

# Weigh it well

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## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR MEN

1. Thou shalt now sit up like a graven image in thy house, nor refrain from speech because thou hast only friend wife to talk to, for verily she hath been alone all day and panted for conversation as the heart for the waterbrook.

2. Thou shalt not withhold from her the soft talk and the jollying that are her due, nor shalt thou gobble down, without rendering her praise therefor, the dinner that she has spent two hours preparing for thee.

3. Thou shalt not interfere in the matters that pertaineth to thy wife alone. Neither shalt thou dictate to her about the length of her skirt, nor her hair, nor whether she shall use rouge or lipstick, or not.

4. Thou shalt not spend thy evenings glued to the TV, nor thy holidays and Sundays chasing a golf ball, or playing at curling; for thy wife did not marry thee to be widowed before her time and to have no more of thy society than if thou were living on another planet.

5. Thou shalt not boast about what a sheik thou art among the ladies, nor exploit the beauty and the slimness of thy blonde stenographer, or pert housemaid, each of whom are 20 years younger and 50 pounds lighter than thy wife.

6. Thou shalt not account it unto thy wife for a crime that entitleth thee to forsake her for a flapper, because she has got fat and middle-aged, for lo, thou thyself has acquired a bay window and thy hair hath departed from thee.

7. Thou shalt be patient with thy wife's shortcomings, remembering that, such as she is, she was thine own choice and though didst not have to choose her.

8. Thou shalt not make a mere household convenience of thy wife, neither shalt thou regard her as a self-starting automatic cook and vacuum cleaner whose sole use is to make thee comfortable, for behold, she was a woman before she was a wife and was given unto thee for thy companion and soulmate, and not as a kitchen utensil.

9. Thou shalt not expect thy wife to be a miracle worker who can feed a family upon air, and spread a dime over the space of a ten dollar bill. Nor shalt thou make the first of the month when the bills come in, as terrible as the day of judgment to her. Rather shalt thou render unto her the things that are her due and give her freely the allowance which she hath earned by the labor of her hands and the sweat of her brow.

10. Remember that thy wife hath not been gifted with the power of a mind-reader, and therefore she can not divine that thou still lovest her when thou art as cold as an icicle and as dumb as a clam. Therefore, tell her daily of thy affection for her, and that thou considerest her more beautiful than any of the maidens that flout their good looks in public.

This was another gem I found in the Pion-era Cookbook while out West. Just don't laugh too hearty or long, girls, they'll be one for us later.

Early in the year I wrote to the Halton County Roads Committee of my concern regarding the traffic signs at Twiss Road and No. 10 Sideroad. They answered my letter courteously and said they would study the intersection in question. I am pleased to report that the corner has now become less hazardous as there is a stop sign on the Twiss Road when coming north before crossing or turning onto the sideroad.

The Town of Burlington has had lights installed on Cedar Springs Road at the request of some of the residents, making it easy to see the many turns on that road.

If you have an honest complaint it is a good idea to go right to the source with it. These two cases prove that you can get results.

It is gratifying to learn of the increased interest and involvement in education. During the recent election when I read in the city dailies and our county weeklies about the number of people running for the Boards of Education, I recalled the days only a short time ago when hardly anyone would take the job for love or... well, for the love of it.

Timmy, a precocious lad of four, was extremely fond of books and came regularly to the library with his mother. She let him bring his own books to the desk for the check-out. One night when a large group of other children waited around the desk in an orderly lineup, Timmy pushed to the front of the line, murmuring politely, "Excuse me."

A few seconds later his mother showed up and knowing he hadn't had time to wait his turn she scolded, "Timmy, you shouldn't have pushed in like that. You must always wait in line for your turn."

"I said 'excuse me,'" he explained, as if that settled it.

The next time they came, the library was not busy and Timmy again beat his mother to the desk. She came and stood beside him and asked if he had found some nice books. He glanced sternly at her, pointed behind him and from the corner of his mouth, gangster-like, muttered, "Get in line."

## Nassagaweya W.I.

# Poems and songs highlight meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. B. Young on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 9. There was a good number of members and several guests in attendance and all were pleased to have our president, Mrs. Pyatt, with us again.

