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Barrie Examiner—Mayor Johnston of Orillia objected to providing chairs for the reporters at the council meetings. Seeing he cannot make the newspapermen "sit up" he does not propose to let them sit down.

BELIEVES OLD AGE PENSION SHOULD BE \$30 PER MONTH

Also Advocates that the Age Limit Should be Sixty Years Instead of Seventy. Letter from Reader of The Advance

The Advance has received the following letter which is duly signed, but as The Advance is not sure that the writer wishes her name to appear, a nom-de-plume is used.

Timmins, July 18th, 1930

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins

Dear Sir—The old age pension is now in force in Ontario but it isn't enough to exist on it. It should be \$25.00 or \$30.00 per month. Also, the pension should be given at the age of sixty years. After a woman passes the age of sixty, very few are able to do a day's work. They are usually living with daughters and sons-in-law who do not want them, and they are unwelcome and it is a very uncomfortable place to be both for the young woman and the old woman. They cannot live outdoors; they have to have shelter. The Government should wake up and give more money so that the old people would not suffer as they are doing. We are living in Timmins not in China among the heathen. This is supposed to be a civilized country. Why not look after the old people and see how they are treated by the sons-in-law. What is the use of your churches? They never call around to see what is going on in the town of Timmins. They don't know who is hungry or who isn't. There are certain people suffering in town, living with sons-in-law who do not want them, but they have no other home. You rich people that have full and plenty should look around and see who is needy. Hoping to see better works in Timmins concerning old people.

Yours truly,
"One Needing Pension."

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(By John Burke Ingram)

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PORT ROWAN NEWSPAPERMAN SAID MUCH TOO LITTLE

(From Stratford Beacon-Herald)

The editor of the Port Rowan News is somewhat of a philosopher. We imagine he would like to see a great deal of happiness in the world, and we suspect, also, that his sensitive soul is touched to the quick when he reads of divorce cases and such.

He has a suggestion and that is that girls should be taught how to pick out a husband. His idea is given in his own words:

"The ear-marks of a good husband are very distinctly impressed upon a young man, but a part of a girl's training should be along the lines which enable her to discern them."

But right there the sage of Port Rowan ceases. He excites a certain amount of curiosity, then wipes his pen off by sticking it into the old potato on the desk and calls it a day.

Now what are these ear-marks of a good husband that are stuck all over every young man? We have seen some fine young men, Roman-nosed, good teeth in their heads, who knew how to handle a knife and fork, say please and thank-you, and they always wiped their feet off before walking across the rag carpet in the parlour. But a husband they were poor prunes.

And then we can recall unlikely looking fellows, gawky, bent in at the knees, and in later years with big fat stomachs and double chins. Not much to look at, at any time, but they married pretty girls, used their feet as rocking horses for the children, called their wife "dear" and were as good as a Canadian dollar.

The Port Rowan editor may have gone back for contemplation before finishing his article on how a girl should go about it to pick a good man. The world has been waiting a long time for directions as to how it should be done.

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J. E. HAMMELL WATCHING THE CENTRAL PATRICIA

Reports to the head office of N. A. M. E. regarding exploration work this year have contained nothing of unusual interest, according to a story in The Telegram. Quite a large number of men have been taken in to Great Bear Lake and the Coppermine River areas and no word regarding their activities is expected until the company's field engineer, Gordon Duncan, returns from the Coppermine in a few weeks. It is expected that the company has staked locations on the Coppermine, looked over by a party last fall when native copper was found in places. Two parties, serviced by planes, are operating in the area north of the Opemiska field in Quebec searching for gold. President J. E. Hammell is greatly interested in the development of Central Patricia in the Crow River section. N.A.M.E. has spent considerable money on developing adjoining ground, and has received considerable encouragement from surface stripping and diamond drilling. The splendid results in the levels being opened up by Central Patricia have made Mr. Hammell very hopeful that somewhat similar results may be had on his company's property.

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BE SURE TO CARRY YOUR DRIVER'S PERMIT WITH YOU

People are forgetful and careless at times, but they have to exercise judgment and thoughtfulness about some matters. For instance, if a man goes on a lengthy trip in a motor car and forgets to take along any money, the hotel-keepers and garage men will not accept his excuse that he left his money in his other pants as enough excuse to warrant extending him credit. Unless he has friends along the way to help him out he will be in a bad way. If he makes anything like a practice of forgetting his money "in his other clothes," he will not get much sympathy from people in general if he encounters difficulty along the way. A man has to remember to provide himself in such a case. In the same way a man taking a trip in a motor car is expected to carry along his driver's license. There does not seem to be any more excuse for him forgetting this necessary document than for forgetting to take along the key of his car or gas enough to carry him to the next oil station. Perhaps, in some cases, the reason he is careless about his license card is because he does not take the law seriously enough. In that case he has only himself to blame if he encounters trouble on his trip. A man who is going any particular distance away from home should be especially careful to remember to take along his driving permit if he intends to do any driving. If he doesn't it appears hardly fair to blame anybody else for what may occur. At the present time there is a regular epidemic among police officers south of Timmins in the matter of asking to see drivers' cards. Accordingly it is only common sense to be prepared. If every man were honest and truthful there might be excuse for expecting police officers to accept an individual's word for the possession at home in other clothes of the permit that is supposed to be carried wherever and whenever a man is driving a car. But the police officer may be a suspicious fellow or he may think the story of the card being in other clothes is simply a form of swank to let it be known that the motorist has two suits of clothes as well as one car. In the past few weeks a number of motorists have been stopped south of North Bay and required to produce their driving permits. It costs them much trouble and sometimes considerable expense if they can not produce the necessary cards. The way to avoid this is always to carry the permit when driving a car. In speaking of the matter The New Liskeard Speaker last week said:—

"Over the past week-end Provincial Police are said to have been much in evidence just south of North Bay, where motorists were held up while they produced their driving permits or explained why they did not have them on their person. The result was that many persons to whom permits had been issued had to explain that they had left them at home—apparently in another pocket. That's the worst of having more than one suit of clothes. This always having your driving permit on your person is some problem. If you leave it in your car you might sometimes be driving another fellow's car, or it may be pinched from your own. Better start a personal marking system by which means the receipt of payment will always be available. Quite recently a Liskeard boy, who has been driving for years, was at the wheel passing through Huntsville when the police stopped the car and asked for a showing of permits. Unfortunately he had left his at home and his friend was the real driver. His name was taken and an information duly received, and a fine imposed. It hardly looks fair and we venture to say there is not a driver in Ontario who has not, at some time or other, driven on the highway with his permit in another pocket."

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