

Selawik Holds Its First High School Prom

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SELAWIK — Brenda Jones and Gary Ramoth were the king and queen of Selawik High School's first prom on March 23. The theme was "Shamrock Fantasy", as the prom had been scheduled for the week before but was postponed because of carnival in a neighboring community.

The prom was a big success and everyone had a good time wearing fine clothes and dancing in the beautifully decorated school. I am sending a picture of our king and queen and would like to give credit to the Anchorage Women's Club for helping us get formal clothes.

There has been so much going on in Selawik lately that it has been hard to find time to stop and write about it. March 27



KING AND QUEEN — Selawik High School had its first prom and it impressed everyone. Gary Ramoth and Brenda Jones were picked as King and Queen of the occasion.

was the beginning of the Friend's Church Midyear Conference here and 544 visitors were in town for that.

Extra excitement was provided on Saturday, March 30, when the school warehouse burned to the ground. The fire started about 3:30 in the afternoon when a furnace apparently blew up.

There was no chance to contain the fire even though the blaze was fought by over 100 men. Selawik would like to thank all the visitors who helped, especially the expert cat driver from Barrow who helped push snow onto the blaze.

In the fire Selawik lost all the food supplies for the school, paper supplies, janitorial supplies, tools and many other valuable items. One of the teachers tried to rescue the water pump but was unable to do so.

We were soon out of water to fight the fire until the Kotzebue Fire Department flew over a water pump and hose. The fire did not stop burning completely for two days and popping cans of food and who knows what added excitement at intervals.

The state fire marshal has been here and apparently the warehouse will be replaced. Many things were lost, which

cannot be replaced such as dogsleds almost completed, built by seventh and eighth grade boys.

Also the Northern Lights Restaurant lost a brand new soft ice cream machine they had just leased to replace the 25 year old machine they bought last year. The total loss was about \$100,000.

March 9, the business teacher, Chuck Johnston went to Anchorage and made some arrangements for the students' business trip. Student's left for Anchorage on April 1. Gary Ramoth, 9th grader, is working at Pepsi Cola to learn to repair Soda Fountains.

Also in Anchorage on a work experience program are Flora Lee and Brenda Jones, 9th graders, Gene Foster, 11th Eleanor Loon, Thelma Jones & Ethel Ticket, 10th graders, are working at McDonalds and J. B. Gottsteins. Ben Foxglove Jr., 11th grader, Chuckie Riley, 10, are both working at the First National Bank.

We know these students will have a valuable work experience in Anchorage. This program is funded by Johnson O'Malley. This week the health aides from all over Northwest Alaska are having a Mental Health Conference in Selawik. We are glad to have them here.

Next time I'll write and tell you about Selawik's Spring Carnival on April 13 and my trip to Anchorage to attend the Future Homemakers of America Conference.