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The Editor's Corner

INCORRECT CROSSING SIGNS ARE MENACE

A tragic Civic Holiday accident which caused the death of an Acton lady and serious injuries to other occupants of an automobile draws attention to the lack of foresight in erecting "stop" signs at highway intersections. The scene of this accident was at the point where the Rockwood-Fergus main road crosses No. 24 Highway. We are quite familiar with this road, using it to avoid going through Guelph on trips to Lake Huron and Bruce County. Each time it has occurred to us that the "stop" sign on the Fergus road, placed as it is smack against the highway is relatively useless to the stranger and constitutes a serious menace to safety. Having missed the sign on one occasion and crossed No. 24 without stopping we are always on the alert for it and on the day in question were keeping a sharp watch for it when we noticed a number of cars and arrived on the scene just after the tragedy.

Although unfamiliar with details of the accident, we would judge that the Acton car, proceeding towards Fergus did just what dozens of others have done, arrived at the highway and found it impossible to stop when the sign was noticed. When one is travelling on a main road which has the right-of-way it is assumed that if another main road is encountered that the authorities will take adequate precautions to warn the motorist in plenty of time by placing a stop sign at least fifty yards from the intersection. Failure to do so is a direct reflection on the authorities who have charge of the highways and we suggest that an immediate survey of all such crossings be made in order that needless accidents may be avoided. No. 24 highway would be a good starting point for the Fergus road is not the only one which has not adequate placing of stop signs.

ARE PARKING RESTRICTIONS NECESSARY?

Ever since the two-hour parking restriction on Main Street was imposed earlier this year we have wondered if Georgetown is big enough to warrant such a measure and whether we are not imposing a needless restriction on shoppers. True, our Main Street is short and there is not always room to park, but under the old system we have never heard any complaints other than that merchants took up too much room themselves by parking their own cars on Main Street instead of on side streets. This in fact is the only improvement which has been noticed since the restriction was imposed and we think an occasional reminder by the Board of Trade would accomplish as much and leave a better feeling among shoppers and visitors. Even this has been side-stepped by several merchants who make it a point to move their cars every hour or so to another location on Main Street so that they are within the law but outside the spirit of it. A farmer who was nicked a dollar recently was bitter about the fact that although he had exceeded the parking limit, there was plenty of room on the street that day and he could not see why he should park a block or two away for no reason. Farmers bring business to town and as their trips are not too frequent they usually are here for a considerable time and it would be good business to keep good customers happy.

POT POURRI

Georgetown has a laundry again with the announcement this week that the Georgetown Laundry has been revived under new management and will operate from its location in part of the Georgetown Dairy building. We were amazed in driving around town and the Glen on Sunday to see how many new houses are being built. Must track down the owners and have an item in the Herald about it. Understand the water shortage situation is still serious and householders are asked not to use water unnecessarily by watering lawns and gardens. Some garagemen claim that the excise tax reduction on new automobiles will be taken care of by price increases and that the purchaser of a new car can expect to pay about the same as the previous price. The car business has become very mysterious with dealers themselves not knowing the price of a new model at certain times and "used" new cars selling on city lots for several hundred dollars above dealers' prices. Wonder if they will be calling Rev. John McDermid of Brampton the "marrying parson". On a recent Saturday, Mr. McDermid had no less than four weddings which is something of a record in a small town. He is a Georgetown boy, the son of Mrs. J. McDermid of the Valleyview Apartments. A wild rumour that the Alliance Paper Mills were leaving town, that Smith and Stone had bought the building, etc., etc., has disappeared into the limbo of forgotten things. Advertising for the Canadian National Exhibition and the Fall Fair reminds us that summer is drawing to an end, that is, if

we have had any summer this year. Must have been a lot of disappointed people at the beaches last week with temperatures as low as 35 degrees in the northern vacation spots.

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