CRASHED HYDRO POLE

Losing control of his car driving to Stouffville from Markham Fair, Roy Zellers crashed into a Hydro pole on the main street of the southern village and received severe head injuries. He was removed to the Brierbush Hospital where his injuries were attended to. The car was a wreck.

The car sheered off the pole and rolled over several times. A charge of reckless driving will be laid, police said. Constable Crouch, York County Constable has the case in hand.

## Old Cashel Boy Praised for Bravery

Many old friends in the Cashel district recall Mr. Chas. W. Carruthers who is an employee of the United States Spring & Bumper Co. in Los Angeles, and will be pleased to know that he received a well merited appreciation from the National Safety Council of Chicago, through his firm, for his bravery in taking a chance with his own life or personal safety to break the fall of a fellow employee who came into contact with an electric wire. Mr. Carruthers saw him falling after being knocked unconscious by the voltage and had fallen to a cat walk, then to the cement walk below, when the Cashel native got under him and both fell, but Mr. Carruthers broke the fall and no doubt saved his life.

Mr. Carruthers' mother at Cashel will celebrate her 90th birthday on the 23th of October, and lives on the home farm with her two sons and two daughters. It is 23 years since Charles left the home acres, but while he is too busy to turn in on mother's birthday he will be with her in thought.

Mr. Carruthers' company is engaged in a war effort, and appears to have a very fine plant, with a high rating for safety and consideration for their employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hargrave spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Hargrave's mother, Mrs. Peter Lehman. Their daughter Mary is attending Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas.

Mrs. Killaby of Sarnia, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. Campbell and her aunt, Mrs. P. Lehman.

Mrs. Chester Cook and daughter, Mrs. John Albertson and her two children, all of Detroit, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. McNelly at Musselman's Lake and with Mrs. Cook's sister, Mrs. Chas. Leo last week.

## Councillor Stiver Urges Action on Curfew Order

But Township Lacks Power to Enforce such a Law, Council Learns

"What steps do you propose to take about a curfew bylaw for Markham Township," asked Councillor R. L. Stiver on Monday afternoon, before the general October meeting of Markham Township Council. Reeve Chas. Hooper said they consulted the solicitor and the township had no power to enforce a curfew law, but if Unionville or any part of the township would send in a substantial petition asking for such a law he would go himself to the provincial authorities seeking a change in the Act. "I don't think you need any petition, but the Women's Institute have signed one," said Councillor Stiver.

"I think a strong petition would strengthen our hand," said the Reeve. "I think so too," declared Deputy Reeve W. L. Clark.

Mr. Stiver said youngsters of 12 and 13 years of age are running wild all hours of the night without proper parental control in Unionville.

The Police Village Trustees in the Township will be notified that henceforth they must keep a prescribed accounting of road work satisfactory to the Department of Highways, so that the township may continue to get a subsidy on their expenditures.

The council made a grant of \$100 to Markham Agricultural Society and \$25 to North York Plowing Match. Relief accounts of \$102.50 were ordered paid.

Three big sheep claims were set-

## REGISTERED HEREFORD BRINGS \$250 AT AUCTION

A fine registered cow was sold by auction by A. S. Farmer at the Williamson sale in Whitchurch, near Aurora, on Tuesday afternoon for \$250 topping the sale. Calves sold for \$100 and other registered stock ran around \$150 to \$175. Grade cows sold from \$95 to \$100. Horses featured the good prices when a 10 year-old sold for \$125 and a 5-year-old animal, brought \$155.

## MANY HEAR MESSAGES OF EVANGELIST MALLIS

Over 600 people were crammed into Ratcliff's Hall on Sunday evening for the evangelistic meeting, one of a series being carried on all week at for which a grand total attendance of around 2500 listeners is recorded. The gatherings were interdenominational. Rev. J. E. Mallis, evangelist, had an impressive message every evening, and good singing was provided. The meetings were extended until Wednesday evening this week.

Ernest Snowball of \$217; H. R. Morton \$110; and Fred Cole \$100. Mutton-eating dogs have been hard on the sheep, but several of them were shot. Council pays a bounty of \$5 per dog if shot chasing sheep.

## Claremont Fraud Case is Adjourned Until Oct. 22

Hearing of Two Additional Charges Set for October 22nd.

