

WOMEN'S SECTION

British Columbia Women's Institutes

Motto—"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY"

Barriere Women's Institute.

The Barriere Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. J. H. H. Nelson on Wednesday, July 12. Mrs. Ralph Knapp presiding. The ladies brought woollen socks for a Red Cross contribution, and bandages and handkerchiefs were made during the afternoon for the same purpose. Mrs. Fred Curry demonstrated the making of summer salads, which were afterwards served at tea. The institute have placed supplies in a first Aid box for their school and now are planning a school library. Their second exhibition will be held on September 13.

Re Serbian Relief Fund.

The deputy minister of agriculture has addressed the following letter to secretaries of women's institutes throughout the province:

"I beg to submit herewith for the information and consideration of your institute, the following letter, received from Mr. W. B. Irvine, corresponding secretary of the Canadian Serbian Relief Committee:

"Canadian Serbian Relief Committee,

"70 Wellington St. West.

"Toronto, June 24th.

"The Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture,
"Victoria, B. C.

"Dear Sir,

"I acknowledge with hearty thanks your letter of June 12th, and on behalf of the committee, express their gratitude to your department in taking up the question of Serbian relief amongst the institutes.

"I am sending you under separate cover, all I have left of our leaflets. We shall shortly be publishing something further. I have received quite lately, a letter from the British Committee, from which I now quote below. You will probably like to send on this information:

"We are co-operating with the French government in maintaining large colonies for Serbian refugees in Corsica and Southern France, and we have also undertaken to relieve the distress (by sending

food and clothing) of 60,000 Serbian prisoners in Germany. In addition, a hospital unit has been despatched to Corfu for the use of the Serbian army.

"On Saturday there arrived in this country 160 Serbian children, who are now housed at Oxford. The Serbian Relief Fund have undertaken to educate and maintain these children, so you can readily understand that funds are still urgently needed to enable us to successfully carry on these many important undertakings."

"The British Committee, to whom we are sending all our money and goods, advises us of the urgent need of money, as being immediately effective for the refugees and prisoners. Though clothing is doubtless wanted, the transportation is becoming so increasingly difficult on account of shortage of ships, etc., that we are emphasizing in our appeal the giving of money, rather than supplies.

"Yours very truly,

"(Sgd.) W. B. IRVINE."

"I am pleased to say that some of our Women's Institutes have already generously responded to this appeal for contributions for the relief of the Serbians, many of whom, as a result of their heroic defence of their country, are on the verge of starvation.

The Hazelmere Woman's Institute held their annual flower show on the last Thursday of July in the hall. There was a bumper attendance, and notwithstanding the extremely wet season a very good display of blooms.

The vegetables were only represented by Mrs. Jas. Thrift's display.

Mr. H. T. Thrift, of White Rock, and Mrs. J. W. Berry, of Langley, acted as judges.

Mrs. Ford got the prize for the most entries, also the special prizes donated by Mr. Tucker and Mr. H. T. Thrift, Mrs. Green winning Mr. Hardy's special prize for best bouquet of sweet peas.

After the exhibition being duly declared open by Lieut. F. J. Mackenzie, M. P. P.,

"And Please Dont' Give Me Nothin' Else."

While standing in a West End store today a bright little fellow about eight stepped up to a clerk and said: "One pound of Blue Ribbon Tea, and please, Mother says don't give me nothin' else but Blue Ribbon."

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a very pleasant evening was spent, addresses being given by H. T. Thrift, Rev. W. P. Goard, Mr. Byran, of Vancouver, and H. H. Stevens, M. P., for Vancouver, who presented the prizes. Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Mr. J. C. Clark and Mrs. Hardy. Ice cream and cake were dispensed by Mesdames Hardwick and Radford, and the small children enjoyed Mr. Steven's treats to the limit of their capacity.

The members of the institute are looking forward to the second Thursday in August, when White Rock ladies and the members of Surrey Institute will be their guests.