

Gambell children learn of pumpkins, Halloween

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By GRACE SIWOOKO

Gambell Correspondent

Gambell children got into the spirit of the season for Halloween this year as they cut owls, pumpkins, witches and all sorts of Halloween things out of paper in the school.

Autumn winds and storms may blow strong and cold but the way in which people live makes it enjoyable.

On Oct. 16, the children in the third and fourth grade room made the schoolroom as warm and as happy as could be.

I am teaching the children Yup'ik and had the fourth grade children cut out pumpkin shapes from orange paper. Although we had never seen the pumpkins grow, we knew how to make them from paper because we studied in books about pumpkins.

I had the children write in Yup'ik the most interesting thing that they did during the summer, on the backs of their cut-out pumpkins.

The children wrote very interesting things about places like Siquvek and Pugughileg on St. Lawrence Island.

One little boy who had spent time in Siquvek wrote about the foxes he saw. Another boy who had gone to Pugughileg, wrote about the squirrel that he nearly grabbed. But the squirrel ran swiftly off. He wrote in Siberian Yupik which we are learning in school. These were his words: Kiik whanga sikik aku-quavziqaga Pugughileghmi.

These projects and their Yup'ik learning exercises will become precious treasures in years to come.

Also, a workshop was held for teachers to learn more about bilingual education. One teacher came from Savoonga and others, including Vera Kanishero, Edna Apotiki, and Irene Reed and other bilingual teachers at-

tended.

By Matti Pat Shaw

Grayling Correspondent

Last Thursday, Oct. 29, an election was held in Grayling to determine whether or not the village would go dry, that is, lawfully prohibit the importation and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the village, or whether it would remain wet, allowing the villagers to legally continue the importation and consumption of alcohol.

This question has been enthusiastically discussed in Grayling recently. The "drys" pointed out various tragic events that have occurred here because of the misuse of alcohol. The "wets" contended their personal rights and privileges have been infringed upon.

After the voting, poll officials tallied the ballots and announced the surprise outcome. The "drys" had won by a margin of 10 votes.

Ernest Chase, owner of the C & C Grocery store and the Grayling Air Service, said he will officially challenge the outcome of the election on the following grounds: that the ballot box was opened before the election was over; that people were allowed to re-vote and the people did not understand the wording of the ballot.