After hearing Crown evidence at Whitby, Friday, for nearly two and one-half hours in the preliminary inquiry of the case of Glen Flowers, Claremont, charged with receiving on May 20 from Gordon Hodgson of Claremont, \$97.50 "on terms requiring him to pay same to Robt. G. Roy, Pickering Twp., and unlawfully and fraudulently converting same to his own use, thereby stealing same, contrary to section 355 of the Criminal Code," Magistrate Ebbs adjourned the case for the hearing of the rest of Crown evidence until Oct. 22nd.

The accused was remanded until Oct. 22 on two other charges, namely defrauding Robt. G. Roy of \$4 on May 29 contrary to section 355 of the Criminal Code and of unlawfully stealing a pig, being under the value of \$25, then in the possession of his employer, Robt. G. Roy, contrary to section 359 (A) of the Criminal Code. A. W. S. Greer acted for the accused, and pleaded not guilty on all three charges. Crown Attorney Allan F. Annis, conducted the prosecution.

Not Same Circumstances  
A. W. S. Greer, addressing the court, stated that the three charges concerned the same accused and the same complainant, a former employer of the accused, but he pointed out (Continued on Page Seven)

## To Burn the Mortgage Is the President's Aim

Grand weather prevailed for both days of Markham Fair last Friday and Saturday with the result that the big fair grounds was packed with people on Saturday and even on Friday, the attendance was reported to be large enough to meet the entire expense of the show for that day. Gate receipts on Saturday were just under the \$2,000 mark and Friday's were the highest on record that day. In any event the gate receipts will leave a margin big enough to burn the mortgage. "I want the pleasure of burning that mortgage," declared President John Scott of Claremont, who was shaking hands with everybody on the grounds, and was in good enough humor to kiss the prettiest Jersey in the ring. For that matter every official of the fair was glowing with pleasure at the apparent successful outcome of the 1943 exhibition.

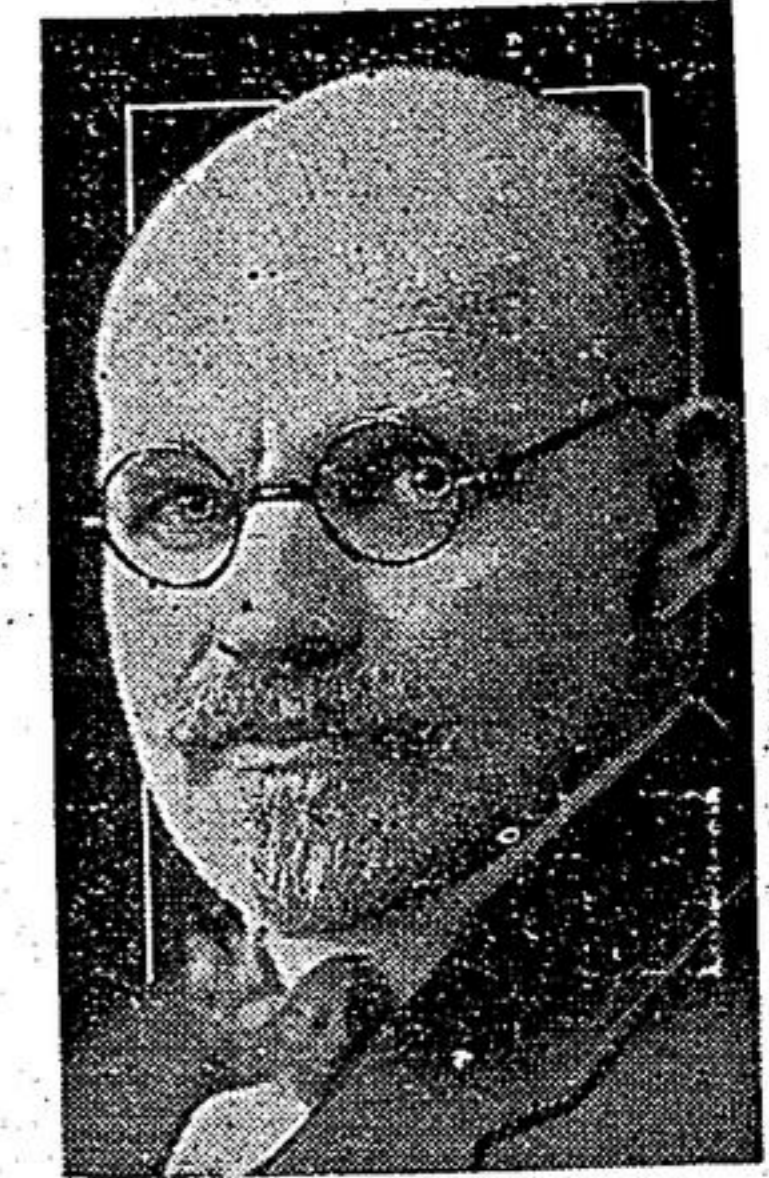
The exhibits of live stock were larger and better arrangements were provided for sheep and poultry that permitted the public to inspect them readily. The horse stalls and cow pens were crowded with interested people too, while the biggest crowd hung at the rails watching the races. There were two interesting events on Friday, but the Saturday racing did not please a large portion of the people. We tried to find out why, and one horseman ventured the opinion

