

Jarvis Women's Institute

Mrs. Orville Walker entertained the Jarvis WI at her home on the evening of Dec. 10. Mrs. Walker who with Mrs. Leo Montague are leaders of the 4-H club also had the club girls in for the evening. They in turn took over the latter part of the meeting hosting their sponsors the WI.

The WI President, Mrs. Wm. Blake opened the meeting in the usual way expressing her pleasure at the presence of the 4-H Birls.

Mrs. S. J. Church, secretary treasurer, announced the finances to stand at \$58.28. A donation of \$5 was made following the annual appeal from the sick children's hospital. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Earl Marr lately a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital. The ladies were pleased to have Mrs. Marr in attendance. The secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Principal Robert Davis of White Oaks Boys School, for the afternoon's entertainment at the Junior Boys division, noting the fine way in which the boys acted as entertainers, guides and helpers with the lunch.

A letter was read from Ho Po Mai, the institutes adopted child in Hong Kong. She stated that she was now in secondary school but found English very hard to master. She said "do not worry about us." The Holmes WI shares with Jarvis in sending the money for her support.

Mrs. Duxbury, convener of the sick and gift

committee, gave her report. The roll call "Outdoor Christmas Decorations" was answered pleasingly.

Mrs. Freeman Fields as program convener gave the Motto "Let your light so shine the whole year through," opened her talk with the quotation from King George V, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year" etc.

Mrs. Ross Dosser took the topic "The Story of Light" dealing with it in a biblical way and quoting from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, "Portia's words 'So shines a good deed in a naughty world.'"

Mrs. Preston read from St. Luke's gospel "The Coming of the Messiah," assisted by Mrs. James Davidson demonstrated the making of fancy candles, for Christmas and for other special occasions.

At this time the 4-H Girls took over the program. Ellen Montague was commentator and as each of the 17 girls answered the roll by demonstrating her dress, Miss Montague drew attention to the cost of making and its special eye appeal.

Marilyn Slater described the trip to Toronto with its highlights and Donna Walker told of the four day trip to Guelph University. She noted that many ideas gained on these trips were useful in this club and clubs in years to come. The girls conducted the Christmas exchange which is an annual part of the WI Christmas meeting. The young people also distributed Santa Claus favors holding candies which were received by all. The Club had prepared tasty drinks which were served to each lady as she entered. Christmas carols were sung with Cindy Dosser at the piano and Linda Mitchell conducting. The other club girls formed a choir in front of the Christmas tree. Michaela and Kelly Montague entertained at the piano during the setting up of a Christmas buffet table, from which the members of the WI as their guests were most graciously served.

The president of the WI, Mrs. Blake, thanked the girls

for their fine entertainment with a special thank you to the hostess, Mrs. Walker and to her co-leader Mrs. Montague.

Mrs. Earl Stallwood will be hostess for the January WI on the afternoon of the 13th.

The entire list of girls entertaining follows: Ellen Montague, chairman; Cindy Dosser; Linda Mitchell; Kelly Montague; Michaela Montague; Diane Dosser; Marilyn Slater; Diane Doughty; Barbara Mitchell; Marylou Bousefield; Donna Walker; Michelle Dosser; Gwen Mitchell; Margie Conson; Nancy Feeney; Suzanne Bousfield; Vickie Montague; June Awde.

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St. John's Evening Guild

by Helen Hobbs
St. John's Evening Guild held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Turner on the 9th at 8.15 pm. The meeting opened with the President Mrs. Margaret Hoover in the chair.

The Guild's Prayer and Lord's Prayer were each repeated in unison.

The Collect for the second Sunday in Advent was read by the president. The Secretary, Miss Mary Murdoch called the roll with 12 members present.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Bernice Stubley.

Two cards were sent out. One get well card was sent to Mrs. Wrightson and one congratulation card to Mrs. Isobel

Pam Armstrong for the safe arrival of her twin girls in the Hamilton Hospital Dec. 8.

New business: allocation of funds were dealt with. The travelling basket will be started at the January meeting, also the Silent Auction (donated articles). It was suggested we each bring a friend.

The Christmas party for the Sunday School, will be held Saturday Dec. 19 at 12.30 pm in the church basement.

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Selkirk Scene

MAY CRACK UP TORONTO (CP) - The man who feels his only value to society is in his work may be the one most likely to crack up after retirement, the general council of the Health League of Canada was told.

Dr. John D. Griffin, general director of the Canadian Mental Health Association, said some studies show an increased rate of suicide after retirement.

The SOS campers held their Christmas party at Selkirk Centennial Hall on Saturday with 17 families represented.

The afternoon was spent entertaining the children with films and games.

A delicious hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings including hot mince pie was enjoyed by 63 members, after which Santa Claus arrived with a bag of presents over his back and presented each

child with a gift and a big candy cane. The parents took the children home and returned for an evening of dancing.

