



RELUCTANT HEROINE, Ella (Mrs. John) Kinagak is shown with five-year-old Timothy Evon whom she saved from drowning in the Kuskokwim River at Bethel last week. In the midst of a raging thunder and lightning storm, Mrs. Kinagak, mother of four, jumped into the swift, cold river twice, once from the steep crumbling bank and again from a boat in order to reach the child who had already been pulled beneath the surface of the

water. She also administered artificial respiration in the boat and revived the lifeless child. Next day, modestly saying nothing, Mrs. Kinagak went to work as usual at PHS Alaska Native Hospital in Bethel where she has been employed for 15 years. John Toomer, administrative officer for the Bethel Hospital had difficulty persuading the reluctant heroine to pose for this picture.

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