## Frank W. Mertens Succumbs to Stroke

"One of Stouffville's Old Boys" Buried at Weston, Monday

Native of Stouffville and a cousin of our Jos. Mertens, former Mayor of Weston and resident of that town, Frank W. Mertens died there on Friday evening in his 70th year. He suffered a stroke ten days ago.

A frequent visitor to his native town, Mr. Mertens was president of the once bustling Stouffville Old Boys Association, and always held a keen interest in the place of his



Late F. W. Mertens

birth. He was a life-long reader of The Tribune.

Prominent in the real estate and insurance business for many years, Mr. Mertens served as a member of Weston town council for 10 years. He was elected Mayor in 1935, and returned to office in 1936.

Born in Stouffville the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mertens, he belonged to one of York County's pioneer families. Mr. Mertens located in Weston 30 years ago, and was an active member of Central United Church, having served on the board of stewards. He was also a member of the Orange Order and of the York Pioneer and Historical Society, Toronto. He learned the carpentering trade with the late Matthew Flint before he left Stouffville.

Surviving are his widow, Reta Rush Mertens; two sons, Clifford, with the R.C.O.C., and Fred; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Byer and Miss Elva, all of Weston; a brother, Clayton of Toronto, and a sister, Mrs. A. Snider of Vandonr.

The funeral on Monday afternoon took place to Weston cemetery and was attended by a number of relatives and friends from Stouffville, including Jos. Mertens and Miss Margery, Miss Nora Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dougherty, Miss Evelyn Dougherty and Mrs. Sherk; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Burnett, also Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Winterstein and Mrs. Will Fockler.

Officiating clergymen were Rev. H. E. Wellwood, Richmond Hill, and Rev. Mr. Pogue, Weston, pastor of the deceased who paid a high tribute to the life and character of Mr. Mertens. He was an official of the United church where the service was held and was one of the most regular attendants.

## Last Week Too Busy for Sales

The fine dry weather of the past week was seized on by the farmers to get their root crop up, and the corn cutting done under such favorable conditions, and this smaller attendance at public auction sales in the district. For the most part only buyers took time off for the sales, and this was noticeable at the auction for Edgar Storry, Bloomington, who was selling his entire stock and implements. The total sale ran \$3,000. Grain prices were low and probably below market quotations. The highest priced cow was \$120. Mr. Storry intends to hold a second sale to dispose of his entire household goods at a date to be announced later on.

Another sale last week was that of Arthur Vaughan who is also retiring from the farm. A Gurnsey cow and calf sold for \$150 and a 7-year-old gelding brought \$105. Sows \$30 and pigs 40 to 50 pounds slumped to \$5.25, but implements sold well. The hog situation is a headache for the farmer. A steady market is undermined because of feed shortage, but you can find farmers making well out of hogs irrespective of the slump in young porkers.

Fred Filkey's auction at Altona on Monday was not largely attended, but a feature price was obtained for turnips when rows of 40 rods long sold for \$1.90 a row. Oats, light sample, sold for 27c. bushel. All these sales were sold by A.S. Farmer, auctioneer.

## SWEETER THAN EVER

Mr. Percy Dike, 8th concession of Markham, reports growing a sweet potato weighing 2 1/2 pounds, which he declares makes another "sweet story" for the 8th line, since the report that Dr. Mitchell has some wonderful growth in sweet potatoes.

## BIRTHS

DeWITT — At Burnside Maternity Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 1943, to George and Helen (Rowbotham) DeWitt, of Gormley a daughter, (died at birth).

that there was a shortage of race horses because the purses were too small.

One director called attention to the need of more entertainment in front of the grand stand which this year had the best crowd it has seen in a long time there.

However most instructive, worthwhile feature of the show was the live stock. For the black and white on Friday, 125 entries were recorded by Secretary Roy Crosby.

E. L. Ruddy & Son, Pickering, captured the major awards with Deschambault Royal Jack, senior and grand champion bull; and Bois de la Roche (Continued on Page Six)