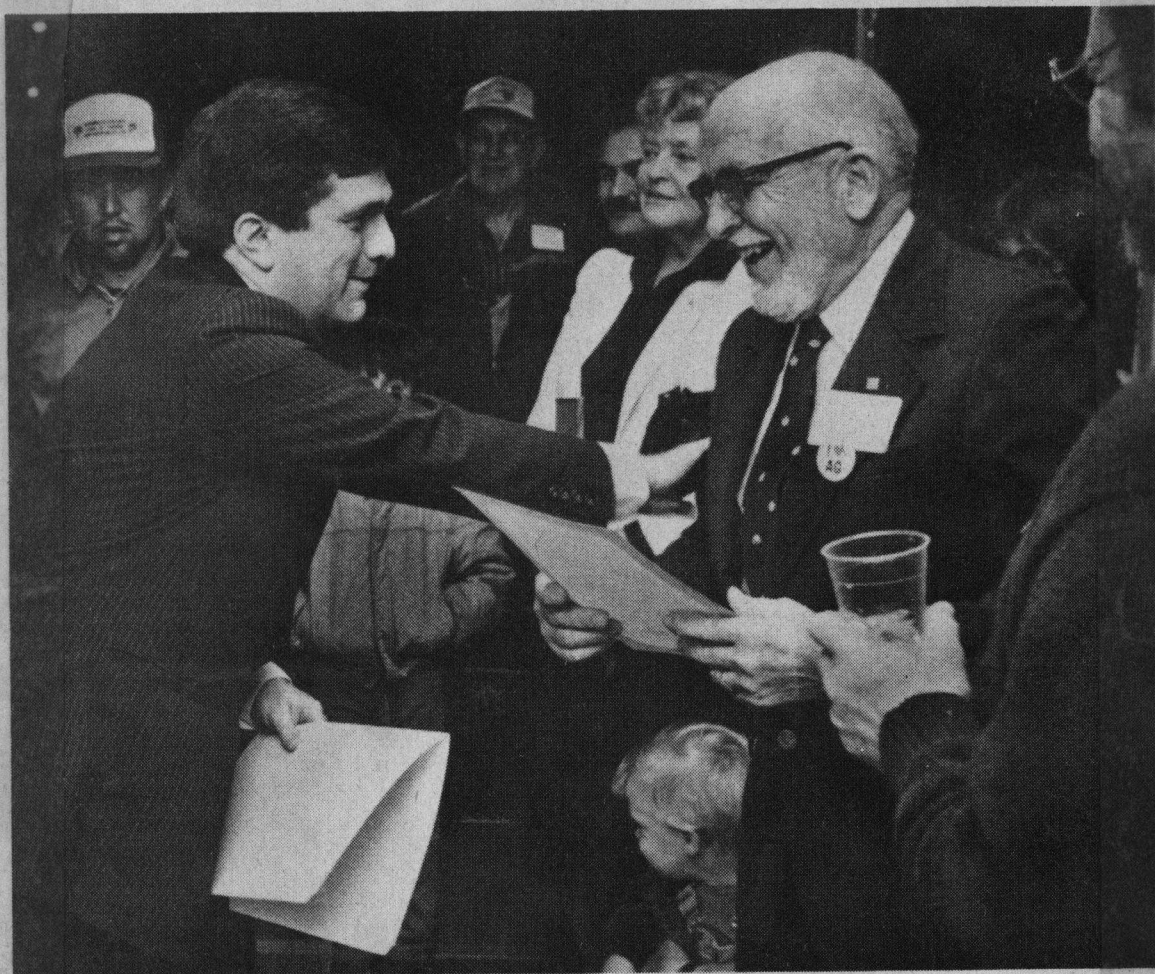


# 'Friend of Agriculture'



Kurt Ellison

County Supervisor E. Wayne Moore Jr. congratulates Courtney Proctor.

## 50 years of service saluted

In recognition of his 50 years of service to farming, Courtney Proctor was named the 1985 "Friend of Agriculture" last night by the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau.

The award was made at the Farm Bureau's Main Street offices, where about 100 people attended a social mixer held in honor of National Agriculture Day.

Proctor retired from Food Machinery Corp., where he had worked as a licensed pest-control advisor, in 1977. He emerged from retirement last month to work as a part-time advisor at El Camino

Crop Supply.

A native of California, Proctor moved to the Pajaro Valley in the 1930s and first worked with the Santa Cruz Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

Later, his efforts made a significant contribution to restoring local orchards to their full potential after neglect during World War II.

"I've enjoyed every minute of my career. If I had it all to do again I would. Who knows, maybe I will," Proctor said after receiving the award.

Proctor also has served as

trustee for Freedom Union Elementary School, as past president of the Freedom Kiwanis, past member of the YMCA board of directors, and as a member of the Pajaro Valley Historical Society, the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce, and in the County 4-H program.

He and his wife, Harriette, have four children and several grandchildren.

During last night's reception, Proctor was also recognition by State Sen. Henry Mello, Assemblyman Sam Farr the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

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