

25 Noorvik Women Model New Dresses in Style Show

"Molly looked nice last night," were the words used expressing one husband's pride in his wife's new dress she made and modeled in a style show at Noorvik recently.

Molly Coffin, along with 25 other women in Noorvik, made garments for themselves, or their children, during a clothing workshop course under the direction of Gladys Musgrove, Home Agent with the University of Alaska Extension Service.

"Older women made dresses but the younger women preferred to make slacks," said Mrs. Musgrove.

"In either case, a good many new skills were learned and knowledge about fabrics and textile finishes. Even buying clothes for the family in terms of correct sizes and fit were topics covered during the workshop," she added.

One new skill acquired was the use of an attachment on the sewing machine to make button holes. However, when it came to cutting the opening of the button holes, the women found their century-old women's knife, or "ulu," served as an excellent tool for the job.

When all 25 garments were completed, they were modeled by the

women and girls at a style show held in the school house with the entire village on hand to view the handiwork.

"Not only Molly but all the women looked nice and could take pride in the construction and fit of their garments," said Mrs. Carmen Perry, BIA instructor in adult education in Noorvik.

Mrs. Perry organized and narrated the style show.

Those who completed the course in the workshop were:

Dresses; Pauline Harvey, Pauline Field, Jenny Jackson, Beatrice House, Mildred Sampson, Aggie Black, Lucy Foster, Molly Coffin, and Veda Mulluk.

Slacks; Irene Field, Pauline Russell, Minnie Sheldon, Maggie Newlin, Beulah Coffee, Sally Jackson, Irene Tebbits, Lena Curtis, Sarah Samson, Violet Pungalik, Nellie Melton, Evelyn Barr, Helen Kagoona, Mary Garfield, and Bertha Wells.