

John Angaiak and village safety officers cited

FAIRBANKS—The annual recognition and achievement dinner of the Alaska State Troopers and the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection was held in Fairbanks April 12.

Individual Alaska State Troopers, Fish and Wildlife Protection Officers, and others were honored for achievement by Col. T.R. Anderson, director of the Alaska State Troopers, and Col. Fred M. Woldstad, retiring director of the Division of Fish and

Wildlife Protection.

Special guest speaker for the dinner was Chief Justice Jay A. Rabinowitz of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Special recognition was given by Col. Anderson to John Angaiak, manpower director for the AVCP in Bethel. This was for Angaiak's assistance and support in the establishment of the Village Public Safety Officer Program by the Alaska State Troopers during the past year. This was a program to train village residents in the multiple skills of law enforcement, emergency medical treatment, fire fighting and fire prevention, water safety and search and rescue procedures. Angaiak, through

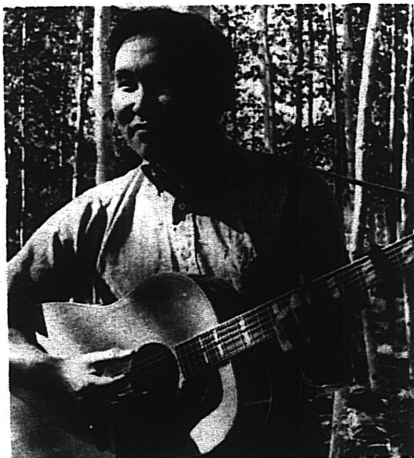
his manpower program, provided salaries and funds for the first 19 Village Public Safety Officers in the new program.

Col. Anderson presented commendations for meritorious service to five Alaska State Troopers:

Constable James Gallen, who was raised in Northway where he is stationed, was recognized for providing professional service in often difficult situations earning the admiration and respect of the community.

Trooper William Manumik, who was born and raised in Emonak and now stationed in Bethel, was honored for outstanding accomplishments, pride in his work and consistently high production. This included an intensive three-month investigation leading to the arrest of a suspect for shooting at a Fish and Wildlife aircraft. He has been responsible for all homicide investigations in the Bethel patrol area. He also has been an active participant in the Safety Bear program, providing a Yupik speaking Safety Bear.

Investigator James McCann of Fairbanks was recognized for his investigation of a particularly difficult homicide.



JOHN ANGAIAK

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Investigator Glenn Flothe was recognized for his investigation in a child pornography case that was international in scope.

Trooper Howard Burger of

Fairbanks was commended for his investigation and work that ended at 29-residential burglary spree.

Recognition was given to Troopers Mary Blankenship, Christopher Stockard, Buddy Harrel and William Manumik for their work in the successful Safety Bear Program.

Larry Newland, chairman of the Alaska Special Olympics Committee, expressed the appreciation of the Special Olympics for the efforts of the Alaska State Troopers in the SOME Run last year which raised \$25,000 for the Special Olympics program in Alaska.