

# 'Sewing, boy, nice hard work put in!'

It has been very nice summer some people camping out, some going places with Hondas to travel with and some women gathering wild plants for winter.

A wild plant that grow all over at the mountains, we call nunivak in our language is very good to eat with our meats. So women like to gather that, nunivak, and put in the barrels with water and put rocks in to make them taste like pickle. Now we can eat some fresh with mayonnaise like vegetable salad.



Some men have been putting new covering on their walurs-hide boats. It is a very hard work to put covering on the walrus-hide boats for use in winter for hunting seals and walrus.

Those walrus-hide boats don't break in rough sea. So it was today, Sept. 17, Vernon Slwooko worked on his.

His wife Beda and bunch of us women, sewing, boy, nice hard work put in!

Back in the days when I was a little girl, my father bought a wooden open top boat like many other men were doing. They used those for whaling.

They had walrus-hide boats, too, as they don't break even when hit ice, when it is close in at the sea around here. What the women use as thread for sewing those walurs-hide boats is muscles or sinews from the whales. It is good for sewing mukluks, too.

Water won't go through the stitches in watery places around the ice.

But my parents would get ready to go to Sivoaghet, a place at the other end of our island home. There would be some young men that help us on our trip.

Grandpa, Grandma and whole family were put in a large boat with motor, and the dogs and other stuff would be in smaller boat with young men that helped us. Starting at Gambell there, be a whole day's journey to Savoonga, another village. We would be about half ways then. We overnight there.