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Gabe Steppeton, caretaker of the Holy Ascension of Christ (Russian Orthodox) chapel in Unalaska stands with the bells which he sometimes rings. When the Aleuts were evacuated to Burnett Inlet from Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, they buried their precious icons and other holy items, such as these bells which were cast in Czarist Russia, in the churchyard. Altogether some churches suffered great losses, the Unalaskans found their buried treasures in tact upon their return home. For more on the results of the evacuation, turn to pages eight and nine.