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"Forewarned is Forearmed"

After scores of accidents had occurred—many of them fatal—on the Queen Elizabeth Way, action was taken and a caution light was installed.

Last week, at the corner of the Ferguson Highway and Main street two cars collided. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured but the story might well have read differently.

Residents and business men who are situated in the area tell us that it is nothing short of miraculous that there have been as few serious accidents to date. At a speed of at least thirty miles an hour and often more, drivers sail through the intersection and by a split second miss colliding with the car proceeding up Main street. Garage owners on the corner say that at least three times a day they hold their breath and wait for the rending of steel. A resident tells of the driver of a truck heavily loaded with lumber who realized the danger too late, applied the brakes and came to a stop at Broadway street.

Authorities at once point to the fact that there is a large checker-board at the turn which should alert drivers. Further south on the highway is a "Slow" sign. Neither one is adequate. The Slow sign could refer to anything—it could be taken to refer to in-town speed limit which is ignored by 95% of the people driving cars. It does not indicate in any way why you should go slowly. As for the checker-board, suddenly you are upon it and it is too late. If you are not a particularly cautious driver, which few of us are, you would sense that the Highway continued straight ahead. A right angle turn is the last thing in your mind. This is precisely what can be remedied.

Many residents have suggested a caution light. We do not believe that it would prove an advantage over the checker-board as incredible as it may seem, it has been proven that having driven many miles without caution lights, even the best drivers often fail to spot them in time to come to a stop.

Therefore we suggest that long before the danger spot is reached, a large conspicuous "danger ahead" sign and a clear picture of the right angle turn be erected.

Citizens' Responsibility

With no intention to criticize the municipal authorities, who are handicapped with a Budget that does not allow for large expenditures on a road program for this year, we would like to call attention to a situation which has existed for some time at the Miseriordia Hospital and, in particular, at St. Mary's Sanitorium.

This writer attempted to put herself in the position of a patient with a severe fracture arriving in Haileybury by train on a stretcher. The road from Rorke avenue to the admittance entrance, though short, has been in a deplorable condition. Doctors and

patients alike will tell you that it is criminal to have a stretcher case travel over it. The only solution to the problem is a paved road.

Regarding the Sanitorium, a visit ther during the dry weather revealed that dust from this same road is so heavy that the observation was made that "it is not unlike the Sahara Desert". One can well imagine the disappointment of five patients who came here from London, Ontario, with the natural expectation of dry, clear air to find it polluted with dust.

We have a Hospital which provides essential services for all of us. Are we not responsible for providing essential services for them?

Water Wells Are Condemned Speed Traps to be Installed

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plications at the town office prior to July 23rd.

On behalf of himself and his neighbors, John Hallworth received the sympathetic ear of the entire council when he told them that the Temiskaming Health Unit had tested the water wells on their street and condemned his own, G. Warriner's and T. Sutherland's. Seepage had apparently been the cause. Other wells in the area belong to J. Sutherland, A. Russell and L. Childs. Mr. Hallworth said that he realized it was no fault of the council's but that "the Government had tested the wells and found them unfit and that it was time the Government did something about having the area which is considered outside the service limit, serviced". "It is not as if we were living in the backwoods", Mr. Hallworth said, "and furthermore the danger of children getting typhoid should not be overlooked". Council was in full agreement with Mr. Hallworth and the Government will be notified of the seriousness of the situation and as soon as they receive permission to go outside the service area, a project will be mapped out. A certain percentage of the property owners whose property this line will go past will have to

agree to pay the cost under local improvements

Council then heard a strong complaint from Mr. George Byles who demanded that "Florence street at least be made passable for cars if nothing more." Several councillors, the mayor and the town foreman have recognized the poor condition of this hill and studied the situation; however, Mr. Byles felt that the time for action was long overdue. He agreed with council that it might well be impossible for him to build town foreman have recognized the time; he did not intend to spend another winter going out at intervals to move his car so others could pass. He pointed out that the side of the road now built up is actually the middle of the road. The road itself is some 10' short of what it should be. Council assured him that they would look at it again and see what could be done—Mr. Byles left with the suggestion that they should at least grade it and level it and he would be satisfied.

