

Preview of Spring Hats and Furs Shown at Kente Public School

Ameliasburgh Home and School Association presented a delightful preview of spring hats and furs through the courtesy of Woodley Furriers, Belleville, in Kente Public School auditorium on Wednesday evening to a large number of fashion conscious viewers.

This is the year to buy furs—prices are down considerably, but quality and styling have not been sacrificed. Short casual jackets, hip length, ¾-length and seven eighths or full length coats are making the fashion scene this spring in various types of furs, many featuring contrasting cuffs and collars of Blue Iris mink. Belted coats are "in"—converting from a casual coat to svelte loose-fitting full length models for more formal wear. Notched collars are most popular this spring, as are seven eighth length sleeves with roll up cuffs.

Stoles are stealing the scene, featuring cape-effects and portrait necklines. Coonskin is making a comeback; the coat shown reverts from full length to a three-quarter jacket for casual wear by simply zipping off the bottom panel. Furs worked horizontally will be seen everywhere in '67. One eye-catching fashion of Ocelot featured a rich Bemburg lining and sleeves and collar of Canada Majestic dark mink.

For the petites, a lightweight grey lamb with notched collar of Blue-Iris mink was shown, and a full length or seven eighth China mink coat with patch

pockets and again featuring the horizontally worked furs, reverses to a rich brocade effect theatre coat, highlighted by fur cuffs, collar and border down front and around hem.

Russian grey squirrel bellies, belted for casual wear or worn unbelted for more formal wear made a hit with the audience, as did a natural kit fox featuring leather accent, belted for the young in heart. Backs of most coats are softly draped with only a hint of fullness. Mr. Woodley acted as commentator for the showing of the furs.

Hat designers are having a hey-day using color and contrast in a variety of lovely styles. Brims are really "in" — by brims, it is meant large brims, Bretons, profiles, and coolies. Berets and pill-boxes are popular and vivid shades are most attractively presented in floral designs. Straw is being well received, featuring trims of vel-

vet and ribbon for bands and bows, and turban-effects are once again making the scene. Soft straws which can be folded and packed with no ill-effects are popular for the lady who travels and there are many models from which to choose. Color is running riot in millinery for spring. Mrs. Jack Marshall introduced the models wearing the hats.

The seven lovely models were: Mrs. Nora Evans, Miss Sheila Branscombe, Miss June Harvey, Miss Anne Haley, Miss Mary Haley, Mrs. Barbara Roblin and Mrs. Norris Whitney.

Tickets were drawn on door prizes with winners as follows: Mrs. Jean Manns, Mrs. W. Partridge, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. John Wannamaker, Sandra Wood, Carol Shannick, Mrs. Marion Andrews, Linda Green, Judy Wetherall, Mrs. M. L. Ackerman, Margaret Cairns, Mrs. M. Field, and Miss L. Drake.

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