

Savoonga Women Learning to Remodel

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In spite of limited money incomes, women in Savoonga, on St. Lawrence Island, are stretching family clothing dollars by learning to remodel and make-over garments so their families can be well dressed.

At a recent workshop in Sa-

voonga, women made some twenty-two new and usable garments out of old ones. Such things as coats, jackets, parkas, skirts, boys pants and cast-offs.

Well, not quite by magic because the women spent a good many hours of time and effort on the "new" creations.

Some newly learned skills were used, such as laying out patterns, re-cutting, piecing where necessary so piecing

didn't show, and camouflaging with trim, to create the remodeled garments.

Other new skills learned in the process were: how to put in a zipper, how to sew in the fly in men's trousers, how to make plackets, darts, collars and collar facings, how to do machine basting, how to line a pocket, alter a shoulder line, mark a hem, put a cuff on boy's trousers, and line a coat.

The results of those hours meant money saved as well as skills learned. A roughly estimated value of the recreated garments meant a savings of close to \$200.00 in the community, had they been purchased at current clothing prices.

With the garments completed a "style show" was held in

the church, with the children—both boys and girls—modeling the garments made for them by their mothers. Women making garments for themselves, modeled their own.

Those completing garments in the six-day workshop, put on by the University of Alaska Extension Service were:

Alice Kulowiya, Helen Jackson, Alma Tollie, Kathleen Wongittilin, Ruthelle Kingeekuk, Daisy Kiyuklook, Agnes Immingen, Dorothy Wahiyi, Myra Seppilu, Rosemond Wongittilin,

Elsie Kava, Harriet Wongittilin, Della Wahiyi, Katherine Noongwook, Barbara Kogassagoon, Margaret Kingeekuk, Mary Seppilu, Gertrude Toolie, Lucille Wongittilin and Mary Perola (BIA teacher).