



## NCVMA 1990 AWARD RECIPIENTS



### Dr. George Brandt Presents The "Distinguished Veterinarian Award" The NCVMA's Top Honor To Dr. Terrence Curtin, NCSU-CVM Dean

Dean Terrence M. Curtin received the Distinguished Veterinarian Award, the highest honor of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, at the organization's annual awards banquet June 23.

"Terry Curtin is one of the veterinarians in North Carolina who has made a difference in veterinary medicine, and that difference will be felt for decades to come," said Dr. Joe Kinnarney, immediate past president of NCVMA. "This award recognizes his leadership not only in the College of Veterinary Medicine but in the state of North Carolina and the nation."

With this honor, Curtin joins a select group of North Carolina veterinarians to have received all three of the NCVMA's top awards. He received the Veterinarian of the Year Award in 1983 and in 1980 became the first to receive the Martin Litwack Award.

Curtin came to NCSU in 1973 as head of the department of veterinary science in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and was instrumental in researching, planning and developing the College of Veterinary Medicine. Appointed the first dean in 1979, he has helped lead the college to national prominence. Curtin is also active in professional organizations, serving as president of the American Association of Veterinary Colleges in 1989.

### Dr. E. Max Sink Receives "Veterinarian Of The Year Award" From His Son, Dr. Michael Sink

Dr. Early Maxwell Sink was born in Lexington, North Carolina with a twin sister and four older brothers and sisters. He came to High Point in 1959 after graduating from the University of Georgia Veterinary School.

He purchased a respected but declining veterinary practice on Wrenn Street from 75 year old Dr. A. C. Jones, who had had several heart attacks.

He started practice with his wife 'Dot' as his only employee—answering the phone, cleaning kennels, and bathing and grooming poodles between farm calls and veterinary responsibilities.

Dr. Sink moved the practice to the south side of High Point into a 2 story house in 1961, then to his present facility as Guil-Rand Veterinary Hospital in 1970.

The current practice includes a total of 4 DVMs and 18 lay employees; and provides full service veterinary care including farm call service, after hours emergency service, and boarding and grooming.

When asked once why he chose to go into the veterinary field, he replied it was an opportunity to serve agriculture and his fellow man. He has done a remarkable job in this service.



### Dr. Terrance Curtin, NCSU-CVM Dean, Presents The "Martin Litwack Award" to Mr. Jim Graham, NC Commissioner of Agriculture

Shown with Dr. Joe Kinnarney, NCVMA 1989-90 President

Jim Graham was born on April 7, 1921 in Cleveland, North Carolina (Rowan County). He earned a B.S. degree in agriculture from North Carolina State University in 1942. He has held such positions as agriculture teacher, Superintendent Research Station, Manager Winston-Salem Fair, Secretary, N.C. Hereford Association, General Manager Raleigh Farmers Market, and Commissioner of Agriculture (elected by people of N.C.) He has held the offices of President of SUSTA and Past President of NASDA. His civic involvements include Past President of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club, member of the Shriners, a deacon at First Baptist Church, Board of Advisors at Campbell University, former trustee, N.C. A&T University, Permanent President Class of 1942, N.C. State University Alumni Association, Past President Jefferson Rotary Club, and Past President Ashe County Wildlife Club. Mr. Graham is associated with numerous civic clubs and agribusiness organizations. He is married to the former Helen Ida Kirk. They have two children, Mrs. T. Reed (Alice) Underhill of New Bern, and Mrs. Berry (Connie) Brooks of Nashville, TN. They have six grandchildren.

