

Natives Impressed With Boys State At Glennallen.

The Eskimo young men, high school students attending the Boys State this year at Copper Valley High School at Glennallen were highly impressed with the program.

"I've learned a lot since I came here," said Melvin Otten of Nome and a junior at the Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Otten calling from Glennallen last Wednesday continued:

"The native student participants are introducing a native land claims bill tomorrow and we are going to try very hard to have it passed."

Boys State is the American Legion program to familiarize high school students about the workings of governments.

The Boys State assembly were to conduct an election of a governor and other state officials yesterday.

Otten said he ran for the

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office of Commissioner of Revenue in the primaries last Tuesday but he was narrowly defeated. He was highly pleased that he came in second.

"I think it is a very good program and I'm learning a lot of things," Melvin Otten said. "I would also like to commend the Copper Valley School for the excellent food and excellent housing they are providing for us."

Melvin Otten said there were two other Eskimos beside himself and they were Ron Itta of Barrow and Henry Sookiayak of Nome.

"The program is also a big improvement over last year," he said. "Last year 45 attended and this year there are 101."

Otten said that the program was also a real challenge.

"They get us up at 6:15 a.m., then we do our chores and have breakfast," he said. "At 8:15, we have senate meetings and assembly meetings until lunch time at noon and it lasts till 1:30 p.m."

"After lunch we have more meetings and have some time for recreation until supper between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. At 7:10, we have the lowering of the flag."

"We have more assembly meetings after that and we're through for the day around 9:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. They turn the lights out at 10:30 and by that time we're really ready to go to bed because we get awfully tired."

He added: "I think the Boys State is really a fine thing."