

Selawik students busy--

Hydroponics and agronomy



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SELAWIK — Our energetic agronomy class (7th period) with the help of our hard-working biology-agronomy teacher Maynard Perkins Jr. "Perk," are growing a great variety of plants and vegetables in our greenhouse.

Being the first greenhouse in Selawik, we students and Perk are very proud to show it to the people of Selawik.

The greenhouse is located upstairs in our new high school building. First it was an empty space, and we fixed it up by putting a frame up with the help of some of Ken Kristenson's ship boys. Then we cov-

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SELAWIK GREENHOUSE—Selawik students are busy with agronomy along with the use of hydroponics and are growing great varieties of plants and vegetables. In charge is Maynard "Perk" Perkins.

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ered the frame with visqueen.

We put big mercury multi-vapor 1,000 watt lights up and we have light control and temperature system for our plants.

Later when the greenhouse was done, we moved the little plants from the nursery and transplanted them to wooden gas boxes, which was the best thing available.

The plants we are growing are a variety group of European cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, cantaloupe, pumpkins, peanuts, strawberries and many different kinds of flowers.

We take turns hauling water for our plants with Perk's snow-machine. We haul water because if we use water from our school faucets, the water contains chemicals that are harmful to our plants. We have fun riding, too.

Everyday we water and make sure they are properly fertilized. Of course we cannot do it by ourselves, our teacher Perk teaches us and shows us how. All of us wants to grow our plants healthy.

The purpose of the hydroponics program is to have the students learn about plants and what factors affect their growth, develop work skills which we can use on the job market, and

to develop a fresh produce to be sold to local people.

Last year Perk chose some students to take on a trip to visit all sorts of greenhouses. The students were Scott Warren, Chuck Riley, Eleanor Loon, Tillie Henry and Harry Foxglove. Perk led them on a tour of greenhouses.

They went to Anchorage, U of A, Fairbanks and Wildwood. They talked to professors and greenhouse teachers. It was both fun and educational.

This year maybe Perk will take more students for a hydroponics trip.

In Selawik there has been more warm weather than cold, these past days. Although at times, the temperature reaches to freezing level, it is still warm considering the coldest it sometimes gets.

Taking advantage of the warm weather some hunters have gone out hunting for caribou. It is nice to have fresh meat once again.

Keeping up with the sports for the City League and the High School basketball games played in and out of town.

The City League played against Kiana, Noorvik and Buckland has been winning.