

HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Butler Hill (the hill on Ft. Union Boulevard, between 23rd and 27th East) was well known in early days of the area as a “good sleigh riding hill.” What other thing was it known for?

ANSWER

The following humorous article appeared in the June 29, 1939, edition of the “Murray Eagle.”

“There are horse races, boat races, automobile races. Perhaps the most interesting of all the races is the human race.

“Rumor has it that a certain Mr. A. has mistaken himself for an aviator and that he is trying to make his automobile do the things that only an airplane can do.

“Frequently, Mr. A., in some kind of frenzied desire for excitement has driven his car down **Butlerville Hill** in a “power dive.” It seems that this V-8 pilot wants to see how fast he can make his car travel downhill. It is reported that he has attained speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour in this manner.

“Mr. A. seems to have no thought of breaking the law which he does every time he “power dives.” Also it is quite obvious that he has no concern over his physical welfare. It is only a matter of time when this thirst for speed will undo Mr. A.

“For his own sake we suggest that he try parachute jumping or something like that which might be sufficiently stimulating to lessen his insane craving for speed.”

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