The north part of the street above Brewster is also in poor condition—however two years ago to take care of the excess amount of water, the road from Brewster to the Lake Shore, the ditched and graded and from Brewster to the Lake Shore; the south side was ditched.

The mayor received the reports of various committees. The Works Department have a program of road improvements well under way. It is their intention to improve as many roads each year as they possibly can. The Department of Highways grader has assisted in work on Albert street and Marcella street where the beginning has been made. The most important feature of a good road is good drainage and citizens who have gone to some effort to fix their driveway are asked to realize that the grader will go right down the side of the road and a 12" inch pipe will be installed every crossing which will be graded and ditched. It was pointed out that if the practice is made of levelling the boulevard too, the grass will grow up on a smooth area and citizens will be glad to

keep it cut. As it is, it is much too bumpy

Councillor Gough said that they were still having difficulty at the Beach with persons tampering with the life savers and also pointed out that dogs are not allowed at the Beach.

The approved budget was received and a resuscitator will be ordered right away. \$425.00 has already been contributed to this item by the I.O.D.E., the C.W.L., the Red Cross and the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion. Total cost of this Stevenson resuscitator complete with extra cylinders is \$565.00.

At the last meeting of council, the municipal police were instructed to instal speed traps in town. At first the Commissioner turned the idea down, but Constable Barry advised council that a further report has been received stating "that as a result of similar requests there would be no objection to mechanical speed traps where a community requests it." A letter from the Constable at Penetang pointed out that the system has been adopted there and had been highly successful.

On Contable Barry's recommendation, four signs will be put up in town reading "Warning! Speed Trap in Operation" and council will take the necessary steps to get this mechanical device (which relieves the officer of a great percentage of the responsibility) in operation. The constable is particularly concerned with speeding on the Lake Shore Road.

The intersection at Rorke and Main street was discussed and it was decided that the Department of Highways be notified that a sign be erected on Rorke avenue south of Main street for motorists approaching from the south "that the highway turns right" and that an intermittent flashing light be installed.

A resolution was unanimously passed that the Ideal Dairy would be charged a flat rate of \$35.00 per month on a temporary basis for a period of six months. This arose from a feeling that the present rate was much too high and this greatly needed addition to industry in town could not stand the present expenditure.

It was a sultry night and the Mayor and Councillors would like to thank: E. Cuerrier for his thoughtfulness in sending over cokes.

THE BOOK NOOK

At last the school exams are over, school books joyfully put away, and the long awaited summer holidays stretch ahead. Perhaps the boys and girls will be better for a rest from "readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic" as work, but reading cannot, or should not, be considered anything but a pleasure anything but a pleasured anything but a pleasure.

Authors and publishers alike are realizing more and more the importance of good attractive books for the children, and the illustrators of these books are putting their best work into them. There is a wealth of entertainment and education in the pictures alone. A child interested in Nature Study can add a great deal to his knowledge during the summer out-of-doors, and we would like to mention a few books which will assist and interest him, in Science as well as Nature study to several of our young naturalists. It pictures in colors, over 50 varieties of Canadian "What Butterfly Is It?" is already familiar and American butterflies, tells of their habits what they eat and where they live.

"Ruby Throat" is the story of one year in the life of a hummingbird, told in simple language and set in large type. Every page has a picture, many of them in color.

"Strange Visitor" the Praying Mantis, that odd, long-legged creature of the garden, is the subject of this story. Young Peter is fascinated by Madame Mantis when he discovers her on the rosebush and watched her for days. Have you ever found one?

Peter's Adventures in the Out-of-Doors is a good book for the lead interested in camping, fishing, etc., and is also a valuable study in conservation of our natural resources.

Speaking of fishing—we have a new book called "The first book of fishing". It is a guide for beginning young fishermen and has hints on rods, reels, bait, casting, fishing with artificial flies in stream, pond and lake. It even gives directions for carrying your catch, and for cleaning and cooking it. Fully illustrated. Another "first" book is about birds, and is simply fascinating. How they fly, hop, perch or swim, how they catch their food, build their many kinds of nests, hatch their eggs, raise their young, spend their winters and do all the other things in their busy lives. All the answers to the question "What makes a bird?" are in this book.

Two other books on Nature Study: Introducing the Insect and Ontario's Birds, may be borrowed by the boys and girls, and Audobon's Birds of America may be consulted in the Library.



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