Mr. Lloyd Lindsay has returned home after spending some time in WHH.

Mrs. Charles Sheppard is a patient in the WHH.

The Selkirk Centennial Hall Board met on Monday night to close business matters for the year.

Editorial Comment

Cleaning Up The Image

As was expected, the royal commission on the status of women proposed a number of steps to improve the position of women. Establishment of a network of day-care centres for all children who could benefit from them and relaxation of abortion laws were among the recommendations.

The reaction of other prominent women was generally favorable though some felt the proposals did not go far enough.

But the report also showed that there are two sides to the situation. With privileges go responsibilities.

For instance, the commission said that woman in a financial position to do so should be required to support her husband and children in the same way that a husband is obligated to support his wife and children. It said the provinces which have not done so should change their laws to bring this into effect.

In other words, you don't get something for nothing. It sounds reasonable.

The report also drew attention to an interesting detail - the prevailing attitude to the average Canadian woman. She is regarded as a superficial creature who spends a lot of time thinking about her appearance and pictures herself mainly in terms of her attractiveness to man.

The commission said she is seldom associated with intelligence, sincerity, culture, originality or talent. She is portrayed as elegant, beautiful - and young. The report found that 89 percent of the Canadian women pictured in Canadian newspapers and magazines are less than 35 years old.

Canadian women were identified almost exclusively in terms of their roles as wives and mothers.

The report maintained that the lengthy period of women's lives after childbirth and child rearing represents the equivalent of a second existence.

"This new cycle makes it imperative that girls should be prepared for energetic usefulness in the later years of their lives," the report said.

It's too soon to know what the federal government will do about putting the commission's observations into effect. But if the commission's more accurate image - not the distorted stereotype described in the report - it will have achieved something worth while.

Letter Box

Mr. Editor:
I would like to give my impression of SLT Luv.

I thought the moral of the play was that the "grass isn't any greener on the other side of the fence." I thought Gordon McCracken who played Milt found this out the hard way.

Verna Watkinson who played Ellen, frustrated and clinging she was. But I think she desperately needed someone to love and who would love her.

When she realized her husband no longer needed her, she grabbed the next willing man, who happened to be Harry played by Colin Hendry. I couldn't help feeling a little sympathy towards Harry who seemed to be down on his luck.

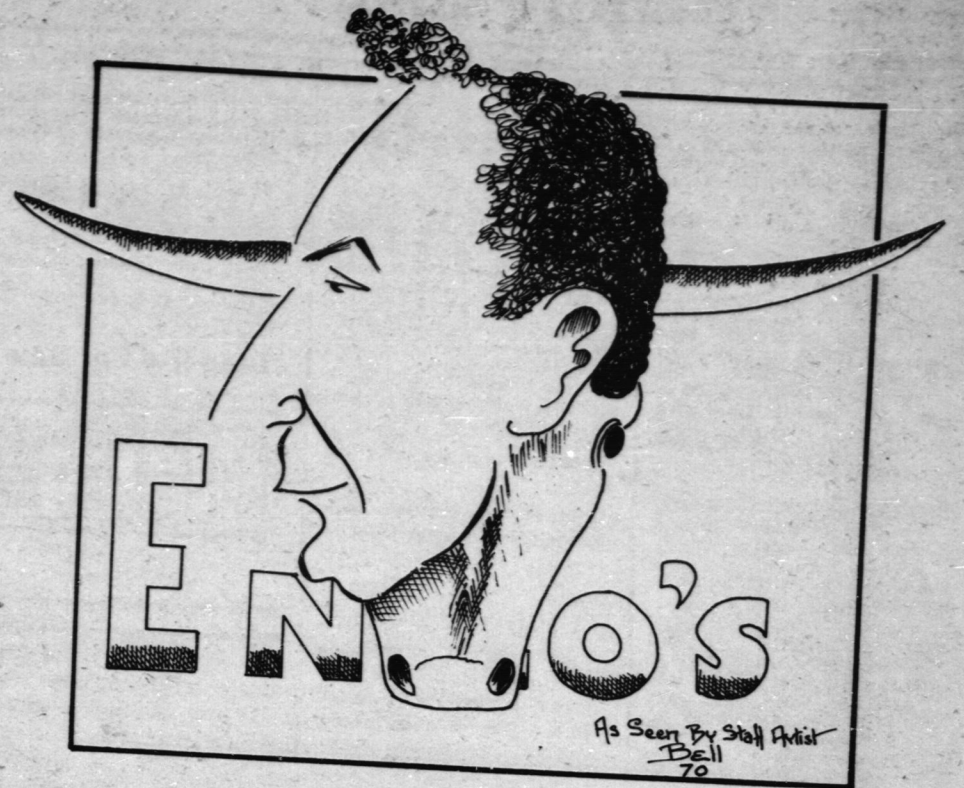
Maybe the language was strong in some parts, but that in itself, I'm afraid a great many of us have the same fault of using strong language.

