

tion in the area; they are planning to hold meetings devoted to the study of certain sections of the Hand Book.

Staff members are very appreciative of the care most groups take to provide good facilities for carrying on extension services. Courses have been given in halls, church basements, high school home economics kitchens and in private homes. There is a case on record where a class met in a hotel beverage room—during hours when the room was closed for regular business of course. Usually the committees have tried to arrange in advance for good lighting and heating and sufficient work table space for classes in crafts, clothing, foods or any course requiring space and equipment for demonstration work. One report says:

"The committee had tables and extra lights ready for the course. They seemed anxious to have the required equipment just right as this was their first course. The Institute is just two years old."

Another note read: "The church loaned us a daylight projector and screen because the room could not be darkened."

Staff reports usually include some comments on the class itself, such as: "These leaders knew what their responsibilities would be in teaching others. They were very keen and interested and added greatly to the course by telling of their own experiences in buying and cooking meat." "A most enthusiastic group. Discussions were fun and many good and new ideas came up. The leaders were full of plans for presenting the course to their local women—something I have not encountered before." "There were several young mothers in this (Millinery) group and they wanted to make hats for their little girls. Children's hats are hard to buy and several were made in this class." "One woman said that the 'Focus on Finishes' project had given several members who had done very little sewing before, confidence to start making their own clothes."

As an indication of what the education to be had through home economics extension service means to some women, and the effort and enthusiasm they are putting into it, we have these quotes:

"A woman hired a baby-sitter and drove ten miles to the course. Another walked two miles to the main road, but said she was used to it as the road is often impassable in winter."

"In a class in Moccasin Making, a woman who was expecting silo fillers made advance preparations and arranged things so that she would not have to miss the class."

"An elderly lady who had broken her hip and was just beginning to walk again took the Millinery course because she felt it would

be easier to make a hat than to shop for one with her handicap."

"A woman of seventy-seven was one of the keenest members at the course in Advanced Leatherwork."

"At a Glovemaking course, a woman showed us a pair of pigtex gloves made for her by her mother in a similar course nineteen years ago."

And this delightful story came from a County Home Economist:

"Last month we had a senior Training School in Frontenac County on Hooked Rugs. The School was held at the Quinte St. Lawrence Hall in Kingston, the Home for the Blind in the Kingston area. When I was making arrangements for the hall, the superintendent asked me if their Home Teacher, Miss Virginia Philpott, could attend the classes. She is blind but had a sighted guide with her. Everyone at the Training School was amazed at the work which she accomplished. She learned to do the fagoting, and thereby put the rug into the frames. It was quite interesting to see the way in which she applied a pattern to her rug. While the others in the class were drawing their patterns on their rugs, Miss Philpott made her pattern by using a heavy thread and darning needle. She could then, using her sense of touch, get a picture of the pattern she had made. Then she practised hooking, and was doing commendable work. She has already started to teach some of the interested blind people at the residence, and we hope to have some of their work displayed at the Summary Day next April."

## Fifty Years Old and Over

*Editor's note: Occasionally someone still sends us a picture taken at an anniversary celebration. Some years ago it was decided that we could not publish either pictures or reports of anniversary parties — there are so many of them that they could fill a whole issue and no member would be interested in any but her own. This is the sort of publicity that is especially good for local paper where most of the readers know the people involved.*

Since the last issue of Home and Country was published we have heard that the following Institutes have celebrated their anniversaries of fifty years or more:

- Athens in Leeds East District, fifty years.
- York Road in Northumberland East District, fifty years.
- Windermere in Muskoka South District, fifty years.
- Cookstown in Simcoe South District, sixty years.
- York West District, sixty years.
- Northumberland East District, sixty years.