

Service Buttons Given Long-Time Highway Force

Meeting in the district garage here recently, the 8th Highway Division held its first division-wide barbecue to celebrate the long-time employees with the

Commission.

Over 400 employees from awarding of 225 service buttons Ashe, Watauga, Alleghany, Surry, Stokes, Forsyth, Yadkin and Wilkes counties crowded into the freshly-painted garage to enjoy a huge barbecue supper with all the trimmings.

Commissioner Raymond Smith of Mt. Airy presented the emblems after a brief talk in which he praised the loyalty and service

of the Eighth Division employees.

A. J. Reeves of Sparta, district two gang foreman, was senior employee in the division with 26 years service. He joined the Commission July 1, 1920.

State Highway Engineer W. Vance Baise told the group that "you have done a splendid job and I know that you will continue to do a splendid job." He stressed that the men in the various divisions are the ones who accomplish the work, and assured the employees that the Raleigh office would offer any assistance possible.

Division Engineer Zeb Stewart presided at the gathering and introduced guests who included three ex-highway commissioners, J. Gordon Hackett of North Wilkesboro, V. D. Guire of Lenoir and E. F. Allen of Lenoir.

The Raleigh office was represented by a large delegation.

Those receiving buttons included:

25 years plus—J. J. Miller, E. L. Payne, A. J. Reeves, J. F. Eiler, J. F. Green.

20-25 years—Mack Absher, Z. V. Stewart, L. D. Wiles, R. F. Hunter, R. W. Sands, C. G. Ashby, T. J. Jarrell, James Atwell, T. W. Snow, D. S. Ingram, D. S. Faw, F. W. McCracken, Fred Krider, L. F. Faw, H. B. Morris, S. M. Pressley, R. S. Cheek, J. M. York, E. E. Murphy, E. T. Moser, Chelsie Foster, R. A. Moser, J. D. Gwyn, O. D. Bentley, A. G. Justus, M. C. Absher, B. A. Rainey, C. W. Rowe, W. R. Miller, J. H. Council, M. J. Shore, A. R. Sanders, J. H. Luper, N. J. Cromer, C. W. Whicker, J. R. Hawthorne, Sam Triplett, M. C. Vernon, J. H. Hauser, E. H. Thompson, C. A. Hayworth, W. P. Bolick, J. E. Gentry, J. C. Winkler.

15-20 years—H. O. Drum, Wiley McMillan, W. B. Pugh, B. L. Wilson, U. L. Sebastian, C. A. Wilkins, J. G. Shermer, Joe A. McLean, G. P. Price, R. B. Fitzgerald, O. K. Stephens, W. C. Coffey, J. R. Forrest, C. M. Royall, D. C. Bentley, W. L. Bolick.

R. O. Bannan, Guy Lillard, Margaret Fulton, P. H. Haynes, V. G. Freeman, K. E. Edwards, C. R. Walington, L. H. Correll, E. Ford King, J. C. Martin.

Mahaffey Funeral To Be On Tuesday

Lee Mahaffey, well known farmer of Lovelace township, died Sunday afternoon at his home.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Mt. Pisgah church with Rev. L. T. Younger conducting the service.

Mr. Mahaffey is survived by his wife, one son, Sid Mahaffey, and one daughter, Mrs. Winnie Prevotta.

Wilkesboro Fidelis Class In Meeting

The members of the Fidelis class of the Wilkesboro Baptist church held their monthly meeting and annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Elmer Lowe Tuesday evening with Mrs. C. C. Yates as associate hostess. Mrs. Dwight Williamson, president of the class, presided for reports from the various class officers. Mrs. Bill Phillips, fellowship vice president, directed a Christmas program which featured the singing of Christmas carols, in charge of Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, and the story of "The Other Wise Man" given by Rev. W. N. E. Wokshire, pastor of the church. During the evening an exchange of gifts was made, and at the close the hostesses served a salad course buffet style.

Stephen Crane, American author, described soldiers and fighting in the Civil War so well in his book, "The Red Badge of Courage," that he was at once engaged as a war correspondent by several periodicals. Yet, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, he had never witnessed a battle before he wrote the book.

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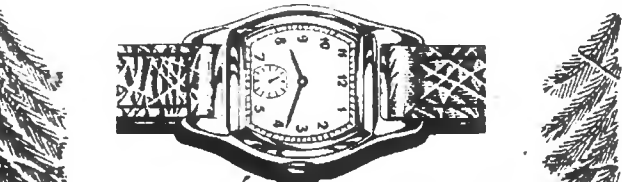
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