

DISTINGUISHED VETERINARIAN AWARDS

Two outstanding veterinarians were honored by the members of NCVMA during the Annual Banquet of the 88th Annual Meeting of NCVMA in Asheville last month.

Dr. Joseph E. Currie, Jr. of Southern Pines and Dr. Willard O. Slappey of Fayetteville, were recipients of the DVA. The award is given each year to one or more veterinarians who have consistently over the years served the profession and their community. It is the highest award given by NCVMA.

Dr. Cliff McLean of Southern Pines and a partner in practice with Dr. Currie had the pleasure of presenting the award to him.

Dr. Currie is a 1955 graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Georgia. He entered practice in Southern Pines upon graduation and has established an outstanding record of service to his community and profession since that time. He helped to organize the N.C. Academy of Small Animal Medicine and served as its first president. He has served on numerous committees of NCVMA and currently chairs the Committee on Ethics & Grievances. He was active in the organization of the VMT program at CCTI in Sanford.

He is married to the former Nancy Bates. The Curries have two daughters---Karen and Amy, and a son---David.

Dr. Dennis Jackson of Fayetteville made the presentation of the DVA to Dr. Slappey.

Dr. Slappey is a 1940 graduate of Auburn's School of Veterinary Medicine. He entered the U.S. Army shortly after graduation and this resulted in his entering practice in Fayetteville after his army service. He has been most active in Fayetteville affairs for many years. He has been a prime mover in maintaining the excellent military/civilian atmosphere in Fayetteville over the years. He has been very active in Shriners, Country Club and Church affairs. He has served his profession with the same enthusiasm. He served on practically all standing committees of NCVMA and as its president.

Dr. Slappey is married to the former Helen Mayo. The Slappeys have four sons---Jack, Jimmie, Don and Bill.

VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dr. Terrance M. Curtin, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, NCSU, Raleigh, was the recipient of the VOY Award presented by NCVMA during the 88th Annual Meeting. The presentation was made by Dr. Earl Hightower of Jefferson,

The VOY Award is given in those years that a veterinarian has done a particularly outstanding job in rendering service to the profession. The award is not necessarily given each year.

In making the presentation, Dr. Hightower

stated that he would prefer to describe the kind of a man chosen for the award rather than his accomplishments. He stated that Dr. Curtin exemplified the Boy Scout Laws--- Courteous, Kind, Trustworthy, Honest, etc. His hard work and perseverance were likened to the philosophy expressed in the poem "KEEP A-GOIN" By Frank Stanton.

Dr. Curtin gave a full measure of dedication to his work and profession this year---it resulted in the formal dedication of the School of Veterinary Medicine on April 20, 1983.

A HEARTY THANKS

Jeannine Holt would like to thank all of the auxiliary members who helped to make the "Country Store" so successful. It was a great effort by those who made and gave the items as well as those who manned the store. The NCVMA Auxiliary has to be the best!

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

An English girl, 23 years old, single; 1979 Royal Animal Nurse Auxiliary (R.A.N.A.) graduate (English equivalent of VMT) would like to work in the USA, preferably in mixed practice. Available immediately. For further details contact Dr. Hugh Otterburn (919) 272-2197

MARTIN LITWACK AWARD

Dr. Charles B. Randall of Kinston is this year's recipient of the MARTIN LITWACK AWARD. The award is given by the NCVMA each year to honor a person who has made a significant contribution to the School of Veterinary Medicine at NCSU. The award was established in memory of the late Dr. Martin Litwack, a Raleigh veterinarian, who gave so much of his time and talents to the efforts that led to the building of the school. Each year the Litwack family makes a contribution to the N.C. Veterinary Medical Foundation in the name of the recipient of the award.

The award was presented by Dr. John Freeman of Raleigh.

In making the presentation, Dr. Freeman stated that this year's recipient, by anyone's yardstick certainly measures up to the intent and spirit of the award. Dr. Freeman further stated that a one line dissertation might well be "Mr. Veterinary Medicine in North Carolina".

Dr. Randall served on the Advisory Committee to the School of Agriculture & Life Sciences, NCSU. He served on the Planning Committee for the SVM at NCSU. In 1974, he testified before the UNC Board of Governors as to the need to build a school. In 1977, he served on Committee Representing Large Animal Medicine that planned the program development at the school. He was most active in legislative contacts during the funding of the school by the N.C. General Assembly.

Dr. Randall is married to the former Irma Jordan. They have one daughter--Jeannie of Decatur, Ga. and two sons--Ray who is in practice in Kinston and Jay who is a school principal in New Bern.