

H.S. Students' Selawik Restaurant

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SELAWIK — My name is Darlene Skin. I am fourteen years old and in the ninth grade in Selawik High School. My parents are Andrew and Vera Skin, and I have eleven brothers and sisters. My mother is the school cook. I am going to be sending Selawik news to the Tundra Times regularly.

Selawik is a city of about five hundred people. It is about ninety miles east of Kotzebue just north of the Arctic Circle. People come to Selawik from Kotzebue by Wien Airlines or by charter planes or sometimes with snow machines. Selawik is a growing city.

There are 185 students going to school here. The number of high school students is 91 in grades 7-12. Next year we will have a big new high school built by the state. This year we go to school in the afternoon and evening after the elementary students go home.

We have all the usual courses in our high school—English, social studies, math, science. We also have Inupiat, French, busi-

ness courses, homemaking and shop. Each quarter we have a number of mini courses.

This quarter it is girls' home repairs, boys' bachelor arts, physical fitness, chess, guidance, skin sewing and bead work, library science, piano and basic electronics. The mini courses change each quarter.

Our high school teachers are Ellen Kristenson, Ken Kristenson, Nancy Johnston, Chuck Johnston, Maynard Perkins, Julia Ede. Mrs. Ede is also the counselor.

One of the best parts of our high school is the business program which runs the Northern Lights Restaurant. All the students work in the restaurant. The most popular thing we sell is ice cream, which we have now in all kinds of new flavors.

The shop classes are building a new building for our restaurant and are now putting the roof on the new building.

This weekend we are expecting a visitor all the way from Cambridge, Mass. just to see our restaurant. She is Edna Belarde who is responsible for our getting the \$4,000 to build the new building.



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She represents the Advocates of Indian Youth Empowerment of the Episcopal Church and she is going to write about us in a national publication.

Last week we had a four-day weekend and everyone celebrated Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving in Selawik everyone donates food and we have a big feast in the Friends Church.

Nearly everyone in town goes to the feast and we eat fish, soup, and lots of good things. This year it was too stormy on

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Thanksgiving Day so the games and races sponsored by the City Council were postponed till the next day.

On Friday we had all classes of women's and men's snowgo races. There are also dog races including two dog races for kids. There were foot races, also. The cash prizes for the winners of all the races were donated by all the organizations in Selawik.

Everyone had a good time at Thanksgiving and now we are getting ready for lots of fun at Christmas.