

MONDAY EVENING 9 DECEMBER 1991

The Forty-First Annual Banquet was held in Salon E of the Marriott Wind Watch Hotel & Golf Club, Hauppauge, New York.

1991 RESEARCH GRANT AWARD

DR. DEBORAH McCOWN: On behalf of the Research Committee and the members of the Eastern Region of the International Plant Propagators' Society, I would like to present this years Research Grant Award.

This year's Research Grant has been awarded to Drs. Barry Goldfarb and Wesley Hackett from the University of Minnesota. Their proposal is titled: Rejuvenation of Conifer Meristems in Relation to Clonal Propagation.

DR. PAUL L. SMEAL made the following Fellow Award and Award of Merit presentations.

FELLOW RECIPIENTS—EASTERN REGION

The I.P.P.S.—Eastern Region named their second class of Fellows' at their 41st Annual Meeting. The new Fellows' are:

Mr. **Al Fordham**, who received the Award of Merit in 1971 and was named an Honorary Member in 1978.

Dr. **John McGuire**, retired professor from the University of Rhode Island, Eastern Region President in 1977-78 and recipient of the Award of Merit in 1982.

Mr. **Tom Pinney, Jr.** who was president in 1970-71 and received the Award of Merit in 1976.

AWARD OF MERIT—EASTERN REGION

The recipient of this years Eastern Region Award of Merit came kicking and squalling into this world on next to the last day of January 1917. After graduating from High School in 1934 in Perry, Ohio, he went on to earn his B.S. Degree in Agriculture from The Ohio State University in 1939.

Employment with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and later as a Supervisor of grading and seeding, at the Ravenna Arsenal, was followed by volunteering for service in the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1942 where he achieved the rank of chief petty officer. He became a member of the Scouts and Raiders underwater demolition team, and supervised sanitation and insect control behind enemy lines in China. He was able to eradicate malarial disease in this area for the first time in history. He was awarded the Bronze Star in 1946.

Wars end in 1946 saw our recipient employed first, for three years, as Deputy Nursery Inspector for the State of Ohio. He moved on to Chataqua County, New York where as Cornell University Extension Pomology Specialist in Horticulture