



LARKSPUR

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I planted some larkspur, but all of it was blue.
 My old gardener smiled.
 "I wouldn't worry. Enjoy it as it is — and wait.
 Next year you'll be surprised."
 Following the redbird and the robin
 It came again this Spring.
 This time I had no part in it,
 Just the Springtime — and God.
 There was blue larkspur as before,
 But mingled with it white and pink, the
 color of tiny sea shells,
 A swaying flash of pastel shades above the
 green.
 It might have been a fairy's scarf left
 fluttering on the grass.

My gardener was wise.
 I didn't know that was the way of larkspur.
 Since then I haven't worried about — oh, a
 lot of things.



mittee convener chooses members like choosing sides for a spelling-match only there are four teams, till all the members are chosen; then the committee chosen plans the meetings for the year and not just the one convener." (Editor's Note: In case you don't like "choosing" until someone is left to the last, what about cutting as many slips of paper as there are members, numbering the slips 1, 2, 3 or 4, each number indicating one of the standing committees, shaking them up in a hat, having members each take one and go to whatever committee her number indicates?)

Lynedoch: "Having heard Mrs. Fairclough speak at the convention on the help needed by the Indians in Labrador, we wondered if the Institutes might consider this a national project for the coming year."

Brooklin, which takes keen interest in 4H Homemaking Club work and had over twenty girls in each of three projects this year, recommends the promotion of club work as one of the best means of preparing girls for Institute work in the future.

Emsdale Scotia: "At our final meeting we decided to withdraw the feature 'Lucky Draw' as a matter of principle." . . . "We wonder if



Florence Facey, winner of Oxford County Ontario Women's Institute scholarship for 1962. Florence has completed 14 4-H Homemaking Club projects. She plans to take Nurse's Training.



This banner of blue satin with letters of yellow felt was made by the Trent River Institute members in the picture: Mrs. H. Mann, Mrs. E. Vaness and Mrs. O. Creighton.

our organization is not getting too top-heavy, losing its original grass roots approach."

Alton: "We are trying to get conveners who are interested in certain crafts and skills working at what they do best. In that way they give the best of their own talents to help and inspire others."

Belfountain-Rockside: "Our annual meeting now takes the form of a luncheon and we have a good attendance."

Listowel Junior Institute works closely with the Junior Farmers' Association. The report says: "After discussing our past year's program we have decided to cut down our social activities. This year we would like to discuss our membership and have a 'closer-knit' group who do not just put in an appearance for field day and such events."

Eady: "We feel that the Institute should not only pay all the expenses of local leaders but should show appreciation, perhaps in a small gift or a hearty vote of thanks. Or think out some simple way to bring them pleasure as they have brought pleasure to us."

Churchill sponsored a concert by the Toronto Chapter of Barbershop Quartettes.

Cookstown says: "Having the program at the beginning of the meeting and the business later has worked very well."

Ouimet-Dorion: "Use your own members' talents, special skills and hobbies. . . Invite a non-member who has been a long time resident of the community as guest speaker." (Perhaps this applies particularly to a historical meeting. Ed.) "We recommend more workshop material for each convener, such as that sent out last year to Citizenship and Education conveners."