Maybe this play caused a bit of embarrassment because of our own feelings being portrayed.

We all have strong emotions about one thing or another in life. Maybe when we realize this we'll have a better understanding of others.

Thank you for letting me get my two cents worth in.

Faye de la Fosse



Scott Young

Renovating the kitchen

When we bought the house we're in now, we had no money left over for renovations. However, we made a few silent resolutions for the future. My wife's most fervent hopes involved the kitchen.

It is a small kitchen, about 9 feet wide and 11 feet long, and it has not been altered substantially since the house was built in 1922.

Not many people have such things as flour and sugar bins any more, each with a 75-pound capacity.

When I see cleanser commercials on television, I chuckle at those pretty sinks that are used as horrible examples in the deep cleaning action tests - the pores alone in our old sink would swallow a quart of cleanser in one gulp (and he didn't have a hold on something solid).

Also, painted wooden slabs, slightly slanted toward the sink, are not really considered the latest thing any more as drainboards.

The linoleum floor has had several coats of paint, all easily identifiable at points of wear.

There is a built-in ironing board which occupies most of one wall. Back stairs from the second floor take up the rest. The swinging door to the dining room is great for knocking loose articles out of the way and making the whole floor area near the door untenable.

To all this we added a large two-door refrigerator, a peek-a-boo stove, a dishwasher, a telephone and its chair, two cats, a dog, and another chair which we borrowed once and its owners won't take back. (They say THEY have no room.)

For a year, though, we knew that this winter would go down in our family history as the winter of the new kitchen.

We consulted with kitchen-builders. There was a strong sentiment among them to do away with the back stairs to make more room. But we like the back stairs. Then they wanted to knock out the back wall of the house and make the kitchen bigger. We haven't that kind of money.

Night after night my wife

stared at color photos of glorious kitchens. She would find a good idea and hand it to me. I would regard it with the air of a man trying to figure out how to inscribe The Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin.

I believe that even our daughter caught the general spirit of the affair. One afternoon she spent nearly an hour trying to climb into an empty cardboard carton. She would get her feet in and then try to sit down. She couldn't make it either.

"I want a place where even a couple of people could sit down for a sandwich without using the dining room," my wife would say.

"Sure, sure," I would say. "You can't be serious," visiting carpenters would say.

"I am," my wife would say. There are six people in our household. We all went on diets. Even the cats stayed thin. The dog kept bringing home Labradors and Newfoundlanders and Great Danes, and would parade them on the lawn, looking meaningfully at the house as if to say: "Think how lucky you are that I am a tiny, loyal Scottie."

Finally we found two carpenters to take on the job. They laid out plans that would leave the back stairs as they were, but would get rid of the swinging door to the dining room and replace it with folding doors.

The plans showed lots of new counter space. The built-in ironing board would have to go. An area could be hollowed out under the back stairs to take the dishwasher on its nights off.

A big old-fashioned radiator would be replaced by a small one to be placed differently. The only possible place to put it would block off the milk chute. But the milk chute was drafty, anyway.

We told them to go ahead. When we were signing the agreement, I genially asked one carpenter what he did in his spare time.

"I build ships in bottles," he said.

I believe him.

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Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO
A public telephone booth has been erected next to the Walpole Mutual Fire Insurance Co. building on Main Street by the Bell Telephone Co.

Requests for such a service have been made in the past and it is felt that the public booth will fill a long felt need in the Village.

GOWAN - In Beckcliffe Private Hospital, Hagersville, on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gowan, of Walpole, a daughter.

Richard the Third, King of England in a bygone day, once gave a Yuletide celebration during which 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

30 YEARS AGO
Sapper Stanley Burditt, who is with the Royal Canadian Engineers in Nova Scotia arrived home on Sunday and will enjoy a 20 day leave. Stan is looking fit, and feeling fine. He attributes this to the regularity of army life.

L. L. McBride was installed Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 329, AF & AM at an outstanding installation ceremony in the Lodge Rooms on Friday evening.

Deanna Durbin, 19, Canadian-born singing film star and Vaughan Paul, 25 are engaged. This was announced by Danna's parents in Hollywood. They'll wed next summer. They met when she made her first film in 1936.

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This is a good time for snowmobilers to get out and check their trails while they can still see obstacles and hazards. Cut out deadfalls and excessive brush and get those trail markers up while the weather is mild enough to use a hammer and nails with some degree of comfort.

And speaking of trail markers, the Ontario Safety League has just replenished their stock of snowmobile trail and danger markers for the coming season. Snowmobile resorts and clubs interested in purchasing these approved trail markers at nominal prices should enquire at the Ontario Safety League office, 208 King St. W., Toronto 1, Ont.