

# With The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

MISS FLORENCE EADIE, Field Worker for F.W.I.C. in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon has again spent three months in the Territories, visiting all organized Women's Institutes and other settlements to explore possibilities for the formation of other branches. Two new branches were organized in the Yukon, Teslin and Cormacks.

Miss Eadie reports her gratitude to two local leaders, Mrs. Gladys Vear, Discovery and Mrs. Lambert, Destruction Bay who gave her valuable assistance in her work this year.

Mrs. R. C. Palmer, of British Columbia, national convener of Cultural Activities has asked Women's Institutes all across Canada to cooperate as fully as possible with the Canadian Library Association.

The attention of all Women's Institute members is directed to the new Inuvik Centennial Library. There is a special call for children's books—donations to buy books or books themselves, will be gratefully acknowledged with a donor's plate in every book.

Information for Ontario members re shipping books to Inuvik may be obtained from the F.W.I.O. office at 20 Spadina Road; and the Ontario Provincial Convener of Cultural Activities, Mrs. C. E. Pink, Burks Falls, Ont.

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N.C.W.I. — What does that mean?

It means the Northern Canada Women's Institutes.

N.C.W.I. FUND — What's that?

It is the money that the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada need to raise to continue our work among the women in Northern Canada.

How much is needed?

\$6,000 a year. At the National Convention, June, 1967, members committed F.W.I.C. to raise this sum by voluntary contributions each year for three years, the term 1967-70.

What might each member do?

With many thousand F.W.I.C. members all across Canada, even ten (10) cents a member each year would put the fund over the top.

How will the money be used?

To send a field worker north to organize, consolidate and assist the Northern Branches.  
To help provide Adult Education for women of Northern Canada.

To provide teaching and craft materials and other necessary aids.

"Libraries are a most important concern of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada," said Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. George Clarke, President of F.W.I.C. and Mrs. J. Philip Matheson were received by Her Excellency, Mrs. Michener on November 22, 1967. Mrs. Clarke presented Mrs. Michener with a copy of the book "A Heritage of Canadian Handicrafts."

A copy of "A Heritage of Canadian Handicrafts" was also sent to Lady Tweedsmuir.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada are among the National women's organizations that will be presenting briefs to the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada.

Three areas of particular concern to women will be dealt with — marriage, divorce and domicile of married women, women in the labour force, taxation as it pertains to married women, including estate and income taxes, and pension benefits.

Mrs. J. Philip Matheson is chairman of the Steering Committee preparing the brief. Ontario members are Mrs. John E. MacLean, Seaforth and Mrs. L. G. Lymburner of Port Colborne.

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To provide necessary help with Northern conventions.

To provide travel assistance for Northern members to attend conventions, seminars and courses.

May all members unite and say:

We WILL accept the challenge.

We WILL give the helping hand.

We WILL support the N.C.W.I. Fund.

We WILL go over the top each year.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, and the Northern Canada Women's Institutes are depending on YOU.

Please do not let us down.

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The mariner of old said thus to Neptune in a great tempest, "O God! thou mayst save me if thou wilt, and if thou wilt, thou mayst destroy me; but whether or no, I will steer my rudder true."

Montaigne

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