

Course in Interior Design 1975 for Women's Groups . . .



Leaders of all ages from women's groups of the county have been attending a two-day training course in interior design under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food with the Toronto supervisor, Miss Jeanne Armour, in charge. The leaders will in turn pass the instruction on to their own organizations and this information is available to any one interested. In the course Miss Armour taught the elements of design and the need for articles to be functional, illustrating the information by making a cushion. Mrs. Gordon Addison, of Belle River; Mrs. Jerome Vermeulen, of Woodslee; Mrs. Ray Joyce, of Woodslee; Mrs. William Armstrong, of Cottam; Mrs. Adrian Koetsier, of Kingsville; Mrs. Stanley Thorpe, of Kingsville; Mrs. Dolphis Gagnon, of McGregor, and Mrs. Ulric Labrecque, of McGregor, learn to make a continuous binding for use in making accessories.

The annual two-day course offered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food featured accessories for the home and their function in interior design.

Miss Jeanne Armour supervisor in interior design with the Toronto branch of home economists conducted the course at Essex United church hall. She was assisted by Mrs. Kathryn Biondi, home economist for Essex and Kent counties.

The course is offered to all women's groups in the county for training of two representatives who take their newly acquired information to their own groups and direct the same course over a series of meetings. According to Mrs. Biondi, that information is open

to anyone who may wish to attend during those meetings.

At the present time it is mainly members of Women's Institute groups that take advantage of the government sponsored course but it is available to any women's group that cares to register and send their leaders or representatives. To be included in a training session a group may call the Essex Agricultural office and ask to be put on the spring mailing list when they will be sent application forms and notice of the time of training session.

The home economist branch offers courses in four main departments; clothing, food, crafts and interior design. Each group that registers indicates their choice of sub-

ject and the most popular one is taught. Under each department there is a variety of courses offered and Mrs. Biondi said they can be given at the two-day training session for leaders of as a one day session for groups under the home economist. A summary day is held when the Toronto home economist will return to give any further assistance needed.

Miss Armour had well over 300 request this year for the one day course in kitchen design. Because she couldn't meet the demand she instructed the home economists of the ministry staff and they will give the course.

This year about 20 groups took advantage of the training course.