

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

June 5, 1974

A dinner was held at the Crystal Falls Golf Course clubhouse to honor Robert "Earl" Groop who recently retired after 38 years of service to the City of Crystal Falls, the last 22 years as the street and water department foreman. Groop, 65, was born and raised in Crystal Falls, quitting school as was the common practice for young boys in those times after the 8th grade. He worked for three years as a railroad section hand, later at the Bristol Mine and for a short period with the Odgers Drilling Co as a diamond drilling helper. He joined the City first on a part time basis, then full time beginning in November of 1935. His years in the department were served under a succession of six City Managers; Jim Sanders, Bill Jacka, Bill Zill, Jerry Hartman, Bill Bradish and current Manager Walt Hagglund. Along with his wife the former Ingrid Hillman, the couple are parents of three children Robert, Richard and Mrs. Doris Dahl plus nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.



RETIRED FOREMAN CITED

Mrs. Earl Groop looks on as her husband, Robert "Earl" Groop, who served the city for 38 years, the past 22 as street and water department foreman, is presented with a commendation by Mayor Lawrence Hegstrom. Groop retired from the city at the end of last year, and the city sponsored a retirement recognition dinner in his honor at the golf course clubhouse last Tuesday evening.