

## ***News From Gambell***

# **Looking forward to running water, preparing for the winter**

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Many things are going on at Gambell now. One is, the great and powerful machines digging right in among the houses. They say that there s going to be running water in the homes! Boy, I hope that will work. Another one is, Siberians have been in our place, visiting! And our people have been going to Siberia, too.

It is good to see our relatives over there. Our people used to go there in spring time by walrus-hide boats, years ago. We can see Siberian mountains clear, at the horizon at our north west.

Now a days they go by air planes.

Wild leaves and plants that grow wild all over tundra at the mountains and by the lakes have been so plentiful that many of us have been going out gathering them for food. We fill our wooden barrels with them. To preserve them we use to put them in water under some heavy rocks for a week or so, in a barrel then we eat them with fat of seals and whales. Then we put that in a skin of seals that are fixed and dried for containers. That way they can keep for winter. We keep those pokes out doors on the racks during