



**BALINE BASKET MAKER**—Elderly George Omnik of Point Hope is working on his 726th baline basket. He started making baskets back in 1949 and taught himself “just by looking at a basket someone had made.” Omnik is continually behind on orders. The art is exacting and it “takes me four days to make a basket if I hurry.” At 72 years old, George Omnik caught two walrus last year.