

## Miller Eyes 4-Cent Hike In Smoke Tax

JUNEAU (AP)—Gov. Keith H. Miller proposed Tuesday that the cigarette tax be hiked from 8 to 12 cents a pack, and that a new tax of 20 per cent—based on wholesale value—be placed on other tobacco products.

Miller's letter accompanying the measure, which was introduced in the Alaska House Tuesday, made no comment except to say about the proposed tax: "There has been no tax on such tobacco products prior to this bill."

Rep. Ron L. Rettig, R-Anchorage, also sponsored a bill to create a new tobacco tax.

## Federal Offices as Usual; Banks, State Offices Close

Abraham Lincoln was born on this date in 1809. He was inaugurated as president of the United States in 1861 at the age of 52.

Some four years later, on April 15, 1865, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the U.S. was killed in Ford's Theatre by an assassin's bullet.

Today, 160 years after his birth, Americans across the nation

# Anaktuvuk Natives To See Road Soon

By WARREN JACKSON

Department of Highway crews working on the winter haul road from Livengood to Sagwon will be pushing their way into the Eskimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass by the end of the week, according to Oliver Backlund of the State Dept. of Highways.

Backlund, who returned Sunday from the road crew's camp north of Wolverine Creek on the John River, said the lead crews were about 30 miles from Anaktuvuk Pass and making good progress. He estimated three to four days would be needed to reach the village.

pay tribute to Lincoln although his birthday is not a national holiday.

All state offices here will be closed today. All banks will be closed. All courts, including the federal District Court clerk's office will be closed.

Because it is not a national holiday, the post office and all other federal buildings will remain open.

The road is following the John River valley and Backlund said it is necessary for the road to cross and recross the John River many times as the river meanders from side to side in the valley.

The river ice is too layered and rough as a result of overflows to use the river as the road, he said.

"The problems are getting less as there is now less water in this part of the John River," said Backlund. Snow depths are less in the river valley than in Fairbanks, he continued, and this makes for thicker ice and easier going for the crews. Weather in the area has been quite good with temperatures about -20 the past couple of days.

The road will be about 2,500 feet high through Anaktuvuk Pass and once out of the foothills, will swing more eastward toward its northern terminus at Sagwon.

Fuel trucks have been supplying the road crews at a steady pace. About 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel are used daily, Backlund said. The supply problems are increasing as the road pushes farther from Fairbanks, he added.