

Brant Honored By York Extension Service

(Continued from Page A1) Keystone Rib Cookoff, and is an associate director of the York County Conservation District. He has worked extensively with the York Area Chamber of Commerce's Ag Committee to promote an understanding of agriculture throughout the urban community.

Last year, Brant was named director of the York County Parks Service. In that capacity, he is helping to develop new programs in cooperation with the extension service, especially in the areas of horticulture and landscaping. Nature Link, one program the Park Service will be cosponsoring, is an educational endeavor

focusing on urban children. "By working with urban children, being mentors for them, we can teach them about nature," said Brant, who is excited about the new educational outreach program.

Brant was raised on a York Township vegetable farm and earned his ag business degree at Penn State. He and his wife, Ruth Ann, reside in York.

Special recognition was extended to several staffers and supporters of extension and related programs. Agronomy specialist John Rowehl was honored for 10 years of service with the York County extension. EPNEF adviser Judy Bruggeman was hon-

ored for her work with the nutrition programs. Recognition for contributions to community gardening efforts went to Earl "Tony" Hower and Mike Jefferson.

Reverend Christy Jo Waltersdorff, a former York County 4-H member, was a featured speaker who spoke humorously about how "4-H ruined my life." She is the pastor at Westminster Church of the Brethren, Westminster, Maryland and has directed the efforts of several national Youth Work Camps in Appalachia.

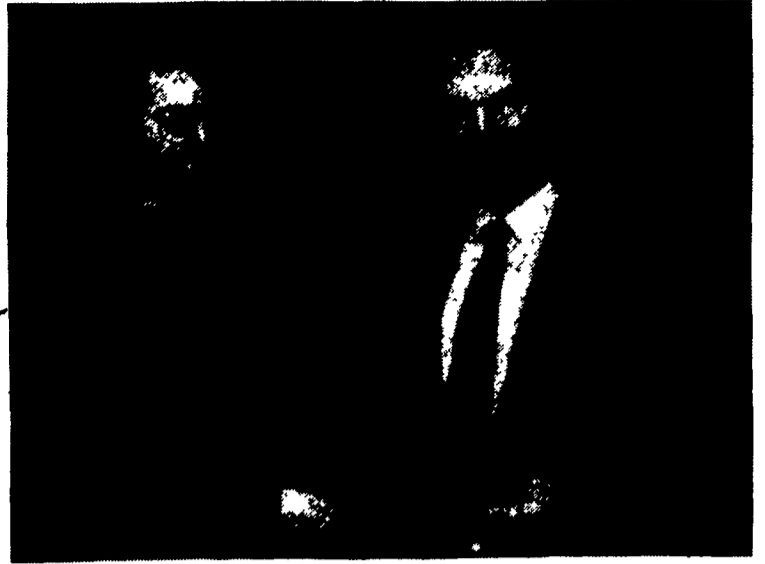
"Once a person becomes involved with 4-H, they are never again the same," she said. "It changes your perspectives and your priorities and puts you at odds with those of much of the rest of the world.

"4-H taught me that I had worth because of who I was," she said, noting that the program is an equalizer of members of various ages and different backgrounds.

Seven board members were elected to the extension's board of directors, two of them for second three-year terms. Beginning their second terms of service are Ron Werner, Loganville, and Ed Rohrbach, Seven Valleys. Newly elected to the board are Dorothy Stambaugh, East Berlin; Rep. Michael Waugh, Seven Valleys; Martin Reichard, York; Bob McIlvain, Dover; and Dave Mille, York.

The 4-H Center's animal exhibition building is nearly completed, according to livestock and dairy agent Tim Beck. Beck praised the core of volunteers who have donated time and supplies to the facility. Because of the volunteer efforts, the facility, valued at \$140,000, will be finished with only about \$65,000 in actual cash outlays and will carry no debt.

A 4-H Endowment Fund, estab-



Tom Brant, right, is the recipient of the extension involvement award from the York Extension Service. Horticulture agent Tom Becker made the presentation.



Agronomy agent John Rowehl was recognized for 10 years of service with the York Cooperative Extension Service. County extension director Roxanne Price presented Rowehl with an engraved silver bell.



Elected to the York Cooperative Extension Service board of directors are from left, front, Ron Werner and David Miller, rear, Martin Reichard, Rob McIlvain and Rep. Mike Waugh.

lished in 1981 and grown to a current level of about \$100,000, will help to maintain the extensive and growing facilities at the 4-H Center, according to Jay Rush, endowment fund board member. Sources for the Endowment Fund are primarily from individuals and some

civic contributions. Memorials and bequests are also instrumental in helping to grow the fund to continue the highly-successful 4-H Center, which is utilized extensively by numerous other agriculture, civic, and community groups in addition to the 4-H activities held there.

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