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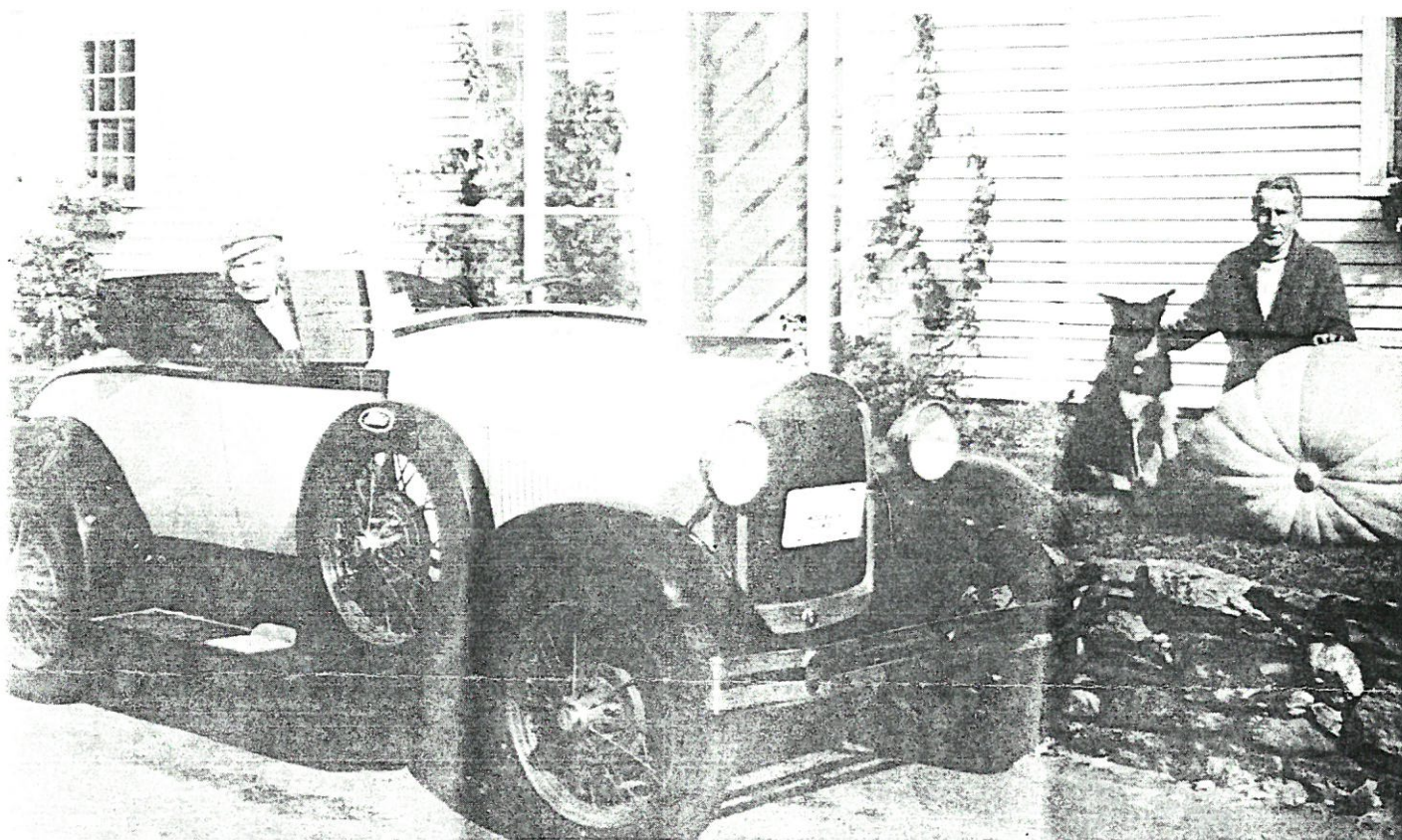
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CHANDLER WINS 1988 WORLD FOOD PRIZE



In Massachusetts, Dr. Robert F. Chandler, Jr. poses with his dog and prize-winning pumpkin. Mrs. Sunny Chandler is in their 1928, mint condition Ford.

Dr. Robert Flint Chandler, Jr., first Director General of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), won the 1988 World Food Prize. This was announced by General Foods Corporation, sponsor of the prize, on 7 June.

Dr. Chandler was cited for his decades of work toward improving

the world food situation.

Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, IRRI Director General from 1982 to 1987, received the first World Food Prize in 1987 for his role in bringing the Green Revolution to India.

Dr. Chandler established IRRI in 1960 and headed it until 1972. He defined its research directions, built its

physical plant, and assembled its international research staff. He molded IRRI into an international center of excellence to help alleviate hunger worldwide. He also founded the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center (AVRDC) in Taiwan, China and served as its Director General from

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1972 to 1975.

"We are continuing to profit from your vision, leadership, and style that provided the foundations for IRRI. We want to thank you for all that you have done to make rice research today relevant to the farmer," Dr. Klaus Lampe, IRRI Director General, told Dr. Chandler in a message of congratulations.

Born in Columbus, Ohio and raised in New Gloucester, Maine, Dr. Chandler received a BS degree in horticulture from the University of Maine and a Ph.D. in pomology from the University of Maryland. He spent his early career as an educator and a university president. Since his formal retirement, he has served on the program committee of the Near East Foundation and has continued to further the cause of world food production through his professional consultancies with many agricultural re-

search institutions. In recognition of his work, he received the 1986 Presidential End Hunger Award from U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

He has written 2 books, "Rice In The Tropics -- A Guide To National Development" and "An Adventure In Applied Science -- A History of the International Rice Research Institute". He has donated his entire rice library to the National Cereals Research Institute in Badeggi, Nigeria.

Dr. Chandler and wife Sunny have been married for more than 30 years. They have 3 children. The Chandlers are also proud owners of a mint condition 1928 Ford which they enter in parades and sometimes use for travel. In Templeton, Massachusetts where he lived for a time after his retirement, Dr. Chandler is famous for his pumpkin patch. In 1986, his 427-pounder won second place in a local competition. The Chandlers now live in Clermont, Florida.

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not feeling well, probably due to pressure of work. The program of activities were distributed then. A day before Recognition Day, I reported for work and was immediately told by my co-employees and friends that I was not included in the list of awardees. They even showed me the program and, true enough, my name was not listed. My friends even teased me that maybe I am not a recognized employe of IRRI. For somebody who has served for more than 25 years, those jokes were really embarrassing.

I immediately complained to our Manager, Atty. P.G. Banzon, who called up HRDD. HRDD said that they will check their records. They called back after a while and said that they made a mistake. The reason given was plain oversight. Atty. Banzon insisted that since it was their fault they should do something to include me in the