

newcomers from Holland and that he may have come to take notes for his wife because he could understand English better than she could. He didn't stay to taste the salads with the ladies. The instructor suggests that perhaps his courage could stretch only so far.

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Reporting a Dressmaking course given to the Women's Club of Deep River, Miss Dora Burke says: "These women were amazed that a course such as this is given free and they felt that since they did not have to pay for the course they could afford to pay baby sitters while they took it. The class was held in a large hall with plenty of table space for cutting and each woman had a machine to herself, owned, borrowed or rented from Pembroke. They had chosen simple patterns, as suggested in our advance instructions so that they would have plenty of time to get help with specific problems. The last day they



Members of Mary H. Graves Institute, East York, wearing hats made in their class in Millinery, 1957.



The mother of the present president of Mary H. Graves Institute was a member of this class in Millinery at West Chamberlain Institute, now disbanded, in Temiskaming in the year 1927. These women also are wearing hats made in their millinery course.

asked to have a round table discussion so they could ask questions and make notes. This was one of the best dressmaking classes I have ever had."

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Of a Millinery course at Clyde and Scott's Corners, which was held in a home, the instructor Mrs. Dorothy Hutchison reports: "The hostess made everyone feel completely at home. She was so enthusiastic about everything that was done that she phoned the local paper to have someone come and take pictures." This instructor makes a note from various courses of the women's satisfaction in the results of reblocking old felt hats and tells about one woman making an attractive fur hat from scraps of an old coat.

Reporting a course sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. at Port Hope, Mrs. Hutchison says: "An interesting member of the class was Dr. Benson, formerly head of food chemistry at the University of Toronto. Dr. Benson is over eighty years of age. She made a fabric hat, reblocked her velour hat and prepared, that is freshened up, flowers that she had to make a flower hat for spring."

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In extension work, as in other experiences, sometimes all the gremlins abroad seem to combine to upset things. The instructor at one course reported: "For the first two days it was difficult for the class to work because the basement of the church where the course was held was very cold — something was wrong with the furnace. On the third day a man came to repair the furnace, making an unbearable noise. Several ladies had their children with them as there was a half holiday at school. And amid all the confusion a woman fainted!"

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Miss Burke reports a very eager group of women at Bar River who took a course in Children's Clothing. They made children's pyjamas, house coats, gingham dresses and one woman made a white nylon christening dress to be worn by her baby the next Sunday.

Of a Millinery course at Ice Lake Miss Nora Creyke reports: "Late harvest and threshing at every opportunity made attendance difficult, but community effort helped to keep class members present even when the threshers were at their homes."

Most of the Wexford Institute women, Miss Creyke found, sew for themselves and their families and they are interested in Mother and Daughter outfits, complete with matching hats; some were interested in blocking and plan to buy blocks. An interesting note from