

# on the *May 21/71* MAIN STREET



There is no accounting for people's choice in these days of prosperity and wide and diversified interests. The glorious balmy summer weather of the week witnessed a quick change of raiment on the part of females and also many males. The words "Hot Pants" which apparently originated across the Atlantic, leaves a great deal to the discretion of individuals but already some strange sights have been witnessed on Lindsay's main stem.

What an improvement when compared with styles of years ago. Remember the ankle length skirts and how a dainty ankle was concealed? Remember the hoop skirt which hung from the hips like a tent?

Remember the classy silk blouse buttoned up to the collar bone? Remember the long button boots and the high lace boots? Remember the large tea kettle hats and the big merry widow hats? Remember the little beaded bonnets and the tight fitting kid leather gloves?

The men fashions were as

equally grotesque — the stand up stiffly starched collars and buttoned at the back of the neck and the big puffed ties? A diamond or imitation was stylish. The hats — remember the small bowler felt at times called a derby? Then appeared the man's hat, the fedora, with a wide brim like the cowboy styles in later years?

Remember the straw hats for men, a squatty hat with narrow rim and the colorful hat band and a long piece of colored twine which in windy weather was fastened to the lapel, or button hole? Remember the vests with four pockets? Then the well dressed beau wore a colorful vest no matter how warm the weather. If the young gallant had a bit of extra money he wore a

a watch chain stretching across the vest from pocket to pocket and a gold locket on the chain usually opened up under thumb nail pressure to reveal the picture of his best girl. Money was carried in a wallet and it was not uncommon to flash a "roll" of the green stuff in order to make a good impression. Remember when men used walking canes, not to aid a limp, but to be in style?

Men were real gentlemen, always took their hats off when being introduced to ladies and when walking down the street, always walked on the outside of the walk. How often do you see a gentleman open the door of the automobile and help in a woman? They once did as a matter of good manners and courtesy. The "sermon" could be enlarged, but sufficient for this time.