

of what Northern Institutes are doing. These Indians and Metis women appeared interested in a quiet sort of way. They named a committee to get members out and to interest new members in joining. A program was drafted somewhat in line with what other Institutes are doing. It included a meeting on "What We Eat", with a cookie demonstration; and one on "Early Days at Fort McPherson", how it got its name, what they ate and wore, hunting practices, etc. Mrs. Drew Craig, wife of the School Principal, has had experience in Fort Simpson W.I. and is, I believe, prepared to assist this group. The Nurse is also prepared to speak to them and to help them in various ways. It may be they will wish to do some special craft work. I saw moccasins being worn decorated with beads in attractive color and design.

**Tuktoyaktuk W.I.** This Institute has just celebrated its first birthday. The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada have been keenly interested in this, their first Eskimo Institute and have followed with pride its progress and accomplishments. Great credit is due the wise leadership given by the Advisory Committee named a year ago. They, along with Vice-President Mrs. E. Latour, initiated suggestions and succeeded in creating a desire on the part of members to go into action and do things. Immediately after organizing they had the Sanitation Officer speak to them. During the year they worked together in mastering the use of commercial patterns.

There is a Community Club here but the Institute does not consider that this means overlapping or duplication in activities. They maintain it can strengthen and make for greater accomplishment on the part of both. It becomes the duty and responsibility of the Institute to keep home and family needs before the Club. The Club recently turned down a request for an early Curfew for children. Now the Tuk Institute as a group are asking the Club to reconsider this decision. The Institute came forward with an excellent suggestion for an extensive Northwest Territory Water Safety Project, including safety practices around water with boats, swimming, etc. They are interested in "Make Canada Lovelier", but permafrost and soil conditions discourage planting. They reported that Mrs. Latour had succeeded in growing plants in window boxes. However, they can accomplish considerable by enlisting everyone in a Pick-up, Tidy-up, Clean-up Campaign—in using garbage cans and keeping litter picked up around them. This Institute will be taking a special interest in the newly-organized Eskimo Women's Institute at Reindeer Station, and doubtless will get in touch with them from time to time.



At a meeting of Fort Smith Women's Institute.

**Reindeer Station.** Reindeer Station is a small spot tucked between the Lake and rather high wooded banks. The Station is administered from here by Mr. Sven Johansson, a Norwegian. The Eskimo herdsman and their families live here. It is similar to a Company Centre, with workers living in houses owned by the Station, and with heat and water services.

Mrs. Kikouk, a mother with a little family, acted as interpreter at the meeting. After I had explained the purpose of Women's Institutes, mentioning some things they might enjoy doing together and answering questions, they readily indicated that they wished to organize. Mrs. Johansson, wife of the Manager, was elected President; Mrs. Thomas, wife of the school teacher, is Secretary. There is one other white woman living there, Mrs. Pauk who will also help. Mrs. Johansson has conducted sewing classes during the winter. It is expected that these classes will continue with weekly meetings, the fourth meeting in each month being given over to the Institute meeting. Their programs will be concerned with learning more about the "outside", children's needs, prevention of accidents, food for the family, pick-up, tidy-up, clean-up and planting, if help regarding this is obtainable from Fort Simpson.

**Destruction Bay.** The members of this Yukon Institute are largely wives of men employed by DOT and live in the Department's houses. Their children attend a school at the Centre and their Institute meetings are held in a modern, well-equipped hall. They come from many places "outside", and represent different provinces. It is a progressive Institute with many interests and resources within the group. Their programs are similar to good ones carried on by Institutes across Canada, featuring topics of special interest and concern to women and homemakers. They encourage and give leadership to hobbies. This year they made counterpanes, very lovely ones. They are interested in the area in which they live,