The meeting was opened with a poem "Lift up your hearts, O, Woman-kind", read by the president and followed by the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Some business was dealt with, including the sending of a donation and food hamper to the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Young reminded the members that the next meeting is on resolutions and each member is to submit a written resolution for discussion.

**Message of Christmas**  
The program conveners began with a reading, "The Message of Christmas" by Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. McLaren read a poem "The First Christmas." Mrs. Clegg conducted the singing of several carols and then presented pencils and paper for a contest, the prizes being won by Mrs. Mullen and Mrs. Anderson.

Following the singing of God Save the Queen and the Institute grace, a bountiful lunch was

served by the hostess and lunch committee. Mrs. McLaren as courtesy convener, thanked Mrs. Young for her hospitality, also Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Clegg for their program and expressed appreciation for the good attendance of members and guests.

The group dispersed after heartily singing, "We wish you a Merry Christmas" led by Mrs. Pearce.

In 1926, the U.S. Department of the Interior officially designated a "National Christmas Tree" — a giant Sequoia located in King's Canyon National Park, California.

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WHAT KIND OF ROCKS are those? They're rock-hard turkeys, frozen solid, which skip Glad Merritt, vice Jane Hughes, second Bernice Noble and lead Dot Kuehnbaum won at the Milton Curling Club ladies division's annual turkey bonspiel on Friday. —(Staff Photo)

# Christmas meetings Campbellville group

For their Christmas meetings the members of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. and the Women's Association of St. David's church Campbellville met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Crawford on Wednesday, December 9 at 2 p.m. with 22 ladies present.

Mrs. James Robertson, president of the W. A. presided for their part of the meeting using the Christmas program from the Glad Tidings for devotions. After conducting several business items the meeting was given over to the W.M.S. President Mrs. A. T. Moore using the poem

Christmas Song as the call to worship

### New officers

Mrs. W. Greenlees gave the treasurer's report and Mrs. D. Inglis the cheer report. Mrs. L. Crawford, convener of the nominating committee gave the list of officers for 1971. Homes were submitted for next year's meetings.

Roll call was answered by quoting a Christmas verse. Mrs. Moore read a chapter about the Saviour's birth. A hymn, a prayer by Mrs. Moore and grace concluded the meeting, and a dainty lunch was served with tea.

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# Merritt rink wins turkey spiel

On Friday, Dec. 11, the ladies of Milton Curling Club held their annual Turkey Bonspiel with six rinks participating.

Top honors went to a team skipped by Glad Merritt with Jane Hughes as vice, Bernice Noble as second and Dot Kuehnbaum as second. Prizes were turkeys.

Second place team was skipped by Jean McDuffe with Win Newell as vice, Marth Stokes as second and Grace Duncan as lead. Prizes were chickens.

Third place team was skipped by Ollie Sargent with Florence Mahon as vice, Hazel Stewart as second and Jo Charlton as lead. Prizes were pairs of Cornish hens.

A delicious lunch was served by social conveners Adele Leslie and Eleanor Branch and their committee.

# Yule recipes exchanged at W.I. Christmas meeting

The December meeting of Hornby Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. L. Sampson with six members present. Mrs. Newton and six convalescing ladies under her care were guests at this meeting. President Mrs. William MacPherson opened the meeting with a Christmas poem, followed by all present singing "Silent Night". Then the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect were repeated in unison.

The roll call "ways women can help bring peace and good will towards men" was answered by ladies present. "Love your neighbor" seemed the most appropriate answer. The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary-treasurer Mrs. Sampson. Correspondence consisted of a letter from the Chinese adopted child — and one from the Salvation Army in Toronto. It was agreed \$10 will be sent to the Salvation Army. The bowling banquet to be catered to in Union Hall Milton on Dec. 11 was discussed.

Christmas recipes were exchanged and a Christmas decoration was shown, or a

Christmas article was ready by each member. The meeting

closed with "O Canada" after which the Institute Grace was repeated. An exchange of gifts followed. Mrs. H. Reed and Mrs. H. Bradley served lunch of sandwiches, red and green jelly with whipped cream and cookies and a social half hour followed.

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