

City Employees Honored At Awards Event

Firefighter Richard Rausch, school crossing guard Edward Marks, and city hall gardener Ricard Criswell were awarded plaques Saturday evening by City Manager David Koester for "outstanding service to the city and the community in 1974-1975."

The awards, first in what may become an annual tradition, were made at an Employees Recognition Dinner attended by over 300 city workers at the Elks Lodge.

Other awards were given to 26 retired workers by Mayor Bert Muhly, while service awards were given to 40 other workers by Dale Porter, chairman of the city civil service commission, to honor various periods of service ranging from 10 to 25 years.

The huge crowd turned out early and stayed late, and Muhly came close to getting a grateful ovation after he said:

"When I ran for office I said that no politician can fulfill his

campaign promises without an effective and dedicated city staff. I feel we have just that and I am proud to be part of the city council."

Later, Muhly told the crowd: "It's fun to be the mayor of this city, and it's occasions such as this that make it so."

The workers paid for their dinners and refreshments, with the city helping out with expenses only in a minor way so that the party could be held without complaints from the taxpayers

about fun at their expense.

And the awards dinner may become a fixture, both Koester and Kent Rice, city personnel director, indicated.

Rausch got his special award through work for the city since 1948. Koester noted that Rausch has given courses on hunter safety to 2,530 Santa Cruz youths on his own time during his long city service.

"He is also well liked and respected by his fellow firefighters for his job knowledge and his ability to relate in all types of work situations," Koester said. "He has given a great amount of his time and effort particularly to helping new recruits both through training and by providing an excellent personal example for them to follow."

Koester said that Rausch plans to retire soon and said: "I wish him well and I believe him to be an excellent choice for this award."

Marks was employed by the city Sept. 1, 1954, after he retired from the U. S. Postal Service. He was the first crossing guard to be employed by the city, and for 20 years his station has been at Mission and Bay streets, which Koester said "is probably one of the biggest intersections in the city."

"Ed has developed the respect and admiration of many of the children, parents and school officials with whom he has come into contact," Koester added. "Ed has seen to the safety of some two decades of young residents of this area of the city. The police department tells me it wishes it had more people like Ed. In his many

years of service he has missed few days.

"As an example of the respect Ed has gained in the community, he has been awarded a life membership in the Bayview Elementary School Parent-Teachers Association and has been given an award of merit by the Santa Cruz Safety Council. It is my pleasure to add the city manager's award to that significant list of Ed's accomplishments."

Criswell, a senior gardener, joined the city work force in 1968, Koester said. He elaborated on Criswell's record:

"Most employees know Cris and are aware of his fine efforts in making and keeping the city hall gardens a focal point in the community. Most are not aware, however, of his personal time and effort put in at home to raise seedlings and other plantings, the results of which we all see and appreciate at city hall."

"The results of his work do much to attract our citizens and tourists to city hall. In addition, Cris does much for public relations for the city as he takes time to answer questions about gardening and give directions to lost visitors."

Muhly said in giving the awards to the retired workers: "Just think of it: with these awards we are recognizing a total of 468 years of service. And if you add these to the awards given current workers for their years of service, it all totals to more than 1,000 years of service."

Honored retirees included: Wes Webber, Carl Bengston,

Nat Bertoli, Joe Bocchino, Glen Bollinger, Barbara Brown, Kenneth Doler, Gordon Finch, Joe Grassi, Tom Hale, Frank Hawkins, Vee Hestand, Gladys Lacazette, Hugh Leonard, Lyle Loehr, Ernest Marengi, Bernard McDonald, John Morgan.

Richard Overton, Winona Randall, Vieux Rawls, Ernie Schaen, Marvin Shoemaker, Nate Slate, Kenneth Stewart and Max Welch.

Porter said in making the service awards to current workers: "People are starting to think of work as an important part of their lives. It seems to me that a lot of people here tonight are saying it's good to work for the City of Santa Cruz."

Awards went to the workers for the following periods of service:

25 Years - William Grace, Harry Mayo, Richard Rausch, Leon Rodriguez.

20 Years - William Corso, Ray George, Albert Hoga, William Reedy, Jack Sicola, Harold Welch, Ed Withrow, Floyd Wolf.

15 Years - Leo Caiocca, Dorothy Clarke, Joe Cortez, Keith Duel, David Foster, Charles Henderson Jr., Jean Howe, Dee Larson, Jim Lee, Stan Lewis, Tom Marketello, Richard McKinney, Brenda Meehan, Manuel Silva, Flora Webb, Herman Witte, Lois Ybarra.

10 Years - Signe Alford, Fred Bettencourt, George Colby, Cyril Deane, Clarence Jones Jr., Francis King, Rosemary Milburn, Owen Miller, Lawrence Oneto, Roy Spidell, Ray White.

Sea Help From Harbor To End

Sailors who find themselves in distress in the waters of Monterey Bay can expect less aid in the future from the Santa Cruz Port District.

The Port District Commission made this clear Monday night when it set plans to phase out its search and rescue missions in the future.

"If we do the work of the Coast Guard they'll never establish their base here," Chairman Norman Lezin told his fellow commissioners. The Coast Guard has talked for years about establishing a base at the local harbor—but it has been all talk and little action.

Port Director Gerald Barney told the commission that in the future the harbor personnel would attempt to limit its mercy missions between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in conditions where the wind was below 20 knots and seas no higher than four feet.

"In every case where there is potential for loss of life the Coast Guard base in Monterey will be notified immediately," Barney said.

Both Barney and the commission admitted that they would be forced to bend their rules at times until the Coast Guard comes to Santa Cruz.

At the same time the district approved purchase of a new

24-foot rescue and patrol boat to replace the one lost at sea in the last storm.

The low bidder was Challenger Yacht Sales which will provide a Fiberform boat with two engines at a cost of \$9,745.

The commission also approved expansion of the small boat storage yard operated by the Santa Cruz Yacht Club on the west side of the harbor. The club will build the facility and after a three-year amortization period will pay 40 per cent of the revenue to the harbor.

The club currently has 26 slips and the expansion will add between 38 to 40 new spaces.

Bike Plan Ideas Forwarded

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Members of the county's transportation commission recommended several draft changes in the wording of the \$9 million bicycle element of the master

must fend for them has to be to become part of its transportation plan before the local plan is implemented.

It will be up to the county and its four cities to implement the plan, however, since the tran-

slated to be sent to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for the adoption of that body.

As currently drafted, the plan foresees 35 special bike routes,