

Selawik students travel

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Selawik High School students have been busy traveling recently as part of several high school programs. Agronomy students who work in the Selawik High School greenhouse took a trip to visit greenhouses in Anchorage, Fairbanks and other Alaskan communities March 21-27. Mr. Perkins, high school science teacher and his wife traveled with the eight students. Students who went on the trip were Dorcas Ballot, Norma Ballot, Augustina Clark, Diana Ede, Elaine Ramoth, Martha Ramoth, Flora Savok and Margaret Smith.

Flora and Margaret remained in Fairbanks to join band students for a workshop at the University of Alaska from March 30-April 3. Other band students who went to the workshop are George Berry, Leonard Ballot, Virgil Clark Jr., Alfred Foxglove, James Foxglove, Amos Griest, Grace Henry, Marty Jones, Rachel Ramoth, Geneva Skin, Eva Thomas and Herman Ticket. The music teacher Jess Baker and Mrs. Marie Clark traveled with the students.

The Selawik High School senior class returned on April 5 from a trip which began March 26 in Anchorage. The seniors attended the last night of Native Emphasis Week at Alaska Methodist University, attended classes at AMU, toured the Anchorage Career Education Center, Anchorage Community College, visited BIA and AFN offices, the Fine Arts Museum and other points of interest in Anchorage. The seniors also flew to Fairbanks and attended University Day at the University of Alaska on April 2. Thirteen seniors were on this trip with high school counselor Julia Ede and Mrs. Martha Ramoth.

The seniors are Willard Commack, Christine Douglas, Hilda

Foxglove, Cynthia Jackson, Carolyn Lee, Eleanor Loon, Roberta Norton, Diane Ramoth, Lydia Ramoth, Chuck Riley, Linda Skin, Ethel Ticket and Billy Tikik. Also graduating will be Merle Custer and Scott Warren.

The senior trip was part of a senior year program which encourages students to continue their education after high school. Several of the seniors will be graduating with college credits in English and psychology, which they have studied this year in Selawik through Alaska Methodist University. At present 14 of the 15 graduating seniors plan to attend school next fall at five colleges.

Before the senior trip ended business students flew to Anchorage to spend a month there working for First National Bank, Sears, Anchorage Natural Gas Co., Carr's Market, McDonald's and Alaska Crippled Children.

Business students working in Anchorage now are Dorcas Ballot, Wynona Black, Donna Commack, Maggie Davis, Christine Douglas, Teennie Griest, Tillie Henry, Lawrence Foster, Ernie Ticket, Billy Tikik, Lawrence Thomas and Scott Warren. Some of these students are boarding students from Buckland, Kobuk, Shungnak and Kotzebue.

On April 9 several students left Selawik with coach George Harbeson to take part in the Native Youth Olympics in Anchorage. Those who went were Sally Jones, Sarah Knox, Lester Kirk and Eva Thomas. Lawrence Thomas and Maggie Davis already in Anchorage on the business trip were supposed to take part in NYO also.

On April 23 four Selawik High School FHA members will attend the State Future Homemakers of America convention in Anchorage. Alice Koenig, Wanda Stanley, Tillie Ticket and Leslie Warren will put on an Eskimo story and

song as part of the FHA program. Kathy Schwartz, Selawik art teacher, will take the girls on the trip for Stephanie Galaday, homemaking teacher.

Meanwhile in Selawik, Marie Clark's high school Inupiat students are having a day's field trip doing ice fishing on Fish River. Last week Dr. Doug Anderson, anthropologist from Brown University, spent a week in Selawik High School having classes for high school archaeology students who are going on a field trip in Anchorage with Dr. Anderson and conduct a dig near Selawik. On that trip the students will dig and prepare artifacts for the local museum and write reports of their findings. Students are really looking forward to that summer trip.

To celebrate the bicentennial year the high school U.S. History class, Alaska History class

and Inupiat classes are planning an Eskimo History Day on Friday, April 23. Lots of special things are planned for that day to be completed with a big feast of Native foods. The following day is the Selawik City Spring Carnival with lots of contests and carnival activities so that's a good weekend to visit Selawik.

The last big events of the

school year are the Junior-Senior Prom on Saturday, May 1 and graduation on Wednesday, May 12. This will be the first graduation in the new Selawik High School building, the third graduation for the school and everyone is looking forward to the graduation speech by Eben Hopson, mayor of the North Slope Borough.