

York Agent Smith to retire in mid-July

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YORK — John T. Smith, York agricultural extension agent for the past 31 years, announced to a crowd of over 200 attending the extension's 68th annual banquet last Friday evening that he will retire in mid-July.

Smith's retirement announcement, and the tributes it generated from York's three county commissioners, left many in the audience at Avalong Farm's Restaurant with misty eyes.

Commissioners William McKinley, Jay Bair and Robert Bowers praised Smith's work in York County, after having learned just a few days prior to the meeting of his retirement plans. With his customary humor, the senior county agent noted that the time had come for him to tend to his own neglected backyard at home.

The announcement by Smith capped an evening of recognition for outstanding accomplishments by individuals in extension-related activities.

A check for \$1,000 went to 4-H'er David Detter for his 1981 national win in the project area of wood science. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Detter, Old Carlisle Rd., Dover. A graduate of Dover

High School, Detter attended Northwestern Preparatory School and is an early candidate to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Eight 1982 4-H state winners were recognized by 4-H agent Roxanne Price. The eight York winners represented a fourth of the state's total 33 winners who took part in the Chicago national 4-H Club Congress.

Those honorees were Bill Wise, beef; Mark Ebaugh; Kathy Bricker, food conservation and safety; Mike Welsh, petroleum power; Bob Livingston, commodity marketing; Bob Haskins, wildlife and fisheries; Susan Janney, science and Mark Loughran, electric.

Two special awards went to individuals in the home-economics field.

Beatrice Ballard, a former activities director of the York Crispus Attucks center, won the state association home economist's regional award given to individuals who uphold the home-ec ideals, without being an extension home economist.

Through her leadership activities with York's black community, Beatrice Ballard was instrumental in establishing food,

York Extension officers



Reigns of York Extension passed from Stanley Brown, left, to incoming president Robert Rebert. Other officers, from the left, are Charles Hess, vice president; Naomi Bupp, secretary; and Robert Smyser, acting treasurer.

Pair of honorees



Honored at York Extension annual banquet were Beatrice Ballard, left, regional award winner for upholding Extension ideals; and A. Joan Lamberson, York Extension home economist, who received Nittany Lion statuette in recognition of earlier winning of national award.

nutrition and educational programs for both black and white adults and youth in the center city area.

When she retired at age 65, Mrs. Ballard volunteered her services to the York Recreation Commission, and continues to include nutrition and 4-H programs at the recreation center. She's served for six years on the Extension's advisory committee and works with numerous community organizations.

A Nittany Lion statuette was presented to York extension home economist A. Joan Lamberson in recognition of a national honor she received in October, 1982.

Mrs. Lamberson was named a distinguished service award winner by the National Association of Extension Home Economists during their convention in Missouri. That honor was based on her work in the areas of family living, housing and food and nutrition. She has been with the York extension offices for 21 years.

A plaque of thanks went to York insurance executive Arthur Glatfelter from the York 4-H advisory council, presented by chairman Pat Hogg.

Glatfelter made rural youth work history when he purchased FFA'er Annette Walter's winning Farm Show steer, and then donated the animal back to the 4-H and FFA programs for additional fund-raising. Over \$38,000 has been

generated for York County youth through Glatfelter's donation.

Guest speaker for the evening program was the Rev. James Tipton of Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Thanks to Glatfelter



Arthur Glatfelter, who was instrumental in raising over \$38,000 for York County 4-H and FFA in through purchase and donation of Farm Show champion steer, receives plaque of appreciation from Pat Hogg, head of the York 4-H advisory council.

Presidents cite Smith



John T. Smith, center, York Extension agent who announced he plans to retire after 31 years, is thanked for his many years of service by Stanley Brown, left, outgoing Extension president; and newly-elected president Robert Rebert.

Detter gets check



David Detter is awarded \$1,000 check for his 1981 national 4-H win in wood science. Making presentation is York 4-H agent Roxanne Price.