

# Alaska Drivers Congratulated

"Alaska's drivers are to be congratulated for lowering the death toll on the highways so far this year," Commissioner Emery W. Chapple, Jr. of the Alaska Department of Public Safety said.

Commissioner Chapple cited figures showing the death toll to be 11 under the 64 at this time last year.

"Unfortunately," the Commissioner added, "traffic safety is not an item which you can dismiss by saying 'well done.' Traffic safety is a continuing thing.

"New generations grow up to use cars every year, and every year we must do our utmost to make the newcomers conscious of their responsibilities on the road.

"The holiday period is upon us again this year. The usual parties will be held with the usual drinkers taking part with the usual drunks getting behind the wheel and the usual deaths occurring.

"It doesn't have to be this way. If we all consciously work toward a goal of no deaths, and in doing this walk, or take a cab, or bring along a non-drinker to drive, or stay at home, we might get by without a traffic fatality.

"Let's put traffic deaths on a permanent holiday."