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The Editor's Corner

WHERE MARKET STREET ORIGINATED

In response to last week's editorial about local Street names, Mrs. John McDermid passes on a bit of history about Market Street. Years ago at the corner where the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnott Early stands, there was a big open field where a market for the selling of horses was held from time to time. The field was also used for visiting attractions such as circuses and the late Mr. McDermid when a small boy was one of the local lads who helped to carry water for the elephants when one of these circuses visited town.

POT POURRI

MacCormack's Drug Store is looking smart in a new coat of paint, white with green trim. Vacation closings continue and this week we find Simmons Jewellers and Georgetown Furniture Sales closed for the week, as well as the B. F. Murfin Sheet Metal Works. The Georgetown Cafe has again changed hands, Mr. Archie Wong having sold out his interest in the Main Street restaurant. A reader tells us that residents of the Park district would appreciate a change in location of the mail box which the Post Office department placed last year on Charles Street. The box would be much more useful if it were more central, somewhere closer to the library, she says. Mr. E. Hodge stopped at the office to show us two beautiful bouquets of gladioli. Mr. Hodge's garden is one of the finest and he plans to show his glads at the CNE this year. Last year his plans were spoiled by an unseasonable heat wave which withered the growing flowers. One of the good services of the Ontario Motor League is a legal department which operates for the benefit of members. A recent five dollar fine which the writer was assessed for speeding on the Lakeshore Road was washed out, thanks to the O.M.L. lawyer who appeared for him. Saxe Motors are local agents for the Motor League and any driver who is not a member is well advised to consider joining. Two little Crosley cars from Pennsylvania caught our eye on the highway recently. Beside them the Austin looks like a giant and we were surprised that travellers would venture so far from home in such small cars. Buying some wood at the beach at the current price of \$5 a cord, a neighbour said that when he was a young man a cord cost 90c delivered and stacked. However, everything was in proportion in those days, when a dollar went five times as far. If this week's Herald seems a little slim in news items, don't forget that half the town has been on vacation and that most organizations are closed down for the summer, so no news is being made. There's not even an opportunity to crib any news from other papers as most district weeklies are not publishing this week. It didn't help any either for the editor to take the holiday week-end off and spend three days at the beach doing practically nothing. We did read our annual novel, this year "Vespers in Vienna" which proved to be an excellent story by Bruce Marshall, author of "Father Malachy's Miracle." It was about the British occupation of Austria after the war and contained some deep philosophy about democracy and communism written in language which the layman can understand. Bill Roney is boasting about his peach tree which this year has a record crop. It is one of the first planted locally and was obtained from the late Professor Howard Hutt.

SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAYS

It is to be hoped that the Ontario Department of Highways will continue to expand its service in using the new road marking system on highways which tells when it is safe to pass the car ahead. We have found that it is one of the greatest safety measures ever taken and it takes away much of the strain in driving long distances. The marking system, for those who are not familiar with it, has four simple features. A dotted line in the centre of the road signifies that it is safe to pass. A solid line warns that vision is obscured for traffic both ways; as does a double solid line. A solid line closest to the driver with a dotted line to its left means that it is unsafe to pass but that oncoming traffic can do so. The sooner this marking system becomes universal, the sooner accidents will be avoided by motorists passing at unsafe places. It is suggested that two further measures might be considered by the Department of Highways as a further aid to safe driving. First is a thorough check on the placing of highway "stop" signs. These signs should always be placed well back from the through road in order to give motorists a chance to come to a full stop. In this district we have particularly noted two roads where the placing of stop signs flush with the highway could contribute to serious accidents. The roads in

question are those from Silvercreek through Hillsburgh to the Orangeville - Arthur highway and from Rockwood to the Shand Dam outside of Fergus. Both of these cross the Guelph - Orangeville highway and on both roads the stop signs each way are smack on the highway. The latter road also crosses the highway out of Fergus and again the same thing prevails. Last year an Acton lady lost her life in an accident at one of these crossings and while we know no details we can imagine that poor location of crossing signs may have been a contributing factor. We have ourselves missed this crossing on more than one occasion and also the crossings on the Hillsburgh road. A second suggestion which would be valuable would be the institution of a new sign which could be called "Hidden Hill" to be placed at any point on the highway where one of these small dips which can conceal an oncoming car can lead to a fatal accident. Any driver who travels a certain road several times eventually learns where these occur, but the tourist is not so informed and the safest driver can get in trouble at such spots.

WHAT IS A VACATION?

At this time of year, when vacations are in vogue, we wonder what is the wisest way to spend one. The conclusion is that it all depends on the individual and on the life he normally leads. To some, vacations are periods of complete relaxation when they do absolutely nothing more than eat and sleep and sun themselves. This is particularly beneficial to businessmen whose daily work is not limited to any set of hours or whose job entails a lot of entertaining and night life. Others consider a vacation a time when they can break loose and really have some fun — dancing, partying, and generally having themselves a time. This is an excellent way of relaxing for people who normally lead a quiet life for it provides a change which if we can believe the saying is "as good as a rest". There are those who wouldn't give a fig for either of these vacations, but who prefer to travel and see something of this country or the States and whose only opportunity comes at vacation time. These are the people who are wisest to take their holidays in spring or the fall for the heat of summer is not the best time to enjoy motoring. Many vacations are influenced by the young members of the household to whom vacation is synonymous with beach and no matter what mother and dad's preference, the family ends up somewhere where there is water and sand and junior has a wonderful time. Other families follow the advice which was contained in an essay which used to be in a high school literature book which maintained that a family should get away completely from all friends and family connections and that this was the important factor rather than what was done. It was even suggested that a husband and wife should take independent vacations and that both should get away from the children.

And so it is impossible to give any advice at all about what to do on vacation, other than to suggest "something different." The most costly places do not necessarily provide the most fun, and a grand time can be had on a small expenditure provided it is what the person wants to do themselves. Planning a vacation can be almost as much fun as the trip itself, particularly to those wanting to travel and it will surprise you how many hours can be spent figuring where to stay the night and where to eat and whether to take a side trip.

SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE TYPE

The above heading provides one of the most interesting columns in a publication issued for weekly newspapermen and tells of the "boners" made from time to time by the type gremlins. Here are a number which we read recently. Added to them might be the picture which appeared in the Toronto Telegram last year, telling of the approaching wedding of two sisters with the caption "Toronto Girls and their Finances."

Party who took pyjamas from the clothes line at 240 West 120th Street, please return and no embarrassing exposure will be made on my part — Oklahoma City News.

The evening was spent in an infernal way, a radio program being the main diversion. — Kentucky paper. Send mother a gift of hardly ever blooming rose bushes — Ad. in Sioux Falls Argus Leader.

Mary Promises to Sin for John D. Gets Dime — Headline in Sun-Telegraph.

The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done by the local fire department — Illinois paper. From his left ear to the corner of his mouth ran a scar, the result of a duet many years before. — Short Story.

The appeal to all local authorities to help the Safety First organization in the fight against unnecessary human life, ought to find a hearty response — Leicester, Eng., paper.

Keeping all foods under cover is the first step toward ridding the house of aunts. — Albany Journal.

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