

Need Gal Recruits— **Be a Woman Trooper**

The Department of Public Safety Division of Alaska State Troopers wants women—women applicants, that is. If you're a woman between the ages of 21 and 45 with a high school diploma or the equivalent, eyesight correctable to 20/20 and are presently living in Alaska, the State Troopers are interested in you.

"We need women trooper recruits, it's as simple as that," stated Col. Pat Wellington, Alaska State Trooper director. Only one woman has ever become an Alaska State Trooper and that was in 1972, according to Dillingham. "She got married to a trooper and quit," he added.

Wellington made it very clear that he is looking for all-around troopers and not clerks or secretaries in uniform. "These women will receive the same

assignments as their brother troopers, pull road shifts and perform other general law enforcement assignments.

After making application, women will have to pass a written exam, oral board, background clerk and physical exam just like their male counterparts. A probationary one-year period from the date of appointment concludes the examining process.

Included in that year is a 12-week recruit school at the Public Safety Academy in Sitka. There, the women must meet the same physical and scholastic requirements as the men.

While pay varies around the state, troopers are classified by the state, as a range 15. Women interested in becoming troopers should apply at their nearest state employment office or Alaska State Trooper headquarters.