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N O T E

Sent to: State FFA Advisors and Executive Secretaries

Sent by: H. N. Hunsicker, National Advisor, Future Farmers of America

Subject: Transmittal of:

1. Minutes of the March, 1970 Meeting -  
National FFA Officers and Board of Directors.
2. Minutes of the March 5, 1970 Meeting of the reconstituted  
National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.
3. Report of the proposed Alumni Association (green cover).
4. Postcard requesting information about participation  
in judging contests. (Sent to State FFA Advisors only -  
For immediate attention.)

I am enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the March meetings of the National FFA Officers-Board of Directors and of the reconstituted National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. It is suggested that you review these minutes with members of your staff and acquaint the local FFA advisors and chapter officers with the items which you consider to be of interest and concern to them. Mr. Dan Reuwee, FFA Director of Information, already has sent you a news release highlighting most of the major points. Also enclosed is a preliminary report on the proposed FFA Alumni Association which was considered by the FFA Officers and Board of Directors prior to the official action reported in the Minutes.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. INFORMATION NEEDED ON STATE PARTICIPATION IN JUDGING CONTESTS:  
The Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee is endeavoring to obtain sponsors of various judging events (see enclosed Minutes). The potential sponsors are requesting information as to the extent of participation by schools and FFA members in these events. In order that he may provide them with the information requested, will each State FFA Advisor please fill out the attached self-addressed postcard and return it to Mr. Seefeldt immediately. Also, kindly provide us in the space allowed the dates of your 1970 vo-ag teachers annual conference or seminar.

2. THE OFFICIAL SCORE CARD FOR AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARD APPLICATIONS: There appears to be a need to clarify what score card will be used in evaluating the various agricultural proficiency award applications above the state level. Please be informed that these



applications will be scored on the basis of the score card which is found on page 8 of the 1970 agricultural proficiency award application form. This score card is as follows: Supervised Experience Program - 200 points; Inventory - 150 points; Efficiency Factors or Activities - 400 points, and FFA Leadership and/or Self-development Activities - 250 points. A total of 1,000 points. Unfortunately, the points listed throughout the application do not agree with the score card, but the score card is correct.

3. UPDATING THE APPLICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR REGIONAL STAR FARMER AND REGIONAL STAR AGRI-BUSINESSMAN: As soon as the various regional committees have selected their candidates for Star Farmer of America and Star Agri-Businessman of America from the American Farmer Degree candidates, their applications will be returned to the respective states for updating before nationwide publicity is prepared about the recipients. It is, therefore, very important that State staff members and local vocational teachers be appraised of this procedure in advance since immediate response will be necessary. The privilege of updating applications to reflect current status has been urged by the judges for several years since many applications received have been made out from six to twelve months prior to the judging.

4. NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FFA LEADERS: Your attention is called to a recent news release announcing a broadened role in FFA for National FFA Executive Secretary, Wm. Paul Gray and an added role for the FFA Program Specialist, Coleman Harris. Beginning April 1, Mr. Harris' new duties will include the coordinating of activities of National FFA Officers, including their visits to states, leadership training and Goodwill Tour. Mr. Gray thus will be freed to provide assistance to post-secondary agriculture student organizations and programs and will work closely with Teacher Educators in further developing pre-service and in-service education for FFA advisors. He also will assist in initiating a nationwide drive to involve all students of vocational agriculture, including the disadvantaged and the handicapped, in appropriate FFA activities.

5. NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR OE AND FFA EMPLOYEES: Beginning March 30, the work day for all OE and FFA employees will be from 8 a.m., EST to 4:30 p.m., EST.

6. TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Attention is called to the following telephone numbers:

(a) For all FFA employees - (703) 360-3600.

(b) For the National FFA Advisor - (703) 360-3600 (usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays). For Program Officer, Agriculture Education, and National FFA Advisor - (202) 963-7641.

(c) For National FFA Executive Secretary - (703) 360-3600 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Other days - (202) 963-7621.



7. STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURE IN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS (INCLUDING AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, JUNIOR COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES) IN NEW YORK AND KANSAS HAVE ORGANIZED STATE ASSOCIATIONS: Kansas is the most recent state to organize a state association of post-secondary agriculture students. Approximately 40 students and advisors representing 12 institutions met in Topeka on March 14 and elected a temporary slate of officers and guidelines for a state constitution and bylaws.

8. VETERINARY TECHNICIAN GUIDE: A contract may soon be completed for the preparation of a curriculum guide for post secondary institutions on "veterinary technology."

9. FFA FOUNDATION, A PRIVATE CORPORATION: On March 5 a reconstituted National Board of Trustees was incorporated. The articles of incorporation provide that this Board operate as a separate private corporation in behalf of the National Organization of Future Farmers of America. The new Board of Trustees included for the first time representatives of the following groups: 2 teachers of agriculture; 2 State FFA Executive Secretaries; 2 Teacher Educators in agriculture, and 3 representatives of business and industry. Five State Supervisors of Agriculture Education, including the National Treasurer, continue to serve as members of the Board along with two elected representatives from the U.S. Office of Education. The National FFA Advisor serves as President and the National FFA Executive Secretary serves as Secretary of the new corporation. The Trustees have the following major responsibilities: first, to oversee the operations of the Foundation's Governing Council and, second, to provide funds to the FFA for a wide range of approved activities including incentive awards, leadership development programs, international programs and judging events.

10. CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNITION: State FFA Associations are encouraged to submit to the National FFA Executive Secretary a list of recommended candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree and Distinguished Service Recognition as soon as possible. These recommendations should include a brief description of the candidates' accomplishments and his role in FFA. The information should be sent to the National FFA Executive Secretary.

11. A DIRECTORY OF STATE SUPERVISORS OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION has been completed and will be distributed immediately. A Directory of Teacher Educators is being prepared and will soon be available.

cc: Head Teacher Educators, Agricultural Education  
Members of FFA Board of National Officers  
Members of National FFA Board of Directors  
Members of National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees

Enclosures