

suggestions for using what you have and combining new things with old ones. The instructor brings samples of fabrics, wallpaper and floor coverings to use in experiments in color combinations. The course, "Treasures In Your Attic", deals with early Canadian furniture and why some of the pieces we have in our homes are of historical interest. Slides are shown so the course must be held in a building with electricity to operate the projector. Sometimes the local Institute adds to the interest of the course by setting up a display of old pieces of furniture or pictures of old pieces, gathered from the community. Both of these courses are open to any number of women, since the instructor does not have to give individual supervision.

In the other home furnishing courses the teacher has to supervise the work done by the members so the numbers have to be limited. The "Tailored Slip Covers" course runs for four and a half consecutive days. In this course the women working in pairs actually make slip covers for chairs. Sometimes they use fairly expensive material; sometimes, if this is their first venture in slip-covering, they prefer to use a less expensive material such as denim. One woman reports taking this course and slip-covering about a dozen chairs in denim and corduroy to use in her tourist cabins.

In the course "Curtains and Draperies" the women do not make actual curtains and drapes—these would be very cumbersome and difficult to handle in a class room—but they make miniature models of various styles to serve as guides in making their drapes at home. Any woman who may ever want to make curtains or drapes for her own house should find the one-and-a-half days of this course time very well spent.

Home Crafts

The Women's Institute Home Crafts "Workshop" is pretty well known over the Province. The teacher comes to the class with a carload



Members of Rosseau Institute with some of the chairs they covered in their course in Slip Covers with Miss Dora Burke of the Women's Institute Branch. Two young women joined the Institute as a result of this course.

of supplies and stays for ten days; and the women choose the projects they want to take in simple weaving and leathercraft—making gloves, moccasins, wallets, purses, belts and other small articles. While the course lasts for ten days no member has to be present at every session unless she wants to take about every project. Still it does require attendance at a good number of sessions and women with small children find ingenious ways of having them taken care of so they can take the course. Sometimes two mothers attend alternate sessions, each mother taking care of the children of both families while the other takes her lessons. Older women in some places do a lot of baby-sitting to relieve young mothers so they can take this course and others of special interest to younger women.

"Rug Making" is another popular craft course. The classes learn about colour, design and workmanship in both hooked and braided rugs. And a "Needlecraft" course teaches technical skill and artistic quality in needlework applied to both personal and household accessories. Each of these courses runs for four-and-a-half days.

Psychology in Family Living

The newest thing in home economics is the study of the psychology of family living and it is offered to the Institutes in four courses on child study. The titles of these courses give a general idea of their content: "Give Them A Good Start" deals with the parents' opportunity with children in the pre-school years. "Now They're At School" goes into the problems of the elementary school years. "Understanding Your Teen-Ager" is planned as a guide for the parent of a teen-age son or daughter.

While each of these courses runs for four consecutive afternoons, if four or five neighboring Institutes wish to sponsor the same course and take the lessons one afternoon a week for four weeks, the instructor will arrange her dates accordingly.

An entirely new course, "Play Is Their Business", is being introduced this year—a conference on how parents can give their pre-school children the sort of play opportunities that promote healthy growth in personality.

Obviously these courses are of greatest value to mothers with children of the pre-school, public school or high school ages. The Institute that can help to make it possible by advance publicity, personal invitation and perhaps by some organized baby-sitting, for every mother in the community to have this education in child guidance, will be doing a fine service "for home and country."

Cultural Activities

This year our course in Cultural Activities has been expanded and divided into two courses. One course features literature, drama, natural history and culture through crafts and hobbies. The instructor will provide lists of