

# New Engineer For Hwy. Dept.

Alaska's Commissioner of Highways, Robert L. Beardsley, today announced the appointment of a State Highway engineer, a position authorized by the recently-concluded session of the Legislature at the request of the Administration.

Charles S. Matlock, presently District Engineer from the Central Highway District at Anchorage, will fill the new post, and Jack Spake, at present Construction Engineer in Anchorage, will become District Engineer there on an acting basis.

In addition, Beardsley announced that each district office with full district responsibilities would see the appointment of two Assistant District Engineers, one for Operations and one for Pre-construction.

These positions, Beardsley emphasized, would be filled from within the existing organizations insofar as practical.

"The changes are aimed solely at improving the functions of the department and making it more efficient," Beardsley said, "We believe that we can build and maintain more miles of highway per dollar with these changes, and that's what we're here for."