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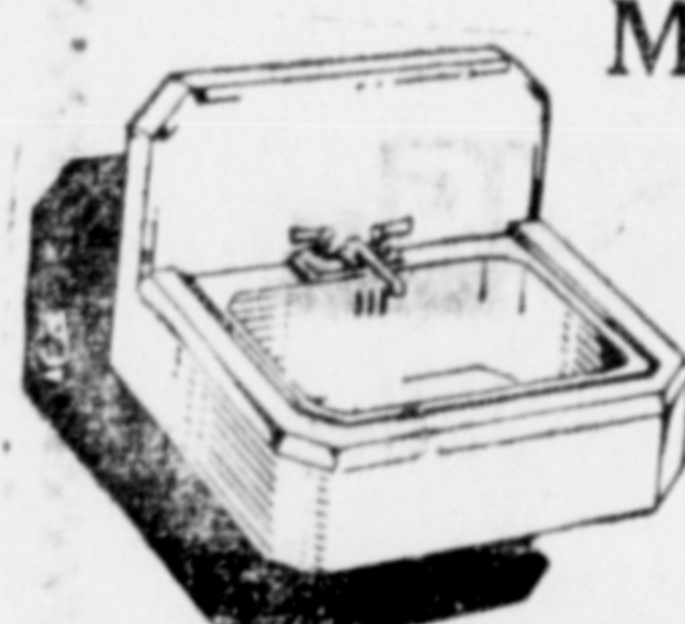
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Leathercraft group finds partial answer to Christmas gift problem

At least a partial answer to the Christmas gift problem has been discovered by ladies of the Civic Centre Leathercraft group which held its final session of the year in the Civic Centre hobby room last night.

In a good many local homes at Christmas father and the children will receive a pair of gloves or fleece-lined slippers made by mother on Tuesday evenings or Friday mornings while she pursued her hobby with awl, leather punch and plastic stitching cord.

According to Mrs. J. T. Harvey, secretary and moving spirit of the group, it is just emerging from its early growing pains and now is in a position to accept a much larger membership than its present enrolment of 35.

Although most of the ladies have never done leather work before, their creations indicate a solid background in needlecraft with woven fabrics. Their experience as seamstresses at home is proving helpful.

MRS. MUNTHE
PRESIDENT

The group recently elected officers, naming Mrs. Jens Munthe as president, Mrs. J. T. Harvey, secretary, Mrs. E. T. S. Moore, treasurer, and Mrs. M. Saunders, cutter.

Initial instruction was by Miss Muriel Vance who gave direction in the making of moccasins and mitts. So quickly did several of the members absorb the instruction that they will

be able to assist others in the new year.

Tools and equipment used by the group formerly belonged to the Y.M.C.A. and have been donated to the ladies. The former equipment room in the Civic Centre has been altered to include cupboards, one of which is used for storing the leather and tools.

Adequate stocks of leather are now on hand, according to Mrs. Harvey. These include glove leather in red, green, gold, brown and navy colors, moccasin leather, a wool "shearling" for lining the moccasins in natural and green, a cowhide covering in all colors and a bright plastic thong material for stitching.

Leather used by the members is purchased at cost to provide funds for replacement. Otherwise, there is no charge. Leathercraft group members, however, must also be members of the Civic Centre.

"The group is very informal," Mrs. Harvey says. "There is no set course. Everyone makes what they or their families want or need most, children's leather mitts, warm slippers, or gloves for themselves or their husbands—all very practical things."

When the group resumes after the Christmas holidays, it will continue making gloves, moccasins and mitts but by February it is expected that some will start making pocketbooks and purses.

The sessions will begin again on January 6 and at that time, Mrs. Harvey says, the group will be in a position to welcome new members.

Natural climax to such a season of hobby pursuit would be a hobby show. This will come about early next April when a travelling art exhibit from the Extension Department of the University of British Columbia is sent here.

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"Miss Dorothy Somerset of the Extension Department and the Vancouver Art Gallery has assured us that a travelling art exhibit will be sent to us to augment our local talent," Mrs. Harvey said. "The exhibit may be the one sent from the New York Museum of Art entitled 'What Is Modern Art?'"

Prizes this year will include tools and cash for junior hobby exhibits and cash and beads for Indian exhibits.

But the ladies of the Leathercraft group haven't their eyes particularly set on winning prizes. They pursue their hobby because it is a relaxation and provides opportunity for useful, creative work.

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AIRMEN, SPARE THAT TREE!—Airliner (arrow) approaching Cleveland airport is framed by branches of the 80-foot elm, which is holding up use of the terminal's new bad-weather landing equipment. Karl Olsen (foreground) owner of the six-acre plot on which the tree stands, has hung a \$40,000 price tag on the tree, which CAA says must be removed from the airplanes' glide path. City of Cleveland appraises land at \$25,900, but Olsen claims he will lose \$5,000 annually from parking fees during air races.

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4:00—Edmund Hockridge

4:15—Stock Quotations and Int.

4:30—Indian Folk Tales

4:45—Maggie Muggins

5:00—Rendez-vous Room

5:30—Rosa Linda

5:45—Morton Gould

6:00—Supper Serenade

6:15—To be announced

6:30—Musical Varieties

6:45—According to the Record

7:00—CBC News

7:15—CBC News Roundup

7:30—Distinguished Artist Series

8:00—Citizens' Forum

8:40—Citizens' Forum News



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