

## **WESTERN REGION 1984 CURTIS J. ALLEY MERIT AWARD**

*Presented by Bruce Briggs at the  
Western Region Annual Banquet*

The Western Region's 1984 Award of Merit recipient received a BS degree in Horticulture from Oregon State University in 1936, where he was an outstanding horticulture student. He continued to work on advanced degrees at Oregon State University into the late 40's.

After serving in the military in European combat during W.W. II he worked in the ornamental horticulture field at the California Nursery Co., Fremont, California. Following further work experiences he continued his educational activities at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he became Department Chairman in Ornamental Horticulture.

Some of the awards he received in recognition for his outstanding teaching abilities are: The California Association of Nurserymen's Leadership Award, Honorary Future Farmer (FFA), Outstanding Teacher Award by American Society of Horticultural Science, and the American Florists' Education Award. These are only some of his accomplishments in the field of education.

In this area of dedication to education, I have had the occasion to work with him. An incident I remember was at a dinner meeting at the Eastern Region of the IPPS. He made it known he would seek out a table of students he had not spoken to before to possibly exchange ideas and to better understand students and their needs throughout the United States.

He actively worked in promoting the IPPS. He placed our logo, "To Seek and to Share", on each Region's podium plaque and on our lapel buttons. We recognize him for his work in making the gavel, which is made up of representative woods from countries of the world having IPPS Regions. This is a symbol which has been passed on into the International Board on which he has been a member.

I am sure some of the countries like Australia and New Zealand recognize him for the many students of theirs he has taught in the U.S. and sent back to their countries richer for having worked with him. Also, he will be remembered for his description of the "Tail Pipe Cooker", used while he traveled by car in New Zealand and elsewhere.

Each year at New Year's Day we are reminded of his many hours of work spent on the Rose Parade working with

Cal Poly students to develop their floats.

It is a great honor for me to present to O.A. "Jolly" Batcheller, an outstanding person, with so many awards and past dedications to the principles of IPPS, with the 1984 Western Region Award of Merit.