

Police Chief Farkas Heaped With Honors at Testimonial

By ROGER CLINTON

City Police Chief Al Farkas, who is retiring later this month after 29 years of service with the local department, was honored at a testimonial dinner at the American Legion Home Tuesday night.

Farkas, who has accepted a position with the State Department for duty in Viet Nam, was presented with several retirement gifts.

Mayor Thomas J. Monaghan, one of the guests of honor, presented the retiring chief with an electric watch as an expression of appreciation from his fellow officers.

In noting the many expressions of regrets that followed Farkas' announced retirement, Monaghan described them as "truly amazing."

He said the watch symbolized "the feelings of Lancaster to you."

Chief Farkas also was given two awards from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The awards, plaques for "meritorious service," came from the County Council of the VFW and District 9 of the service organization.

GOLD BADGE

In addition to the watch, Mayor Monaghan presented Farkas with his gold retirement badge.

Approximately 80 persons attended the retirement party. Among the guests of honor, in addition to Mayor Monaghan, were District Attorney Wilson Bucher and Capt. George A. Sifter, the local commander of State Police Troop J.

Marvin E. Miller, who served as police reporter for the Intelligencer Journal several years ago when Farkas was a city detective, acted as master of ceremonies.

Sgt. John Finger of the de-

partment was chairman of the banquet committee. Also on the committee were Capt. David Rineer, Lt. James Daecher and Officer George Schreder.

Officer Raymond Antonelli, who is chaplain of Red Rose Lodge 16, Fraternal Order of Police, offered the invocation.

Sgt. Finger gave Farkas several mementos from members of the department in honor of his retirement.

Central firm the 13th largest corporation in the country. More than 100,000 employees are involved.

The Pensa, founded by Philadelphia businessmen in 1846, already is the largest line in the United States. The Central, founded in 1853 and later guided to prominence by Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, ranks No. 3.

The Central recently announced plans to eliminate all its long haul passenger trains, substituting runs of not more than 200 miles along its routes. Target date for the change is the first of the year.

Directors of the two lines first announced plans for their merger four years ago, and later won approval from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

However, on Sept. 21 the special court issued a temporary order restraining the merger which then was only nine days away.



City Police Chief Al Farkas receives gold retirement badge from Mayor Thomas J. Monaghan during dinner in his honor Tuesday night at the American Legion home. Farkas is retiring this month after 29 years of service with the police department.

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