



**SELAWIK SECRETARY**—Myrna Kagoona, Selawik city secretary takes incoming calls on Selawik's only phone in the court building as one of her jobs.

## Selawik Votes to Become A First Class City

By DARLENE SKIN

Selawik, Alaska had an election for first class city on Saturday, Feb. 9, 1974 in the courthouse. The total who voted to become a first class city was 62 and there were 36 who voted no.

This was the largest voter turn-out in the history of Selawik elections according to Selawik mayor, Joe Ballot. The election papers have been sent to Juneau for verification by the Department of Local Affairs.

Other council members, who will continue in office until the next city election are Roger Clark, Virgil Clark, Daniel Fos-

ter, Bert Greist, Bert Jones, and Allen Ticket.

School board president Jonas Ramoth is happy about the election because he believes Selawik will have more money under the foundation formula and be able to do more for its students.

The people in Selawik will be able to say how the money should be spent. A lot of money gets lost between the legislature and rural schools the way things are now.

Selawik will receive its fair share the same as other independent school districts now.

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Other school board members are Ralph Ballot, Lorena Clark, Nellie Sheldon and Chester Tick-et.

At present Selawik has to have two school boards in order to operate an 11th and 12th grade program which is funded by Johnson-O'Malley funds and run by the Selawik Educational and Cultural Foundation.

Now we will be one independent school district, and the people of Selawik will say how their children's educational funds should be spent.

Ben Foxglove, Jr., Selawik's celebrity, is home from a trip to Washington, D.C. He came home Feb. 11.

He traveled to Anchorage the end of January to shop for suitable clothing for a trip to Washington and left Anchorage on Saturday, Feb. 2 with a girl from Anchorage who was Alaska's other representative in the William Randolph Hearst Leadership Scholarship.

Ben saw the vice-president and heard the Secretary of State speak to their group. Then he shook hands with Henry Kissinger.

Ben saw the White House, visited Congress, and saw lots of famous places. Ben said he had fun and made lots of new friends from places like Hawaii and Texas.

The NIAAA has granted funds for a teen center in Selawik. When Oran Walton was the mayor he was the one to ask for a teen center.

There will be a pool table, music and other recreation equipment. It will be better than going to pool halls. Oran had a letter about the grant and all of us teen-agers thanked Oran for

helping us.

He said he might try to get some funds from Operation Mainstream to help with the labor. The grant is for \$9,680 and \$1,480 for equipment.

The first prom in Selawik is being planned by the juniors and seniors and will be on March 16 to begin our first year as a high school in real style.

Mrs. Kristenson, the eleventh and twelfth grade sponsor is helping plan the prom with an Irish theme. Each class has nominated candidates for king and queen. This is all new for us teen-agers in Selawik.

Mrs. Ede, our counselor, wrote to a women's club in Anchorage to help us. She had a phone call from Irene Ray in Anchorage who is helping us by collecting formal clothes to send us for our prom so we will be able to dress up.

All of us really appreciate the people who are helping our high school in its first year.

Some day when we are old we will say, "Remember that first prom and all the fun we had trying to be like other high schools when we didn't even have a building." We will probably forget it was hard work, too.

Next time I'll tell you how our prom turns out and send a picture of Selawik's first prom king and queen. Right now we're trying to think of a good name for our first yearbook.

We have had several businesses and organizations donate \$10 each to be a page sponsor and the yearbook staff is hard at work. The person who sends the best name for the yearbook will get a prize.



SELAWIK OFFICIALS—Pictured here, left to right, council member Virgil Clark; Mayor Joe Ballot; and Roger Clark, treasurer.