

Gambell Woman Lauds Paper

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I finally got chance to write to you this morning. The first thing I want to say is to thank you so much for sending me these Tundra Times newspapers regularly. Besides I appreciated Mr. Dr. Forbes who willingly paid year round Tundra Times newspapers for me.

I appreciated both of you so much. I am so interested in getting these newspapers. May the Great God in heaven, who is no respecter of persons, will bless each of you men richly. That is you and Dr. Forbes.

We know that our God in heaven is wonderful and mighty and merciful. We must trust Him. Many times merciful God in heaven saves us and deliver us from sickness and death and from dangers. What we do now is to follow Him and obey him through His help and strength.

We have nowadays wet and windy days this fall. But everybody have all kinds of seaweeds which are indeed good food to us people here.

Mostly every day, men went out hunting for seal, walrus and bearded seals, what we use its skins for mukluk soles. These bearded seals we call it "mukluks."

These hunters goes on dog teams nowadays to hunting grounds. Caught seals and mukluks often, some few walrus they caught too. But when the ice is comes around there will be lots of flocks of walruses and more mukluks and seals.

And on the month of April, the whaling will be open until May. That is where we drying walrus and mukluk and walrus calves and mukluk calves.

In olden days, people up here used to store away dried meat in cache for the

winter. Now we store away dried meat in heavy plastic bags over with sacks in a cool place or in place where we store away our Eskimo food.

The trapping season will be open in a near future. My husband Vernon Slwoko used to go out to his trapping camp every year. But ever since he became mail carrier for Wiens, he quit trapping.

He used to caught quite a lots of foxes; sometimes over 100 white foxes he caught.

Besides before he became mail carrier, we family used to go out to same camp in the summer for fishing. We do drying fishes and some salted and some canned.

Out at camp, we don't use pressure cooker for canning fish. My husband and some boys used to build fires outside and full half a drum of water and dump in already canned fishes and boiled it for hours and hours, especially four hours.

But during the summer, my husband hired some one to take his place in mail carrying and went out to his camp for fishing and for seal hunting.

Well, I better sign off and mail this letter before the post office closed.

Again I say that I and my Husband appreciated you and Dr. Forbes ever so much for your good help toward us Eskimo people.