

The Organization of Goshen W.I. 1914

The interest taken in Women's Institutes in Canada by the Lady Tweedsmuir wife of a former beloved Governor General did much to spread further worth of this rural women's organization. Due to this interest the members of the Goshen W.I. felt they would like to join with the many sister Institutes to comply with the Lady Tweedsmuir's suggestion to compile a History of the Goshen W.I. and also that of the community.

The interest of many rural women in South Kentrew were focussed on a Women's Institute organized in Burnstown where the late Mrs. John F. Blane, a lady beloved everywhere and whose advanced ideas on problems effecting rural community life, appears to have been the main spring of the movement in South Kentrew, so impressed were several of the women in this area of Goshen, which includes residents of both townships of Horton and McNab, in the achievements accomplished by Women's Institutes and also hearing how this rural women's organization was growing to such an extent and helping the rural homemakers life more colourful and constructive that they felt they would like to become associated with the movement too.

The Institute Ode

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendships circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet
Nor dims the radiant light,
No unkind word our lips shall pass
Nor envy sour the mind,
But each shall seek the common weal
The good of all mankind.