

Herr Truckers Honors



Thomas Barnes, vice president of the Carolina Casualty Co., congratulates three drivers for Herr's Motor Express for receiving safe driving awards for five years. The drivers, left to right, after Barnes, are James Bleacher, William Crawford and Norman Todd. Ben Herr, owner of the line is at the far right. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo)

Truck Drivers In Herr Employ Receive Awards

By LF Staff Reporter

Twenty-two truck drivers employed by Herr's Motor Express, Quarryville, Friday night received citations for being members of the Driver's Honor Roll for the period ending July 31, 1956.

Awards were made at a dinner meeting in the parlors of Memorial Methodist Church, where the program featured talks by Lt. William R. Engle, from Troop B Headquarters, Pennsylvania State Police at Lancaster, and Dr. Andrew S. Beshore, state safety coordinator, Bureau of Highway Safety, Harrisburg.

Presenting citations was T. M. Barnes, an official of Carolina Casualty Insurance Company, Burlington, N. C.

Receiving five-year Safe Driver Awards were: James Bleacher, William Crawford, and Norman Todd; four-year awards: Paul Chapman and David McAllister; three-year awards, Charles Howett, Earl Knickerbocker, William Kowal, Charles Latchford, Carl McVey, Richard Rohrer, and J. Earl Roland; two-year awards, Horace Heald, John L. Luttrell, Jr., Melvin Rineer, and Robert Shussler; one-year awards: Harry E. D. Bleacher, Kenneth H. Brown, John F. Clanton, Jr., George Cox, Paul Trout and Robert Weiss.

Lt. Engle stressed driving safety, adding that "I've always considered the truck driver my friend. They have never failed to offer assistance when I needed it." Yet today there are two paramount problems, 1, juvenile delinquency, and 2, the traffic accident problem that brings death, suffering, waste.

"Autos destroy more than all crime activities and fire combined," the state trooper told, "casualties in war are paid to die, if necessary, for a cause, excluding civilians bombed, yet one-third of those killed on our highways are women—boys and girls under 15 years of age."

Last year's highway toll, he continued,—39,000 killed, one and one-half million injured, \$40 billion property damage.

"Not enough of our drivers realize the seriousness of our traffic problem the responsi-

bility of the driver. Horsepower was a great deal safer when only horses had it," Lt. Engle said. There are 80 million drivers in the United States, but only 10 per cent are in-

olved in accidents annually, he pointed out. "The average driver may expect to be in three to five accidents during his lifetime. Our job today in driving is driving alone. What is it

worth to lose your life, someone else's?" he asked.

Use a little judgment, a little common sense in driving, Dr. Beshore advised, and realized "eight times more people four to 18 years of age are killed in motor vehicle accidents than die by polio."

Lt. Engle cited that 72 per cent of the accidents are caused by speeding, failure to yield the right of way, reckless driving. "The reason for auto accidents is not in lack of knowledge of traffic laws; it must lie in the makeup of the individual driver, his shortcomings, drinking, physical limitations, mental attitudes," he elaborated.

"Drinking—it's not the drunk-

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en driver but the drinking driver who causes a great many of our accidents. Unless we walk and drive safely, accidents will happen," he concluded.

Mr. Barnes emphasized the marked increase in three types of accidents during the past six months, 1, striking vehicles in the rear, 2, accidents while backing, and 3, meeting sideswipes or overtaking sideswipes.

Ladies of the church served a delicious roast beef dinner.

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