

Photos at left were taken at the farewell party in honor of Marie Edmunds.



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You do not need hockey experience - just enthusiasm and interest. If you are willing to assist in any way, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, Mr. Jim Bedard, or the Recreation Office Roller Skating

It would appear that Jack Frost has subsided in the arena and therefore the sealing of the floor will begin this week. Refer to next week's NEWS for the forthcoming roller skating schedule.

Coming Events

- Saturday, May 25th - Minor Hockey Banquet
- Saturday, June 1st - Bowling Banquet
- Saturday, June 8th - Regional Cub-a-Ree
- Saturday, June 1st - Navy League Annual Inspection
- Saturday, June 8th - Horticultural Club sale of bedding plants in the arena
- Sunday, June 9th - Annual Moose Bowling Tournie
- June 25th to 28th - North Shore Playground Training Course
- July 1st - Kiwanis Annual Soap Box Derby
- July 6th and 7th - Northwestern Ontario Competitive Swimming Clinic

ARCTIC HOUSING A PRIORITY PROGRAM

The \$12 million rental housing program to provide every Eskimo family with permanent housing is well under way in the Eastern Arctic. About 500 families have already moved into three-bedroom homes, with oil heat, electricity and sanitary services. Another 314 families (mainly in the Keewatin) will have their homes by this summer. The program, administered by the Northern Administration Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, will be extended to other Arctic areas, with

the deadline of having all Eskimos in adequate accommodation by 1971.

"Warm dry housing and facilities for basic sanitation and cleanliness are key factors in reducing the high rates of infant mortality and tuberculosis among the Eskimo people," said Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing. "It is the aim of my Department

to make available to all Eskimo families these essentials - - as well as education and employment opportunities to bring their way of life more in line with southern standards."

Under the housing program, the monthly rent includes heat, electricity, water and sanitary services. Each house is equipped with basic furniture, (to a maximum of \$500), dishes, cutlery, and cleaning equipment. The rent is based on a sliding scale according to income and employment opportunities in various settlements. A local board of Eskimo people decides housing priorities and sets the rent for hunters living off the land. Services (water delivery, sewage and garbage disposal) are handled where possible through Eskimo cooperatives.

An adult education program supported by sets of booklets in Eskimo syllabics explains the financial obligations and responsibilities to the tenants. Eskimo homemakers are trained in the use of unfamiliar electrical appliances, cleaning equipment, basic nutrition, and the use of adequate warm clothing to replace the traditional fur garments that are seldom worn by the modern Eskimo.

"Civilization has now reached in varying degrees every community in the north" said Mr. Laing. "Infections that are common and relatively harmless in the south are of grave concern when they touch groups with limited immunity. We believe that a warm, dry, sanitary environment is of major importance during this critical transition from isolation to active participation in northern development."

Although the present requirements for basic housing in the Eastern Arctic will be met with this summer's shipments, the program will continue to keep pace with the growing northern families.

"The Eskimo birth rate is rising rapidly. At present rates of increase, the population will double from present 15,000 within twenty years."