

Youth Corps Adds 4 Villages, Employs 750

The State's Youth Corps program for the outlying villages stepped out of its buildup period August 1st with approximately 750 youths between 16 and 22 working on programs in the villages of Interior, Western, and Northwest Alaska.

Villages recently added to the

program were Minto, Tanana, Tetlin, and the City of Nenana. This just about completes the buildup of the program, according to Mike Bradner, who heads the program in Interior Alaska.

Bradner, a former Fairbanks newsman, Yukon riverboat mate, and University of Alaska graduate, has been in the Nome area organizing the villages of northwest Alaska. He recently returned to take over the Interior district and turned the Nome area over to Terry P. McLean, a Lathrop High School and University of Alaska graduate.

The program is now being stabilized and enrollments curtailed until about September 1st, according to Bradner. He said many current enrollees will be going back to boarding schools at the end of August and that there may be room for new enrollees after that time.

The current program runs until November 30 for out-of-school youths. However, another out-of-school program is being developed to continue on after the November 30 date, Bradner said.

The program consists of three field areas being worked out of Bethel, Nome, and Fairbanks. The program is designed to work through the village councils and place policy and supervisory control with the councils.

The youths work on projects in the villages approved and super-

vised by the village councils. The projects are designed to give the youths work experience as well as to permit them to earn some money. They work a maximum of 32 hours a week, and are paid at a rate of \$1.75 per hour.

Villages in the Fairbanks area enrolled are Tetlin, Tanacross, Northway, Tanana, Stevens Village, Chalkyitsik, Fort Yukon, Venetie, Arctic Village, and Minto. Also operating under the program are Delta Junction, Tok Junction, and the City of Nenana.