The first annual Richard Hoppes Memorial award went to Lamar Fidler, who is 86-years-old and has spent a lifetime of membership in the local, state, and national Young Farmer associations. From left, Terry Martin, Fidler, and Grace Hoopes.

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for 30,000 people. Farmers have 17 percent of the tax base. This is significant."

Identifying with the farmer, Schwank quoted Sinclair Lewis in closing. Lewis said "Winter is not so much a season as it is an occupation."

"You as farmers understand this more than anybody with the effort to get the milk truck in the lane and all the other extra work around the farm in the snow," Schwank said.

In the awards ceremony, Dr. Ferman Moody, retired director of vocationaltechincal education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was named the 2000 Honorary Young Farmer. Dr. Moody has a lifetime in agriculture education. He is the vocational agriculture teacher of the year for Virginia and has held numerous positions at North Carolina Central University, Ohio State, Penn State and the Pennsylvania Department of Education from where he retired in 1999. He was born and raised on a farm in Virginia, and received a bachelors degree in education from Virginia State University, a master's degree from the University of Virginia and his doctorate from Penn State.

A new annual award was presented this year. The Richard Hoopes Memorial award was presented to Lamar Fidler. Fidler is 86years-old young farmer who has spent his life supporting agriculture, especially the Young Farmer programs, locally, at the state level, and nationally. He spoke on his experience as a Young Farmer. Richard Hoopes was the late husband of Grace Hoopes, the new state

Gerald Reichard, coordinator of the Shippensburg Young Adult Farmers Association was named the outstanding young farmer advisor. His tireless efforts on behalf of young farmers is appreciated.



## Pa. Young Farmers



The state Community Service award winners are Steve and Bonnie Wenger, from Lebanon County in Region 7. Making the presentation is Paul Kemerer.

Steve and Bonnie Wenger, from Lebanon County in region 7, own Wen-Crest farms, and were the recipients of the outstanding community service award. They have three sons, Brad 10, Brandon 7, and Nicho-

Outstanding community ser-

vice award winners from region 4, were Tim & Marcia Brown from Littlestown in Adams County.

Ammon and Brenda Peiffer from the Cedar Crest Chapter in region 7, received the state outstanding young farmer under 30 award. They own a dairy farm

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called "Boxed In Acres".

Mike and Josie Riser, New Oxford, are the outstanding young farmers under 30 from region 4. They have two daughters Hannah and Jocelyn.



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