Late Merten D. Brown

Had many friends

CASHEL — The Cashel community lost a good friend and former neighbor, last week, in the passing July 19 of Merten D. Brown, an area resident many years.

Mr Brown, more recently of Parkview Home in Stouffville, was the hamlet's "good humor man", turning frowns into smiles wherever he went. He was 85.

Born at Cashel, the son of Edmund and Margaret Brown, he attended school at Colty Corners, R.R. 1, Unionville and Richmond Hill. As a boy, he assisted his father in the operation of two general stores, one at Cashel and the other in Victoria Square. He would often tell of accompanying his dad on horse team 'expeditions' to Toronto during a time when this practise was common.

Prior to entering a partnership in the firm of National Stationers, Toronto, he was a staff member with Sterling Bank, working in several branches including Monkton, Ont., and Hamilton. He served in the Royal Flying Corps during World War I.

Merten Brown was keenly interested in politics at the local level and while never standing for office, he usually attended nomination and pre-election meetings.

But most of all he was interested in people, engaging in conversations at every opportunity.

He was a generous person, one of the main supporters of the Peach's softball team during its early years of organization. He assisted in the purchase of the club's first set of uniforms.

For twenty years, he lived in East York, later moving back to Cashel where he remained until declining health forced him to take up residence at Parkview Home, Stouffville.

For Merton Brown, his family was an important part of his life. He followed their activities at every turn.

Besides his wife, the former Daisy Murray, he is survived by two sons, Neil of Udora and Denton, R.R. 1, Stouffville; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A brother Milliard lives at Bobcaygeon and a sister Mabel Wilson resides in Etobicoke. He was predeceased by one brother, Everett of Richmond Hill.

Funeral service, Thursday, was conducted by Rev. Alf Reese from the Markham Missionary Church with interment Victoria Square Cemetery. Pallbearers were-Neil, David, Paul and Scott Brown; David Thompson and Kenneth Prudham.

Claremont dance

Aid medical fund

By Rosemary Timms

CLAREMONT — A dance, sponsored by the Claremont Lions and Lioness Club, will be held this Saturday (Aug. 7) at 8 p.m., in the Community Centre Hall. Tickets ($15 a couple) are available from Denise Norton (649-2615); Shirley Pilkey (649-2359) or at the door. Proceeds will go to the Carol Rowe Medical Fund.

The bake sale, Friday, held on the Brock Road Bypass, sponsored by the Claremont Lioness Club, raised $818.06 including donations. The proceeds will go to the Carol Rowe Medical Fund. Sale organizers wish to thank the many residents of the community for their support.

The many friends of Mrs Harry Porter will be pleased to know she has been released from hospital and is convalescing at home.

Mr and Mrs Dick Ward spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs Glen Manderson at their cottage near Parry Sound.

Jody Hopkins of Agincourt has been visiting with her aunt, Margaret Baker, during the summer vacation period.

Filming of of the movie "Strange Invaders" will be done in and around Claremont from Aug. 9 to Sept. 9. Several local residents have been interviewed for back-up parts.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Burnell have returned from a week's holidays with friends at Sharbot Lake.

The Baptist Church Young People are holding a Fast-a-Thon for World Vision. It will begin Aug. 7 at noon and last until 6 p.m., Aug. 8. Participants will be seeking sponsors in the community. On Sunday evening, Aug. 8, a barbecue will be held at the home of Stan and Mary McMullen as part of the Baptist-United summer fellowship.

An Open Trebles Lawn Bowling Tournament will be held here on Saturday (Aug. 7) beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Bill Hammond marked his 38th birthday, Sunday. "One more year and I'll be as old as Jack Benny," said Bill; "then I'll start counting the other way."

Recent Claremont euchre winners were-Ev Bryant, Bessie Acton, Lena Ogden, Bill Hammond, John Quantz and Lloyd Wilson. Lucky draw winners were-Elva Kidd, Evans Benson and John Quantz.

Earle and Shirley Pilkey honored her parents, Sunday, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Border no boundary

By Jim Thomas

STOUFFVILLE — Karen Harris, 16, and Jeanne Soderberg, 15, had never met; never even talked. Except for an exchange of photographs and minor personal information, they were complete strangers; but not any more.

Through a hands-across-the-border arrangement set up by Lions International, the two girls are enjoying each other's company over a period of four weeks. Karen lives at 194 Main West, Stouffville. Jeanne is from Harbron, Connecticuit.

"I'm pleased the way things are working out," said Karen, "we get along really well". They hope to maintain contact through correspondence.

Karen spent the first two weeks in Harbron. Jeanne is now here in Stouffville, returning home Aug. 7. Their fathers are both active Lions Club members.

The holiday weekend was spent at the Harris family cottage near Minden. Prior to that, they visited such well-known sites as Niagara Falls, the Eaton Centre and the Science Centre.

Are Canadians that much different from their U.S. neighbors? Jeanne was asked.

Only in the way we talk, putting "eh" at the end of almost every sentence. We also have different words to describe such items such as pop instead of soda; running shoes instead of sneakers and purse instead of pocketbook.

Sixteen year old Karen Harris, Main Street West, Stouffville, enjoys the musical talents of her exchange guest, 15 year old Jeanne Soderberg of Harbron, Connecticuit. Jeanne is in Stouffville for two weeks after Karen spent two weeks in Harbron. The exchange is arranged through Lions International. —Jim Thomas.

Except for those minor details, we're pretty much the same, Jeanne observed.

Jeanne is an excellent pianist. She also reads a lot. Following secondary school graduation, she hopes to train as a psychiatrist.

Karen hopes to enrol as a registered nurse or a physiotherapist.

Jeanne's father, a state trooper, is a vice-president in the Lions Club at Harbron. Karen's dad is a past-president of the Lions Club in Stouffville.

As Harbron welcomed Karen, so Stouffville welcomes Jeanne. We hope her stay has been a pleasant one and that some day she'll return again.

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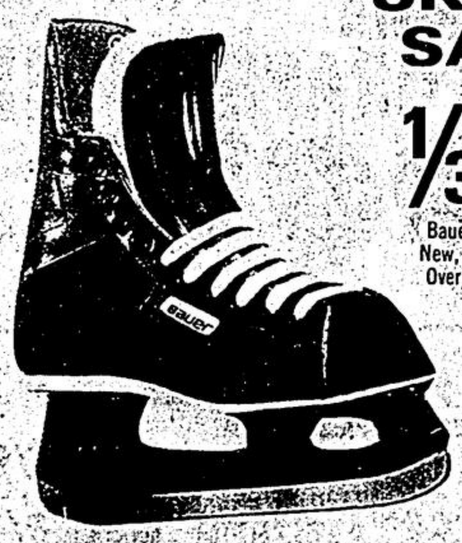

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