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## Why Did They Name It That? by Jimmie Close

**Protem, Missouri:** In the Ozark Mountains, not far from Branson, Missouri, settlers could not agree on a name for their new community. Until the issue could be resolved, they decided to call the place 'Protem', short for the Latin *pro tempore* - for the time being. The citizens never did get around to choosing a permanent name, so the temporary became permanent.

**Marshfield, Missouri:** Marshfield is a Route 66 town. During one of my several stops in Marshfield, the town was preparing for a visit from George H.W. and Barbara Bush for an Independence Day parade.

In the mid-nineteenth century, Webster County, Missouri, was created and named to honor Daniel Webster. Marshfield was chosen as the name for the county seat after Daniel Webster's hometown of Marshfield, Massachusetts.

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