

## GAMBELL NEWS

By GRACE SLWOOKO

The walrus hunting at Gambell was very high in the last part of May and the first days of June. There were many herds of walrus on the ice that men go out any time, day or night, as soon the weather calms down.

And as the ice around here is less, the men take any possibility they have. As when the ice is all gone, they will not be going hunting anymore.

There is so much work to be done. When the walrus is killed, it is butchered on the ice and when it is taken home, the meat is put away for food just so, so it can be suitable for eating and for the year, too. So it is important that it is done right and in a good time, or else a whole lot of heavy work will go to waste.

The sun gets warmer and warmer and the flies come heavily, so there is careful work to be done and put away. To know all work for this means hard and life.

The people like to work in the evening hours until sometimes passing midnight. This time of the day is warm and very comfortable.

Then the sleepy time of the day come along. In the cool, cool, morning hours, many workers fall asleep, into a deep slumber, after the meat is put up to dry and the seal skins are cleaned and ready to be on for useful process, when the sunset turns into a sunrise and the big morning sun shine so bright. The village is just quiet in the morning, only a few men still be coming home from seal and walrus hunts.

## Opportunity for Interested Youth— Student Trooper Program Hopes to Go Statewide

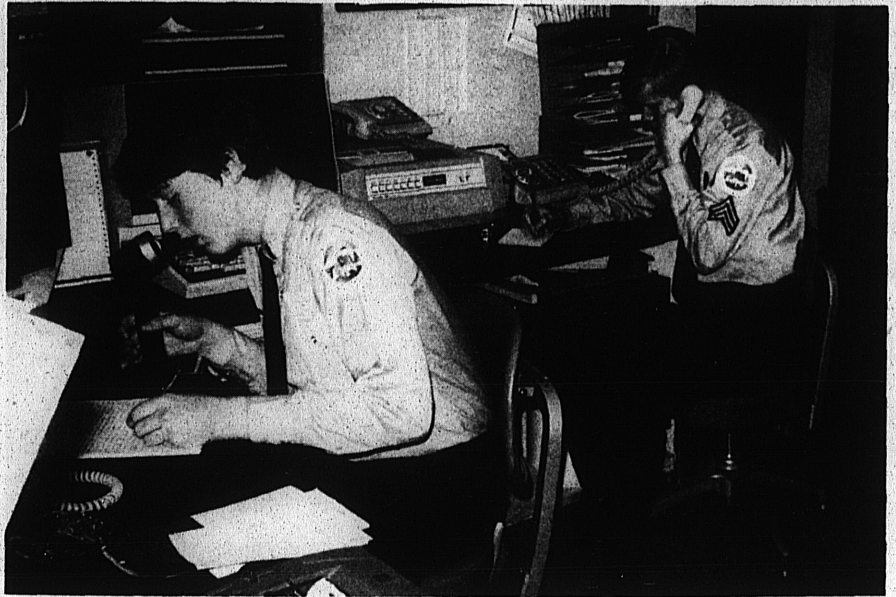
The accident was a serious one, and traffic backed up on both sides. The troopers arrived. A high school bus rolled up to join the waiting cars. Suddenly, the bus doors opened, and a young man stepped out. He strode past the waiting cars and conferred with a trooper.

In a minute the student was busily and effectively directing traffic until the long lines were gone. The high schooler was a member of the Student Troopers, an Alaska State Trooper sponsored organization which hopes to grow statewide.

Open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21, the Student Troopers organization presently has posts in Juneau and Ketchikan and a total of 19 members. The group was created in part to acquaint young people with law enforcement and to encourage them to enter such a field.

Weekly meetings and classes cover such topics as criminal investigation, basic police procedures and first aid so that Student Troopers can understand and more effectively assist in traffic control, search and rescue, patrol car observation, witnessing and testifying.

All Student Troopers will receive a week of intensive training at the Public Safety Academy in Sitka beginning June 16. The young people will be required to meet the daily schedule of trooper recruits as they pursue their 10 course session. Student Trooper Statewide Coordinator John McGhee explained that he hopes the Academy training week would



Student Troopers at work.

become an annual event dependent upon funding.

Each Student Trooper post is headed by a trooper who acts as an advisor, said McGhee. Split into the ranks of captain, lieutenant and sergeant to denote responsibility, Student Troopers are divided by class dependent upon experience and training after acceptance into the program.

Through work and training the Student Trooper may pass up through the classes until he reaches the one designated as A. The young person must complete

40 hours of training in radio and other office procedures, pass a radio code test with ninety per cent accuracy and subscribe to a law enforcement code of ethics in order to be qualified to ride patrol with an Alaska State Trooper. As his training and experience increase, the student trooper is given more latitude to participate in trooper activities.

To become a Student Trooper, a young person must fill out an application, go through a background check and pass an oral board composed of an advisor and three Student Troopers. The

board examines the applicants attitudes and opinions. If the applicant is successful, he is eligible to wear the Student Trooper uniform and patch.

According to McGhee, "We'd like to see the Student Trooper program started in all parts of the state. If we get enough interest in a particular location, we'll try to start a post there."

Young people interested in the law enforcement organization should write Trooper John McGhee, Student Trooper Statewide Coordinator, Pouch N, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

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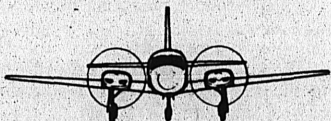
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## TVCC Offers Nurses Aide Training

Schools of nursing that wear a black band or ribbon on their caps are in memory of Florence Nightingale. In 1860 she founded the Nightingale Training School for Nurses and began the history

of nursing as a profession.

Another professional field that has grown up alongside nursing is that of nurses aides. The Tanana Valley Community College is offering a nurses aide training



An 18th century English pugilist was so insensitive to pain that, for a small sum, he would allow anyone to strike him on the side of the face with all his force.

program beginning June 24th and continuing for 10 weeks.

Students can register until the first evening of class, or until enrollment capacity is reached. Registration is being taken at the TVCC office in Constitution Hall on the U of A campus.

Although this course is oriented towards nursing, it will not be considered as part of a Certified Nursing program. For information call 479-7035.

Classes are held two evenings a week for two hours each session and will stress basic nursing care.

"This course offers a good start for the person who is interested in Nurses training," comments Fran Dowler, Head of In-Service Training for the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

She adds, "In the class that we graduated, all the girls that wanted jobs got them."

Dowler feels that a nurses aide must have a quality of empathy, must be able to relate with different types of people who have a variety of medical problems.

Students are also trained to develop observational skills. They will learn to recognize such problems as the diabetic who becomes confused, begins breathing slowly, and whose face turns white; he is having an insulin reaction and needs immediate attention.

The nurses aide is often the first to notice and report on a patient problem. Dowler says, "There is no way you could run a hospital without nurses aides."

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