

# *This time of year, it's time to get ready for the winter*

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GAMBELL. — This time of year, people usually are busy doing things for winter.

Part of the work they do is putting walrus-hide material on the wooden boat frames they build.

Here and there, by the homes, are fresh walrus-hide boats, just being finished up. They will be in use during winter and coming spring for hunting and traveling.

Where there is ice around our ocean, there are walrus on and around it. Whales come close in the spring time, so our men hunt them then, when the sun goes down and comes up just for a short time in our northern sky.

It is nice out here when the ground is all dry and turning brown in places, but it is all gravel here in the Gambell area.

It is so good to walk on gravel. The



ground is all gravel for miles out.

When one walks to the mountain, he will walk on gravel, gravel, gravel for miles. Also, along the air strip, to the points is all gravel. It is so nice.