

New High School Facility at Selawik

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The new high school building in Selawik is scheduled to be completed on Dec. 5. Meanwhile, Selawik students started school again Aug. 28 in a split shift attending classes from 1:30 to 7:15 after grades K-6 finish their day.

Everyone is anxious for the new building to be completed, especially to use the gymnasium. Meanwhile, the Selawik Wolves are looking forward to their first basketball game at Galena in November.

In addition to the gym, the new school building has rooms

for science, humanities, shop, business and homemaking. It also has a large kitchen and much storage space as well as lounge and study areas, office and shower rooms.

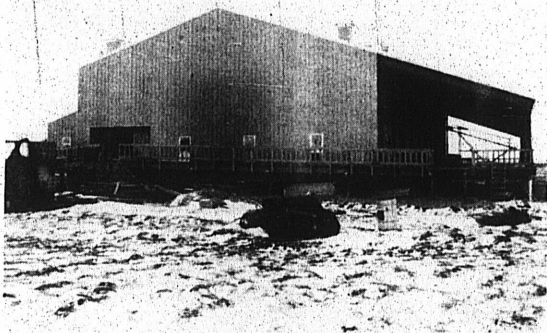
There is a playground porch with a roof and additional basketball backboards. The building construction is under the supervision of Jack Hegdahl of Hegdahl Construction Co., Fairbanks. They are also building a water sewer facility for the city.

There are 109 students enrolled in Selawik High School

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this year and 89 in K-6. As Selawik is an independent school district this is the first year for kindergarten.

The new school district has several employees. Jim Ede is the director of education. Oran Walton of Selawik is the school manager. Allen Ticket is the financial officer and his accounting is done by a computer firm in Anchorage.

Alice Skin is the administrative assistant. Lloyd Davis is maintenance chief assisted by William Sheldon and Harold Ballot. Vera Skin is head cook. Her helpers are Laura Smith and Edith Snyder.

Other local employees are bilingual teachers Marie Greist, May Walton and substitutes Angeline Larkin and Ella Jones. Vicki Ticket is a special education aide along with Christina Perkins. Roger Clark is school community activity director. Many people work as substitutes. With a first class city Selawik can hire many more local people to run the school.

Nancy Johnston teaches special education. Carol Neal teaches kindergarten and primary. Homer Neal and Melissa Geffel are the other primary teachers.

Intermediate grades are taught by Marcia Baker, who taught last year in Boulder, Colo., and Gene Heckler and Dave Mathis. Julie Ede is high school counselor, teaches college English and French. Maynard Perkins teaches math and science.

Ken Kristenson teaches shop,

drafting and math. Ellen Kristenson teaches homemaking, P.E. and history. Chuck Johnston teaches business education and law.

Jess Baker, who taught in Albion, Wyo. last year, teaches elementary music and high school music, language and social studies. George Harbeson teaches English, math and physical education and will coach basketball.

The population of Selawik is now about 510. This does not include boarding students from Shungnak, Ambler and Kotzebue. Selawik has a new post office, a new store run by Savoks who moved here from Buckland, and people are building new houses and remodeling old ones.

A new school warehouse has been built to replace the old one which burned last spring.

The city election had the biggest turnout in election history. Allen Ticket was elected mayor. Council members are Daniel Foster, David Greist, William Sheldon, Elmer Ballot and there will be a run-off between Marjorie Ticket and Ira Smith who tied for sixth member.

The new school board is Jonas Ramoth, Chester Ticket, Myrna Kagoona, Nancy Starbuck and Mildred Foster. It is a big job being a first class city but everyone in Selawik is working hard to do a good job.

The new Northern Lights Restaurant built by the shop classes will soon be open so everyone come and visit.