## **Reich, Honan Honored At PAFC Banquet**

## **BY SALLY BAIR**

Lancaster Co. Correspondent HARRISBURG - October is Cooperative Enterprise Month, and the official start of the recognition of the importance of Pennsylvania's farmer cooperatives was Wednesday, with Secretary of Agriculture Richard Grubb reading the proclamation. The occasion was the annual meeting of the Pennsylania Association of Farmer **Cooperatives and Grubb** acknowledged the contributions cooperatives make to the state's

economy.

Retiring PAFC president Bob Reich, president of the Northeastern Farm Credit Services in Lewisburg, was given the prestigious PAFC Distinguished Service Award and Dr. James E. Honan, former general manager of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, was given the annual Master Educators Award.

Reich has served on the PAFC Board of Directors for 12 years, and has been active in developing "The Plan for the 80s." In presenting the award, it was noted that Reich's "dedication to the cooperative movement and to the necessity for training and retaining capable staff and cooperative owners has permeated his tenure with the organization."

Reich joined Farm Credit as a loan officer in 1967, having begun his career in lending with the Lewisburg National Bank. He is a director of the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and serves on its legislative committee. In his present capacity he is responsible for credit activities in 12 northeastern Pennsylvania counties.

Honan, who is presently agricultural economics assistant

professor at Cook College, Rutgers, was recognized for his career commitment to cooperative education. Although he retired from Inter-State in 1963, he remains a principle party in the faculty and planning for the

Pennsylvania 👘 Cooperative Director School, a joint venture between the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Penn State University and PAFC.

In presenting the award, Reich (Turn to Page A33)



James E. Honan, retired general manager of the Inter-State Milk Producers is presented witha plaque recognizing him as a PAFC Master Educator. PAFC president Robert Reich presented the award.



David Thomas, right, president of the American Institute of Cooperation, presents a "Cooperative Statesman Award" to George Steele for his work on the National Co-op Month Planning Committee. Steele is former president of Agway and now serves on the Farm Credit board of directors.

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