

## MONDAY EVENING 9 DECEMBER 1991

The Forty-First Annual Banquet was held in Salon E of the Marriott Wind Watch Hotel & Golf Club, Hauppauge, New York.

### 1991 RESEARCH GRANT AWARD

**DR. DEBORAH McCOWN:** On behalf of the Research Committee and the members of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society, I would like to present this year's Research Grant Award.

This year's Research Grant has been awarded to Drs. Barry Goldfarb and Wesley Hackett from the University of Minnesota. Their proposal is titled: Rejuvenation of Conifer Meristems in Relation to Clonal Propagation.

**DR. PAUL L. SMEAL** made the following Fellow Award and Award of Merit presentations.

### FELLOW RECIPIENTS—EASTERN REGION

The I.P.P.S.—Eastern Region named their second class of Fellows' at their 41st Annual Meeting. The new Fellows' are:

Mr. **Al Fordham**, who received the Award of Merit in 1971 and was named an Honorary Member in 1978.

Dr. **John McGuire**, retired professor from the University of Rhode Island, Eastern Region President in 1977-78 and recipient of the Award of Merit in 1982.

Mr. **Tom Pinney, Jr.** who was president in 1970-71 and received the Award of Merit in 1976.

### AWARD OF MERIT—EASTERN REGION

*The recipient of this year's Eastern Region Award of Merit came kicking and squalling into this world on next to the last day of January 1917. After graduating from High School in 1934 in Perry, Ohio, he went on to earn his B.S. Degree in Agriculture from The Ohio State University in 1939.*

Employment with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and later as a Supervisor of grading and seeding, at the Ravenna Arsenal, was followed by volunteering for service in the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1942 where he achieved the rank of chief petty officer. He became a member of the Scouts and Raiders underwater demolition team, and supervised sanitation and insect control behind enemy lines in China. He was able to eradicate malarial disease in this area for the first time in history. He was awarded the Bronze Star in 1946.

Wars end in 1946 saw our recipient employed first, for three years, as Deputy Nursery Inspector for the State of Ohio. He moved on to Chataqua County, New York where as Cornell University Extension Pomology Specialist in Horticulture

he published a bulletin on chemical weed control in grapes.

In 1951 he returned to Perry, Ohio, to join with his brother Charles and partner Paul Brockway in the operation of the family nursery that had its beginning 1919. He became president of the firm upon its incorporation in 1956. He retired from active participation in the nursery in 1980.

His dedication to and participation in horticultural interests extends from 1953 when he was elected president of the Lake County Nurserymen's Association until the present. Among his many unselfish and diligent services are: President, Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District; member, Lake County Agricultural Extension Advisory Board; President, The Ohio State Floricultural Alumni Association; member, Area Extension Planning Committee; President, The Ohio Nurserymen's Association (1971); member, Legislative Committee The Ohio Nurserymen's Association; Chairman, The Ohio State University Horticulture Council that was active in procuring the new horticultural building, Howlett Hall and greenhouses; Charter member and one of the founders of the I.P.P.S. in 1951; President (1969) of our own Eastern Region of the I.P.P.S, member, Board of Directors of the Ohio State College of Agriculture and Home Economics Alumni Associations; member, Commission on the Study of Insectides for the American Association of Nurserymen; Chairman, Pesticide Committee for the American Association of Nurserymen; Chairman, Black Vine Weevil Research Fund, Lake County Nurserymen's Association; member, Ohio Governor James Rhodes Governor's Committee on Migrant Labor; member, Support Council of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center of The Ohio State University; Horticultural advisor to the Cleveland Home and Flower Show.

Our recipient has received numerous awards including: in 1964 our recipient was awarded the honorary title of "Mr. O.N.A." by the Ohio Nurserymen's Association for his years of service and dedication; elected to Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture and elected to Phi Alpha Xi, National Floriculture Honorary Fraternity, in recognition of his out-standing achievements and contributions in the field of ornamental horticulture in the United States, recipient of the Centennial Alumni Award from The Ohio State College of Agriculture for distinguished service in 1982, again in 1991 "Distinguished Alumni Award" by The Ohio State College of Agriculture.

In his "free" time he was able to devote considerable time and talent to the Lake County Planning Commission, Lake County Farm Bureau, Perry United Methodist Church, Perry Zoning Board of Appeal, and the Judson Retirement Community.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you, Mr. **David (Dave) Dugan**, the 1991 recipient of the Eastern Region Award of Merit.