

Rumler, Craig Honored For 34 Years Of Service

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(Franklin Co.) — Robert H. Rumler, the retired executive secretary and chief executive officer of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, received an award from the "home-folks" recently at the 20th Annual Farm-City Week Banquet, held at Kauffman's Community Center.

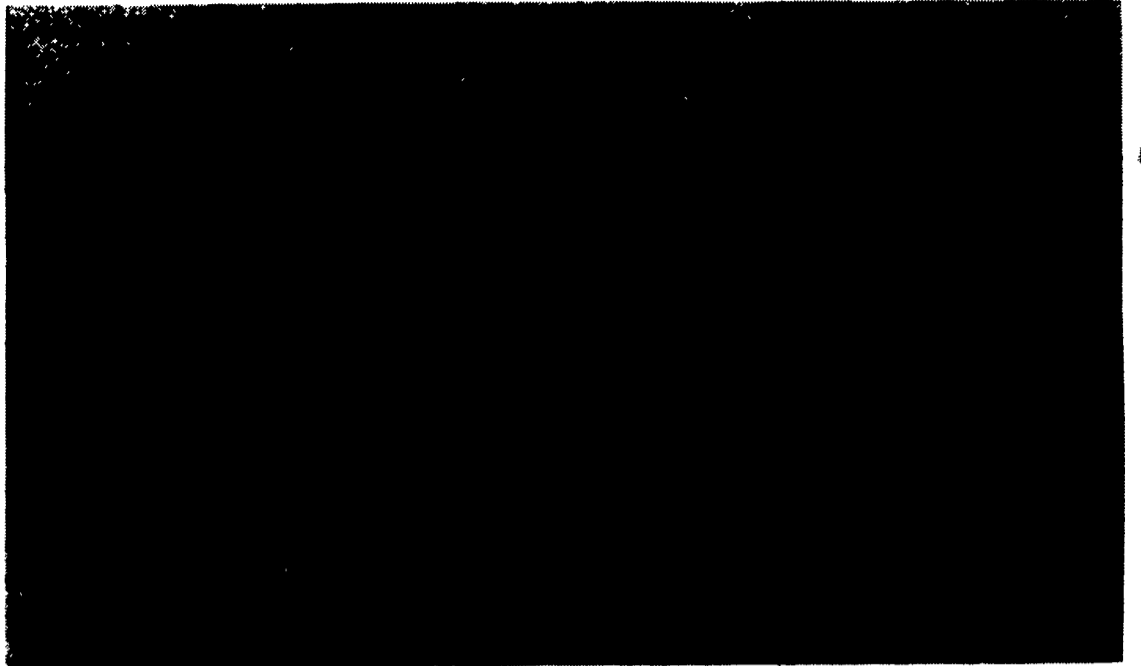
David G. Sciamanna, executive director of the Greater Chambersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the Chamber's Farm-City Award for Distinguished Service to Rumler saying, "His influence has touched all of us." The award is presented annu-

ally to an individual or group who has touched urban-rural relations in Franklin County.

Sciamanna noted that of the 42,000 cows in Franklin County, 40,000 are Holsteins. "They account for \$85 million of receipts at the farm gate," he said.

Rumler was born in Franklin County and graduated from the local high school. After graduating from Pennsylvania State University, Rumler served the Holstein Association from 1948-1982, helping to improve and promote the Holstein breed.

During his career, Rumler helped to rebuild the dairy herds of Eastern Europe after World War II, according to Sciamanna,



William Swalles, (center) president of the Franklin County Farmers' Association, presented the association's Farm-City Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture to Jeff Craig of the Greencastle Livestock Market. Accepting the award for Craig was Rich Byers (left). Pennsylvania Farm-City Week chairman Dalton Paul is at right.

and led two delegations to China for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce.

He has advised secretaries of agriculture during several presidential administrations, and has visited the Soviet Union eight times to facilitate agricultural relations between the Department of Agriculture and the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture.

After his retirement in 1982, Rumler returned to Franklin County. In accepting the award he said, "It's very nice to be back home."

Receiving the Franklin County Farmers' Association's Farm-City Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture was Jeff Craig, owner of the Greencastle Live-

stock Market. Craig's market is the third largest in Pennsylvania. He regularly donates his facilities to 4-H clubs for their round-ups and sales, and supports the 4-H program by buying project animals in several surrounding counties. For June Dairy Month, he gives out free milk, ice cream and cake to the public.

William Swalles, president of the Franklin County Farmers' Association, told the audience to "Go and watch a sale sometime. It's an education."

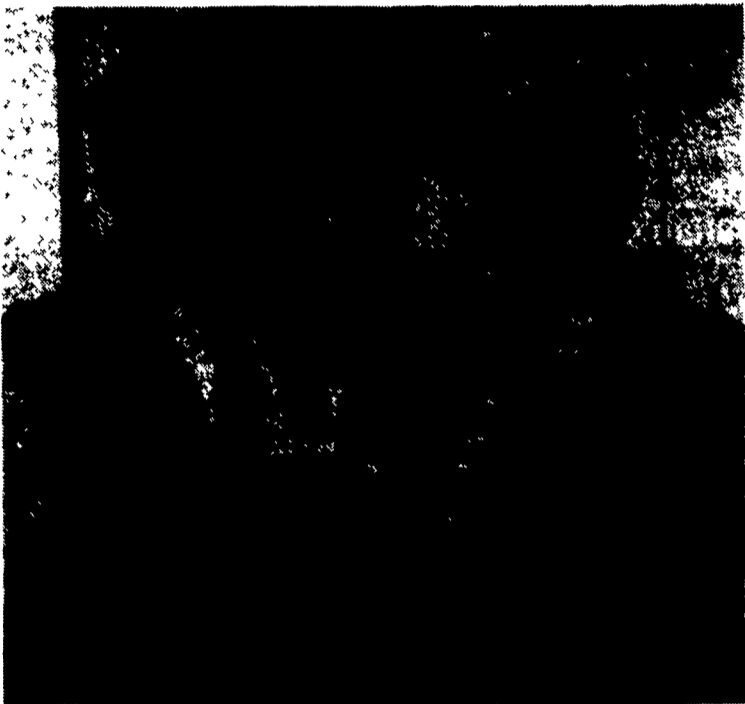
Craig was unable to attend the banquet due to a death in the family. Rich Byers accepted the award on Craig's behalf.

Slides from the Job Exchange Program were shown at the ban-

quet. Each year, the county arranges a job exchange between three urban and three rural workers to promote understanding of each other's way of life. This year the exchanges were between Glenn Phenicie, Waynesboro Chief of Police, and Carroll Wilhide, a dairy farmer from Waynesboro; William Sheppard, Chief of the Chambersburg Fire Department and Carl Rosenberry of Rosenberry's Lumber Company, Fannettsburg; and Michael Hennessy of Hennessy Products, Inc., of Chambersburg and Galen Buckwalter of Lehman's Egg Service, Inc. of Greencastle.

Julia Myers of St. Thomas, president of the Franklin County

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Robert H. Rumler (right) received the Greater Chambersburg Area Chamber of Commerce's Farm-City Week Award for Distinguished Service. Presenting the award is David G. Sciamanna, executive director of the chamber.

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