

NEBA honors technicians for outstanding service

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ROME — Walter Abell, of Rome, Bradford County, was feted last Wednesday, for 30 years of service as a technician for NEBA (Northeastern Breeders Association).
Nearly 200 people, the largest crowd in the history of the Eastern Bradford Local Annual Dinner meetings, were presented to honor Abell at the North Orwell Community Hall.
Harry Keeney, in-

seminator for NEBA from Tunkhannock, having served 33 years, John Bonnick, also a 33 year veteran inseminator, and Bob Pond from Sullivan County, first technician in Pennsylvania having bred over 100,000 first services, attended with their wives.
Also present were Greg Sander, Frank Herman, Harry Havens, and Larry Swenson, all inseminators from western Bradford County. Many of these men told good-natured stories



Walter Abell, right, is seen receiving congratulations for his 30 years of serving to NEBA from Chester Hale, a past director of Sire Power, Inc.

about their relationship over the years with Abell, and the crowd responded with much laughter.

According to Bob Paar, district manager for NEBA-Sire Power, Abell has driven 51,000 miles in 30 years - equivalent to eight round trips to California, or two rounds trips to the moon. Inscribed to the plaque given to Abell were the words. In appreciation for 30 years of Service - 71,492 first services through September 30, 1980.

Abell responded with a thank you for the plaque and remarked that he had never ridden on a snowmobile to get to his customers, but had ridden on bulldozers and in manure spreaders. He had heard that manure would make anything grow, he laughed, but he had not gained an inch in 30 years.

Gifts from the Eastern Bradford Local were also given to Mr. Abell and his wife, Gladys.

William Brown, chairman of the Advisory Committee, was moderator for the evening. He introduced Jake Guffey, County Extension Services Agent, and Miss LuAnn Shedden, Bradford County Dairy Princess. Both spoke briefly.

Also recognized were the technicians from Eastern Bradford: Everett Cook, unit manager, Larry Swenson, Carl Remington, and Walter Abell.

According to Jim Howard, Sire Power director from Bradford County, the new manager at Sire Power, DeWayne Lutz, has assumed his duties. The Board is looking into a building program to replace or repair

some of the older buildings as they want to sample more sires.

Bob Paar announced that in the past year there were 8768 first services in Eastern Bradford making a total of 15,000 first services in Bradford County.

Steve Neely, Sire Program Consultant from Sire Power narrated a slide show concerning the operation at the Tunkhannock headquarters.

John Culver, Bill Hennip and Bill Davis reelected to a two year term to the advisory committee. Robert Whipple was selected as

Voting Delegate, and Richard Conover as Brown Swiss representative.

Eastern Bradford Local is one of the many small groups comprising NEBA, a cooperative covering several counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. Together with the Maryland Artificial Breeding cooperative, and West Virginia Breeding Cooperative, NEBA owns Sire Power, Inc., a complete breeding service with headquarters in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

FFA Awards



Daryl Beiler, 19, of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, is congratulated by Mr. C. Jan Westmoreland, Director of Public Affairs, Agricultural Division, Pfizer, Inc., at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri (November 11-14). Daryl was a National Finalist in the FFA Swine Production Proficiency Award program sponsored by Pfizer, Inc., New York, New York, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Daryl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elam W. Beiler.

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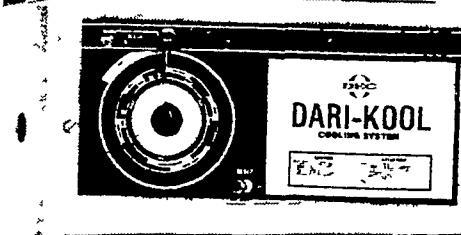
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