

Yuko-Kwim 4-H Clubs Organize

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Four widely separated and diverse 4-H clubs have organized in the Yuko-Kwim district of the Cooperative Extension Service for the 1970-71 club year.

The Yukon Agates of Fort Yukon is an all girl group with 20 members. Their leaders are Mrs. Alevene Lantz and Mrs. Patricia Myers. Food preparation is the project of the moment with the Agates.

They are emphasizing baking experiences with cakes and cookies. They have also become involved in the judging of finished products. Any volunteers to help?

The officers of the club are Wanda Kelly-president, Lorraine English-vice president, Mary Solomon and Brenda Smacker-treasurer, Debra Peter-news reporter, and Carolyn Baalam-recreational leader.

Quinhagak is the largest club in the district with 34 members. They have both guys and gals. Leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Raasina and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Muney.

They are still deciding which projects to choose in which to

gain worthwhile learning experiences during the coming year. Their secretary is Sally Cleveland. Other officers' names are unavailable at this time.

Quinhagak is located on the Kuskokwim Bay in southwestern Alaska.

The Little Tailors and Cooks hold forth at Nikolai on the south fork of the Kuskokwim River. Holding true to their name they are taking cooking in the food preparation project.

Their officers are Rose Gregory-president, Martha Nikolai-vice president, Martha Esai-secretary, Annie Marie John-treasurer, Irene Dennis-news reporter, and Christine Collins-recreation leader.

Tessie Dennis, Lucy Esai, and Eva Nikolai are the remaining members of this energetic group. Volunteer leaders for the group are Sally Collins, Pat Nicol, Mary John, and Dora Esai.

Beaver, Alaska, is the home of the Veralas 4-H club. Until this year they have been an all boy club under the leadership of Mrs. Zenz Page.

Photography and handicraft have been two popular projects with the club members of this Yukon River village.

The new officers for Veralas are Bonnie Adams-president, Norman Joseph-vice president, Ulak Hope, and Alice Cruikshank-recreational leader, Jerry Henry-reporter, Darlene Billy-secretary.

Debbie Pitka and Gilbert Joseph are co-chairmen of the refreshment committee.

Police Planning Grant

JUNEAU—Governor William A. Egan announced the award of a \$100,000 planning grant to Alaska from the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

The \$100,000 grant which completes a \$130,000 planning allocation to Alaska for fiscal year 1971, will be used to plan programs that will be financed with a \$750,000 "action" grant which Alaska is eligible for from the same federal source for 1971.

The grants are available under the federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

The purpose of the federal funds is to help state and local police forces undertake new and innovative programs which would otherwise be financially prohibitive.

Alaska initiated some 70 programs with \$450,000 received in federal "action" funds for 1970.

These included financial support for State Troopers and local law enforcement officers attending the trooper training

academy in Sitka, purchase of communications systems for local police forces throughout the state, and funding of the recent conference on "Justice in the Bush" held at Alyeska.

The funds are administered by the state's Criminal Justice Planning Agency, which itself is funded by the special federal money.

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