

Burnstown WI members plan to host District Annual in May

While the Burnstown groundhogs ducked in fear at the sight of their shadows, local ladies and a delegation from Goshen thoroughly enjoyed the sunny afternoon drive to the home of Mrs M Fraser on the 3rd line of McNab for the February 2nd meeting of Burnstown Women's Institute.

The roll call, "Sing or say your favourite commercial," revealed that commercials concerning food registered most strongly with 73 per cent of those present, whether the food be for humans, or animals or in store displays or used for entertaining.

Mrs Paul Yantha extended to all a poetic wish for the New Year as this was Goshen branches' first gathering of 1980.

Mrs Jim Robillard developed in a logical and convincing manner the motto "Support Canadian Products and Canadian industry will support you."

Buying Canadian keeps money in Canada for re-investment thus encouraging a strong economy and reducing the chances of recession, depression, inflation and unemployment.

The financial support of Canadian industry permits companies to afford research and produce better products, prices may be lowered, local help can be hired, the costs of welfare and unemployment are avoided. Local industry physically expanding creates work for local tradesmen. Give Canadian Industry a chance!

The ten best consumer tips of Joan Watson, co-host of CBC's Marketplace, were

passed to those present by Mrs Donald Stewart and Mrs Harvey Denniston. Worthy of consideration and adoption they are:

Photostat all wallet documents and file in a safe place.

Use simple household staples instead of expensive commercial products.

Use the new pre-finished wood flooring now on market.

Don't buy sides of beef; instead go wild on specials.

Carry emergency equipment in your car trunk. Buy and carry in your

glove compartment a vehicle-accident check list.

Choose a balanced diet to maintain or lose weight.

Entertain guests with a fondue menu.

Take only one large and one small suitcase when travelling.

Be security-conscious on a trip.

Each tip had an interesting elaboration. For example, among household staples was the versatile white vinegar which has seven practical uses. It can be used as a fabric softener, paint-brush cleaner, window-cleaner, stain remover, meat marinade, woodwork polish, and to prevent cracked eggs

from running when boiled!

Participation in the Indoor Gardening Summary Day in the Kirk Hall on Feb 8, and planning for the hosting of the District Annual on May 15 took much time. Mrs J Robillard won the guessing contest presented by Mrs Allan McLeod and Mrs M McCallum won the lucky cup gift. On behalf of Goshen members Mrs Laurance Seeley expressed thanks to Burnstown ladies and hostesses Mrs Fraser and Mrs Denniston.

March will bring an Irish programme and a guest speaker, Carmen Harvey of the VON, at the home of Mrs Alex McDermid.

Burnstown WI entertains Glasgow branch members

"Saxevilla", the charming past-century home of Mr and Mrs G N Richardson, Burnstown, was the setting for a gathering of womenfolk on Thursday of last week, when the Burnstown Women's Institute entertained members of the Glasgow branch, together with other guests.

Held on the spacious lawn encircled by stately shade trees, the meeting was chaired by Mrs Harvey Denniston, past president, assisted by Mrs Allan McLeod as secretary, and featured an interesting talk by Miss Eva Olmstead.

A comparative newcomer to the area, Miss Olmstead outlined in pleasing fashion the impressions of Burnstown and its surrounding community, as seen through the eyes of a stranger. Offering some frank opinions and practical advice, interspersed with flashes of wit, she stressed both the good features and the not-so-good of this corner of the Ottawa Valley. She praised the unspoiled beauty of its setting, with grand old trees and majestic river, the individualistic charm of its homes and gardens (as compared with the box-like structures and high-rise apartments so often seen in larger centres, its fresh, pure air with complete absence of poisonous pollution from factories and industrial works.

On the other hand, she drew attention to the lack of opportunities for young people who might wish to make their homes here, and offered some practical suggestions for improvements along this line. The Madawaska River too, the speaker thought, might be put to greater service to the community, both as a tourist attraction and as a means of revenue. She added that some of these projects could be a worthwhile venture for the Women's Institutes.

Miss Olmstead was introduced by Mrs Ambrose Brydges, and the thanks of the gathering were extended by Mrs G N Richardson, who presented the speaker with a gift from Burnstown WI.

Further thought-provoking comment was given by Mrs Brydges in developing the motto for the month, on the subject: "Many folks confuse

the high cost of living with high living", and roll call was responded to by both members and guests by relating funny stories, offering opinions on the celebration of Dominion Day, or both.

In lighter mood, a group of young folk added enjoyment to the program with varied items, including songs with guitar accompaniment by Gwen, Gloria and Joyce Richardson, duet and singing skit by Ruth and Susan Richardson, all grandchildren of the hostess. A tap-dance number by Roxy Denniston also received hearty applause.

Two contests, arranged by another guest, Mrs George Richardson, served as happy crowd-mixers and sent several people home bearing attractive prizes. The afternoon was rounded off with a delightful outdoors tea-party, picnic fashion.

Mrs Arnold Somerville, president of Glasgow WI, expressed very warmly the thanks of invited guests to the Burnstown members for a pleasant and rewarding afternoon.