

Handicraft display from the N.W.T. sent to the A.C.W.W. Conference at Dublin: Plaque of tufted moosehair embroidery on black velvet; slippers of tanned white caribou hide with chain stitch embroidery, Arctic hare trim; other pair of smoked moose leather, porcupine quill embroidery, muskrat fur trim; smoked moosehide mat with porcupine quill embroidery; snow goose over nest, caribou bone; Eskimo fisherman, caribou bone and ivory.



Handicrafts from the Far North

By Frances Taylor, Sec'y F.W.I.C.

HANDICRAFTS from the Northwest Territories will be in the display at the Eleventh Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, held in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, September 14-24, 1965.

Each Constituent Society of A.C.W.W. was asked to furnish six articles of crafts native to their country for an International Exhibition. Provincial Units of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada are such societies, as well as the national organization. In order to avoid

overlapping, F.W.I.C. turned to the Mackenzie District, where they now have a few groups formed. Mrs. D. Woolgar, Curator of the Museum at Yellowknife, N.W.T., was asked to select six articles typical of the best in traditional Eskimo and Indian work of that area. Beautiful examples of moosehair and porcupine quill embroidery, and exquisite carvings in ivory and bone, form the collection. This is the first time a display from Northern Canada has been shown at an A.C.W.W. Conference, and the F.W.I.C. know it will excite much interest.

International Scholarship at Work

By Irene M. Spry

A.C.W.W.'S LADY ABERDEEN SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT has worked out some interesting and far-flung experiments in providing training for local leaders. The Pilot Project in Bengal, organized locally by the Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association and financed by the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales (both member societies of A.C.W.W.), in its first year trained 116 leaders in six villages, four of whom from each village took part in a three day leadership camp where they discussed health and sanitation, family planning, mother and child care and nutrition.

The training is realistically based on the needs of the villagers. The nutrition expert

knows the homes of her students at first-hand. A doctor visits the village once a week, as does a health expert to advise on health problems and on how to make septic tanks, smokeless ovens, etc. Handicrafts, including tailoring and sewing, and kitchen gardening are taught. Each of the six villages has a Mahila Samiti (Women's Institute) and a creche where mothers attend classes and the children are looked after by a trained children's nurse. First Aid Instruction is also given. Nursery schools are being started. The Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association is doing follow-up work, providing teachers for each of the six villages, and now the project moves into its second year and to a new group of