



EYE SURGERY SUCCESSFUL—Evon Olympic, a 106-year-old Aleut from South Naknek, recently completed successful cataract surgery at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. —PHS ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH SERVICE
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106-Year-Old Evon Olympic Has Successful Cataract Operation

Evon Olympic, a 106-year-old full blooded Aleut, recently completed successful cataract surgery at the PHS Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

The vigorous old man says he was born “at fish camp

where a river flows into a lake,” somewhere between Bristol Bay and Cook’s Inlet,

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Evon Olympic

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as he calls it.

His birthday was given to him when he was baptized into the Russian Orthodox Church—July 6; his uncle was priest for the ceremony.

Olympic has a cruel scar about the base of his skull which came from a tussle in his youth with a wounded brown bear. It is considered quite a miracle that he survived that encounter.

He speaks several dialects of Eskimo and Aleut and some English. He is a little hard of hearing, but is still most alert.

Olympic's home is in South Naknek and he has a number of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Men in his ward report he kept them entertained during the evening hours with old songs from his youth. Some they could understand, but some were of things too long ago for them.