

**Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada**  
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Conversations in my home often involve the CWL so when my husband found an interesting piece in *The Eganville Leader*, he felt he had to bring it to my attention. It was a highlight in the "75 Years Ago" section and dated from October 18, 1946. The title read, "Large Representation at C.W.L. Convention In Pembroke" with the subtitle, "Protests Voiced Regarding Salacious Literature and Loose, Subtle Stuff Over Radio". The piece spans the gamut of Communications, Resolutions, and History and reads, in part, as follows:

"Protests against the continued sale of salacious literature were registered by the Catholic Women's League of the Pembroke Diocese, meeting in annual convention at Pembroke..."

Among the resolutions adopted by the convention was one placing the organization on record as protesting more strongly against magazines and periodicals found on newsstands that do harm to morals and character of youth and it was further resolved that the CWL sponsor a campaign of protest to the Radio Commission against featuring harmful advertising and dramatizing illicit love stories, "frequently presenting in a subtle manner, pagan philosophies which are harmful to immature children, spiritually and mentally."

I'm sure I don't fully understand what this means but it does show that media content has always been on our radar. Of course, what we are confronted with today is considerably more diverse than 75 years ago and our exposure to it has certainly changed our tolerance levels.

However, monitoring media content should remain an ongoing process and every member can be involved. Refresh your understanding of **Resolution 2017.02 Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites** and follow through on the action plan. Ensure how you communicate personally is always respectful and considerate of the receiver. These are just a couple of ways we can live out our national theme *Catholic and Living It!*