

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
1974 Recipient**



**John Lyman '14
1896-1982**

For more than 176 years your family has committed itself to the nurture of a better Connecticut and, as a member of its 6th generation, you have carried on that tradition with Yankee energy and resolve. Clearly, your roots, like those of your famous apple trees, go deep in good Connecticut earth. Having served your community in many ways—as selectman, state representative, delegate to the constitutional convention, chairman of the state board of education—you, in turn, have been honored by the governor's citation, an honorary degree, and the recognition of many business and professional organizations. Southern Connecticut State College thrived under your guidance; its fine auditorium bears your name. Your strong ties with Taft have ranged from your student days, when you were the chief architect of a summer camp for slum children, through your many years as a most successful class agent. A living counterforce to the rootlessness of the contemporary urban world, you carry a heartening message to young people today, and your school takes great pride in awarding you, on the occasion of your 60th Reunion, its Alumni Citation of Merit.