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Richmond Hill Women's Institute

A brief memorial service in memory of the fallen in both Great Wars featured the opening of the Women's Institute Thursday, November 10.

The roll call, a donation of dried fruits, etc., for Christmas baking brought in 50 lbs. of raisins, currants, sugar, almond paste, mixed fruits and peel, nuts, dates and other ingredients for Christmas cakes. This is to be sent to the Women's Institute at Queensferry, Wales, to be distributed among their members.

Miss Dorothy Hood, a talented young High School student from Buttonville, gave much pleasure to those present with her piano solo, "Rustles of Spring," and as an encore "Chopin's Waltz in E Minor."

The committee in charge of the joint bridge and euchre reported that over ninety dollars was raised toward the purchase of chairs. Mrs. Ruth Banks, guest speaker, took as her subject, "House Plants and Arrangements." In speaking of purchasing house plants from a florist, Mrs. Banks said we should not expect perfection but should give them special care because they have been forced to come into bloom. They have also been taken from an atmosphere which was humid and warm, where they were given every care. So if they drop their bloom after you have had them a few days, don't try to force them into bloom again but rather give them a resting period. She recommended that anyone interested in house plant culture write to the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa and ask for a free copy of "House Plants" by Wm. Godfrey.

Most of the questions asked were re African Violet culture. Mrs. Banks said that African Violets and in fact all other plants should be watered from the base because roots naturally turn downward. If watering from top the root tips turn upward which is not natural.

All house plants should be watered with water which is warm, blood heat is best. Furry leaved plants need more water, smooth-leaved plants less. In repotting plants, 1 teaspoon of bone meal can be added with advantage to each flower pot. Then use liquid fertilizer, high in nitrogen, to get flowers instead of foliage. For mealy bug, she suggested the plant be put in a large brown paper bag with some moth balls. Seal tightly and leave for 24 hrs.

Speaking of flower arrangement she thought that the Women's Institute members being interested in homes, would also be interested in decorations we can make from the material about us. It is God's material we are using and from his world we get ideas. In the spring the colours in nature are light and delicate so we should use pastel containers. As the seasons progress the colours become darker and the containers should correspond. In creating arrangements we should try to have 3 elevations representing heaven, man and earth for a more pleasing effect, with lightest colour at the top.

Don't overdo but try to keep the arrangements light and have not more than three colours. Wherever possible use the flower's own foliage. But if the foliage is poor or scanty, evergreen tips fastened to small splinters of wood create a nice background.

Mrs. Banks then demonstrated the creation of table and other arrangements. She likes to use vegetables and one she showed used three lovely leaves of red small green cabbage like a rose at their base and curly leaves of kale to form a very pleasing ornament. Another featured mullein leaves and leaves of the Oriental thistle in a container shaped as a rabbit. Besides this lay a small driftwood stick and a nice carrot for the rabbit.

In arrangements try to remember current events and along this line Mrs. Banks created one for a Horse Show. The base was of evergreens with gilded cones for the autumn; bulrushes wrapped in blue and gold foil for horse show colours and a horseshoe gilded. Without the horseshoe this could do for Women's Institutes as blue and gold are their colours also.

Another for fall or Christmas had a gilded board base. On this were the evergreens and cones, coloured red and gold. Leaves of corn had been gilded and formed into a pleasing arrangement at one end of the base and a replica of a pheasant also gilded at the other end formed a very pleasing centre.

The secret in obtaining the small bulrushes one sees in expensive arrangements is to cut them when they are just forming in the spring and let them dry on a flat surface all summer. If not gathered in time, dip the larger ones in gasoline and then dry and they will shrink to the small size.

Mrs. Banks also had many other suggestions for arrangements.

Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. Cruickshanks were hostesses for the usual social half hour.

suitable for Thanksgiving, children's parties, the sick and Christmas. Mrs. O. L. Wright in thanking Mrs. Banks expressed the feeling of all present that we had received much inspiration and many ideas for making our table and other decorations much more pleasing to the eye.

Dates to Remember
Dec. 3 — Thornhill V. I. Bazaar

To Sing At United Church



Pictured above are "The Commodores," colourful male quartette which will be heard at the Richmond Hill United Church on Thursday evening, November 24 in a free "good music concert."

Featured on the program besides The Commodores will be Muriel Albert, eighteen-year-old concert pianist, who has been playing since she was three and has electrified audiences since she was six. Dr. Leslie R. Bell, director of the famed Bell Singers, will be master of ceremonies.

The Commodores, who have created an outstanding impression in Richmond Hill on previous occasions, are internationally known on stage and radio.

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"I, Russell Lynett, Clerk of the Village of Richmond Hill, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the question submitted to the vote of the electors (owners) of the Village of Richmond Hill as aforesaid."

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE

that the vote on the said question will be taken at the annual election to be held on Monday, December 5, 1949, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the afternoon at the following place appointed for the taking of the votes MASONIC HALL, Yonge Street, RICHMOND HILL, Ontario,

and that November 28, 1949, at the Municipal Hall in Richmond Hill at 9 p.m. is the time and place for the appointment of persons to attend at the polling places and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk.

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