

This group will, I believe, hold some purposeful meetings and will be undertaking some work projects. In the past they have enjoyed making garments for babies and children.

**Fort Norman.** This group has had problems this past year. The President is away in hospital and the Secretary, wife of the R.C.M.P. Officer, is now living in Hay River where her husband has been transferred. Some fourteen women attending the meeting showed a real desire to make another try. Finally a new President has been named and a young Indian matron has accepted the responsibility of the office of Secretary. This is most heartening but they still have another problem. Many families spend weeks away from the settlement hunting and trapping. This will make the timing of meetings difficult. However, they have had one with their much-travelled nurse, a native of Australia, who showed pictures. Families will be back at Christmastime, going out again in the New Year. A December meeting will be held and others again as the families return.

From recent word from them it appears that the Fort Norman W.I. is really off the ground. They have meetings coming up with a program on Christmas, another on food with a demonstration by a white member on left-over meats, and probably one on the needs of their school children. Also there will be a work meeting. With good bead work being done at Fort Norman this can help in improving standards as they learn from each other and compare work. It is largely due to Mrs. Priest, wife of the Pentecostal minister, who has kept things moving this fall, that we may now say with assurance that the Fort Norman W.I. is really under way.

**Delta at Inuvik.** This has been an active group under able leadership. They were

Fort Norman Women's Institute members and children photographed at their local elementary school.



pleased that their President, Mrs. Semmler, had attended the F.W.I.C. Convention at Wolfville in June and are hoping to hear more and more regarding it from her throughout the year. I told them Mrs. Semmler had represented the N.C.W.I. in a most commendable manner and F.W.I.C. delegates were delighted to meet her and hear more concerning our Northern Institutes.

**Discovery.** Discovery is an enterprising Institute in a small mining centre. Their members are natives of different countries, making it somewhat of a United Nations Institute. They capitalize on this for their programs with evenings on various countries—their customs, food, traditions, etc.

It is a compact little community, the families living in company houses with a variety of special services, including a swimming pool, tennis court, and a library. There are many young mothers with small children, who are interested in making children's clothing, and in child training and health.

A former President, Mrs. Vear, has been conducting sewing classes during winter months. They have been greatly appreciated, the members proudly wearing garments they have made. They have adopted a little girl in Hong Kong and have found this a rewarding experience. This fall they are sending her a doll for Christmas, with a complete and somewhat extensive wardrobe; including a snow-suit, fur trimmed parka, ski-pants, mitts and mukluks. Wisely they are attaching notes with information regarding the various garments. Their Tweedsmuir History was highly commended at the national convention.

**Aklavik.** Aklavik W.I. has a new President and Secretary. The President, Mrs. Bailey, was formerly President of Fort McPherson Institute. Miss Koe is the new Secretary. The former secretary moved away and the meetings have been irregular of late. It appeared from attendance at the meeting held when I was there, and the interest taken by Metis, Indian, Eskimo and Whites, that there is a readiness and wish for monthly meetings, with programs of common interest to all. They have in their membership, and in the settlement, resourceful people, qualified and willing to help in many ways.

**Fort McPherson W.I.** The President, Mrs. Itsi, an Indian woman, assumed responsibility for my time there. I called on various leaders prior to a Saturday evening meeting. No Whites attended — several had only recently moved to Fort McPherson and others apparently were busy or not interested. The Secretary, Mrs. Wiggins, the wife of a school teacher and a teacher herself, was still away on holidays. We discussed the objectives of Women's Institutes and I told them something