

in providing a playground in the town and have enlisted the help of the Lion's Club in this venture. Just recently they have procured a piece of land which is being cleared for an open air skating rink for the children and young people. They are very interested in Civic Affairs and have used their influence for several major changes in the interest of welfare in their town.

"Fort Good Hope, a small settlement perched on top of a hill, boasts a unique Women's Institute. It has a native President and Secretary-Treasurer, but is guided by a young woman, wife of the school Principal, who has opened many doors of interest to the native women. To interest members in better health measures and cleanliness, she suggested a special meeting each week at first and now every two weeks when they would learn to do one another's hair. She enlisted the co-operation of the Public Health Nurse, who was on hand with vermin lotion and disinfectants, and invited them to her home where she loaned the use of her new Christmas present, a hair-dryer, curlers, pins, etc. This has produced amazing results in both adults and children's personal habits and appearance.

"In this Institute those who can read well read a simplified version of a classic book or play, discuss it afterwards and at the following meeting dramatize the story. This has created an interest and appeal that is holding the group together and inspiring the women to take an active part in their organization. They also work with the Department of Education in handwork."

Mrs. Haggerty's report concludes:

"Everywhere I went I received the warmest welcome. The Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Indian Affairs Branch, the Nurses, the Teachers, the Hudson Bay Company, the Mining Companies, all gave us full co-operation. Teas, dinner parties, lunch at the School Hostels were all part of the entertainment provided for us. We met the finest people who took us into their homes and made us a part of their family.

"My visits were different in various places. Sometimes I gave an address and answered questions; on other occasions we sat down in a circle and just talked and I asked questions. Two or three branches wished to know more about Coupon Plan # 367 and asked if they could contribute to it the cost of a Coupon. I explained as tactfully as I could and assured them that donations would be most acceptable.

"The North West Territories is a vast country, with great possibilities, with problems and complexes that will not be solved easily. No one really has the answers, but let us not criticize the Government or those who are

trying to help build a better way of life for its native people, unless we can offer some better methods of handling a puzzling situation of age-old problems in a new and changing world. More than ever I am convinced that the Women's Institute can play an important role in bringing different worthwhile phases of living into the homes and lives of the native people."

Mrs. Haggerty paid tribute to Miss Eadie as a charming travelling companion and an able promoter of Women's Institute work in this new country.

As a final word Mrs. Haggerty makes this appeal: "Could some of the Institutes in the provinces send used magazines with many pictures to some of our Northern branches? The natives who cannot read enjoy looking at the pictures and many of them have few pleasures." (Addresses could be supplied by the National Secretary, Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Secretary Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, 46 Elgin Street, Ottawa 4.)

Miss Eadie's Observations

Miss Eadie continued in the North after Mrs. Haggerty returned to Ontario and one of her projects was to organize a new Women's Institute at Tuktoyaktuk. Her report says:

"Tuktoyaktuk—commonly known as Tuk or Tuktuk, is an Eskimo settlement with 350 Eskimos and 50 whites. The name is Eskimo and means "resembling a caribou." It is located on the Arctic Coast, east of the Mackenzie River, and is the only settlement I visited lying outside the tree-line. It is situated within the Reindeer Grazing Preserve.

Here I was greeted by smiling faces of Eskimos, barking dogs, and my gracious host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Latour. Mr. Latour is in charge of the Fur Industry Training Centre where women are given training in drafting patterns and making various fur



Some of the women at the meeting of the Institute at Inuvik, in the home of Mrs. Semmler, with Mrs. Haggerty in the front row, lower right. The membership here includes Indian, Eskimo and white women.