



ROSEMOND WONGITILLIN, Teacher-Director at Savoonga Head Start, admires mask worn by Hogarth Kingeekuk.

Head Start Success on St. Law. Is.

GAMBELL TO GET NEW BUILDING

Preschoolers in Gambell Head Start will move into larger quarters next month, and will soon have a permanent home of their own, thanks to the combined efforts of parents, the BIA school, and the City Council.

Gambell's fifteen Head Starters will move into a classroom provided by Mike Carr, the Principal Teacher. Carr is adding plumbing to the room and even loaning equipment to the program until weather permits construction of a new building for Head Start.

The new building has been a long-standing dream of parents and staff of Head Start on the St. Lawrence Island village.

Head Start parents and the City Council worked together on a grant application to the Rural Development Agency and recently received word of funding.

The center presently shares rather cramped space in the City Council building.

Luceed Apassingok, the Chairperson of Gambell's Head Start Policy Committee, was excited by the prospect of new quarters for the program.

Gambell's program has fifteen children enrolled, and a staff of four: Carmel Konahok, Teacher Director, Patricia Koozaata, Teacher-Aide, Ila Ungott, Cook, and Elmer Campbell, the Center's Janitor.

HEAD START IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT IN SAVOONGA

Volunteers of all ages helped make Halloween week a memorable experience for Savoonga Head Starters. Roger Mooney,

Director of Child Development for RurAL CAP, and Charlene Thomas, Field Trainer for the Nome Region, were impressed by the participation of the parents and other community members in the program.

Grammar school girls spent an afternoon at the Center helping the preschoolers in cutting and pasting scrapbooks, and a number of parents volunteered to help children make Halloween masks.

A volunteer who had spent some time in California came in at snack time and told children all about the oranges they were enjoying.

Savoonga has an active parent committee who are attempting to find a new building for Head Start. The present building is a community center used for many other activities.

Parents held two lengthy meetings with the RurAL CAP visitors to discuss reporting, administration, health services, and fund-raising. Mooney showed films on parent involvement and policy committee and a slide show on a fund-raising carnival in New Stuyahok.

Parents also viewed "If We All Work Together", a health services film produced by Phil Cook Films Incorporated. Part of the film was done on location in Savoonga Head Start.

Participants in the training session held by Mr. Mooney and Ms. Thomas included Rosemond Wongitillin, Teacher-Director, Violet Kingeekuk, Teacher-Aide, Walter Wongitillin, the Janitor, Helen Kiyulook, Savoonga's Cook and Leah Iya, the PC Chairperson.



PATRICIA KOOZAATA, Teacher-Aide in Gambell helps a preschooler with a story.