



Harry H. Bachman is presented a plaque out of appreciation for serving well as president of the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. From the left are Tony Dobrosky with the PLA, Harry Bachman, and state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr.

KILE Celebrates

(Continued from Page A1) As Tanner talked about each specific breed, the rider of that breed horse would walk or ride the port you who make successes possible."

He cited his pride in and the long-time support from his family — wife Faye, and children Pamela and Randy. He also cited the dedication of others, such as Grumbine, with whom he has worked to promote the livestock industry and KILE, and state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr.

Watkins said that when Hayes served as a leader in the state House of Representatives he could always be counted upon to support agriculture and the livestock industry.

Watkins said that Hayes was instrumental in helping KILE (as well as other agricultural ventures and programs), that at times needed help to continue. According to Watkins, support from the state Legislature helped the event become the pride of the state's livestock industry.

He talked about the impact others made upon him, such as the late Glen Kean, also a Hall of Fame inductee, a former Penn State animal agriculture professor, who served for years on the PLA and KILE board of directors and served with Grumbine (also Hall of Fame inductee) as co-chair of the KILE show for about 14 years, and was a mutual mentor of Watkins, Grumbine and Hayes.

All three men have said that their memory of Kean was as a constant force in motivating them to do their utmost to ensure that state programs and the Farm Show Complex were used to the best effect to promote the industry, and to educate the public to its importance and economic magnitude.

Overall, Watkins said that in his 30 years involvement in the Pennsylvania livestock industry he has enjoyed the company of other people involved.

"I never met a person I didn't like, in the livestock industry," he said.

Further, Watkins said he has been thankful for being able to live in Pennsylvania, and implied that he would like more Pennsylvanians to appreciate the state in which they live. "I think we have a great state to live and work in. It's a fine state," he said.

The ceremony started with a tribute to the horse industry, the various breeds represented at KILE, and the industry's economic importance to the state, made by Don Tanner, co-chairman of the KILE Horse Committee.

He talked about the the various breeds and their origins and different characteristics and uses. The national Shire (a breed of draft horse) Show at KILE was the largest Shire show in the last 70 years.

As Tanner began his presentation on the history, importance and characteristics of the nine different horse breeds — Belgian, Shire, Clydesdale, Percheron, Haflinger, Arabian, Quarterhorse, Appaloosa, and Paso Fino — there were riders in show garb on the show-fitted horses of each breed lined up across the width of the Small Arena.



Outstanding 4-H and FFA youth are recognized by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association. From the left, PLA President Mike Firestine helps present awards to the 1998 recipients Heidi Svonavec, Heather Bankert, and Paul Kitzmiller, while state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes and Kathy Stewart, PLA awards committee, present plaques.

animal around the ring. On the rear rail of the Small Arena were large placards with facts about the different horses, so the public could learn more at their leisure. Providing the show-attending public with more basic breed information through placards and displays has become an ingrained aspect of the KILE event.

According to Tanner, the horse industry is an integral part of the Pennsylvania agricultural economy, and contributes more than \$1 billion and employs about 22,000 people.

In other business, Harry H. Bachman, outgoing PLA president and KILE Horse Committee co-chairman with Tanner, was recognized by Secretary Hayes for his

service and leadership.

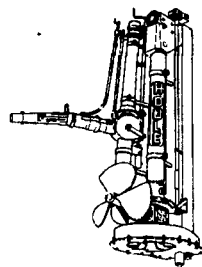
Bachman is an Annville-based auctioneer involved for a long time with beef and dairy cattle, hogs and sheep, who has been a consistent hands-on supporter of local and state livestock and dairy, and youth programs.

Secretary Hayes said that "colonel" Bachman ("colonel" is the (Turn to Page A37)

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