

Allakaket to Honor Bergman, Fort Yukon Springs Carnival

As the spring sun foreshadows the end of a severe winter, two villages have announced dog races and spring activities for the first week of April.

On March 31, Fort Yukon inaugurates its 1971 Spring Carnival, a five day celebration featuring dog races, various sporting events, dances, the crowning of a Carnival Queen and the production of a play—The Wizard of Oz.

On April 2, the village of Allakaket will hold dog races and potlatches, which will last

through April 4. This year's events in Allakaket will be held in memory of Edward Bergman, Sr. who died last fall.

Schedules for both villages are as follows:

Allakaket

The spring activities will start on April 2 with a Work Party and a Potlatch. April 3 and 4 will feature the Men's Dog Race. On April 5, the village will feature their Women's Dog Race in the morning. The Old Men's Dog Race will take place in the afternoon and the activities end

that evening with a Potlatch and Banquet.

Visitors and visiting teams are welcomed to the Dog Races. The Allakaket Village Council has ordered trophies for all races, but has not set any prizes.

Fort Yukon

The Spring Carnival will begin March 31 with the Women's Sled Dog Race, reports Donald Peter, President of the Senior Dog Mushers. The day's activities will close with the crowning of the 1971 Spring Carnival Queen at the Community Facility.

Thursday, April 1, will be the final heat of the Women's Championship Race. Highlight of the evening will be the local production of the Wizard of Oz, directed by Mrs. Donald Peter and starring Ruth Monson as Dorothy. This is the first originating production of the play above the Arctic Circle.

Friday, April 2, will be the Men's Sled Dog Race and the final showing of The Wizard of Oz.

Saturday, April 3, will be the final heat of the Men's Championship Race and the Dog Mushers Banquet and Dance. The Carnival will close April 4 with the Cheechako Race. There will also be races for kids, sno-go events, snowshoe baseball and other activities.