

Awards for 25 years of teaching were presented to vo-ag instructors, front row from left, Charles Ackley Jr., Ephrata; Virgii Gutshall, Newport; and Gary Oller, Bangor Jr. In back row from left are, William Shaeffer, West Snyder; Gerald Strickler, Eastern Lebanon County; Richard Barley, Bedford; and David Seamans, State College. The certificates and watches were sponsored by Seald-Sweet Citrus Growers and awarded last week at the PVATA conference in State College.

Vo-Ag Teachers Collect Awards At Annual Meeting

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STATE COLLEGE — Outstanding members of the Pennsylvania Vocational Agricultural
Teachers Association received
awards or certificates of service at
the association's annual meeting

Paul Heasley, Danville Area High School, received the Outstanding Young Member Award as a noteworthy teacher with five years or less experience.

here last week.

Jim Kerr, Willow Street AVIS, received the Outstanding Teacher Award, and Dr. Arba Henry, Solanco High School, was honored for an outstanding Vo-Ag program. Fred Stillwagen, NVATA Region VI vice president, presented the awards. These winners will be entered in a 13-state regional competition.

Seven teachers received watches and 25-year service awards. Those recognized were Charles Ackley, Jr., Ephrata Area High School, Richard Barkley, Bedford Area High School, Virgil Gutshall, Newport High School, Gary Oiler, Bangor Jr. High School, David Seamans, State College Area High School, Dr. William Shaeffer, West Snyder High School, and Gerald Strickler, Eastern Lebanon Co. High School.

The 25-year service awards were sponsored by Seald-Sweet Citrus Growers, purveyors of fruit sold by many FFA clubs. Sam Wagner, West Perry High School,



Larry Redding, left, Pa. Vocational-Agricultural Teachers Association president, presents an Honorary Life Membership to Paul Benchoff, retiring vo-ag teacher at Waynesboro Area High School.

received the outstanding sales achievement award from Seald-Sweet.

Clair Witwer, PVATA Region J vice president, and Jim Kerr, past PVATA president, presented Henry Givler, recently retired Eastern regional vocational consultant, with a certificate for outstanding

service

PVATA Honorary Life Membership was given to Paul Benchoff, Waynesboro Area High School, who retired after 39 years.

Thirty Minute Club awards were given to teachers who published short articles in professional

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Honored at the annual PVATA awards banquet were, from left, Dr. Arba Henry, Solanco High School, for his outstanding vo-ag program; Jim Kerr, Willow Street AVTS, as Outstanding Teacher; and Paul Heasley, Danville Area High School, Outstanding Young Member award. Frederic H. Stillwagen, national AVTA vice president, presented the awards.

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