



# FFA Alumni Association

## NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL FOCUS ON NATIONAL CONVENTION

Fall - 1976

### YOUR INVITATION TO THE 5TH NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION by NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, MR. RICHARD WAYBRIGHT

*On Thursday and Friday, November 11 and 12th, our 5th National Alumni Meeting will be held at the South End on the Main level of the Bartle Arena. An excellent program has been planned, and we are looking forward to having a large, enthusiastic crowd in attendance for this meeting.*

*Some of the special features this year will be our 3rd FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award Presentation, the Outstanding Alumni Affiliate Presentation, and the presentation of the Legion of Merit Citations. The new Council members will be introduced to the delegate body and the new National FFA Alumni Council officers will be announced.*

*As in the past years, our Alumni meeting will be coordinated with the National FFA Convention, and Alumni members are encouraged to attend and participate in as much of the Convention as they can.*

*Don't forget to make your lodging reservations directly with the 1976 Housing Chairman, National FFA Convention, 1221 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.*

*Looking forward to seeing you at our opening session, Thursday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m.*

#### FFA ALUMNI PROGRAM

South End - Main Level Bartle Arena  
Thursday, November 11

9:00 AM - Call to Order  
Introduction of National FFA  
Alumni Council  
Seating of Official Delegates  
Entertainment  
Annual FFA Alumni Report  
Presentation of the "Legion of  
Merit" Award  
Invitation to National FFA Con-  
vention by National FFA Pres-  
ident

10:30 - 12:00 - Working Committees Meet-  
ings  
National Program of Activities  
Membership Development  
Local and State Program Devel-  
opment  
Public Relations  
Historical Committee

1:30 - 2:45 PM - Special Briefing Meeting for  
All Alumni Members

Friday, November 12

7:00 - 8:30 AM - General Motors Breakfast  
All Delegates Invited

9:00 AM - Call to Order  
Welcome by National FFA Advi-  
sor  
Working Committee Reports  
FFA Entertainment  
Business-Delegate Action  
Presentation of "FFA Alumni  
Outstanding Achievement  
Awards"  
Featured Speaker  
Presentation of the "FFA Out-  
standing Alumni Affiliate  
Award"  
Announcement of New Council  
Members  
Installation of New Council  
Chairman and Vice Chairman  
Adjournment by New Council  
Chairman

11:00 AM - Adjourn to National FFA Con-  
vention Session for Introduc-  
tion of FFA Alumni Out-  
standing Achievement Award  
Recipients

## "LEGION OF MERIT"

Legion of Merit applications must be received by November 1 to be presented at the 1976 National Convention. The Legion of Merit is given to honor persons who have secured 10 or more new FFA Alumni members. A special recognition program, including certification presentation for all 1975-76 Legion of Merit winners will be made during the Alumni Convention.

## NEW ROSTER SYSTEM

A computer roster system has been finalized and, all Alumni records are being converted at the present time. The FFA Alumni membership for all members will follow the calendar year. The rosters will be mailed to all states in November. States are asked to develop a system for distributing Affiliate rosters and the billing of members not connected with Affiliates. The National Office will not bill individual members in 1977. All memberships received after October 1, this year will be credited with 1977 membership. More information will be presented at the National Convention.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

The Distinguished Service Citation will be presented by the FFA to the FFA Alumni Association for its significant contributions in service to agriculture and the FFA. The presentation will be made at the FFA Convention on Wednesday evening, November 10. All FFA Alumni Convention delegates are invited to be seated in a reserved section on the main level of the Convention. Please contact an usher for designation of the reserved area for Alumni delegates.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD

The metal Life Membership Card will become a purchase item after October 10. A beautiful gold foil card that is stamp lettered and laminated will be issued to all new Life Members after the above date. The metal card will sell for \$4.50 and can be ordered from the FFA Supply Service by any Life Member.

## HISTORICAL BOOK ON AGRICULTURE AVAILABLE

A few copies of **THE GROWING OF AMERICA**, published by Johnson Hill Press and distributed by Nasco of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, are available to FFA Alumni members at a discount. The amazing book containing the course of agriculture for the past 200 years is truly a tribute to the American Farmer. The book retails for \$5.95. As a service to FFA Alumni members, we are able to sell this 144-page volume with over 200 photographs to you for \$5.35 which includes postage and handling. Orders should be mailed to the National FFA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

## 776 GOAL REACHED

The goal of having 776 life members in 1976 was reached on June 21. Mrs. Emma Lew Graham of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma was the 776th life member.

## EVANSVILLE FFA ALUMNI LIFE AFFILATE



The Evansville FFA Alumni has been chartered as the third Lifetime Alumni Affiliate. With 48 Life Members, at the time of chartering, it has set the record for being the largest. A list of the new Life Members of this new Life Affiliate are listed under Welcome New Life Members. Mr. Ray Weigand was the only Life Member at Evansville when the life membership drive started at their FFA banquet last spring. The night of the FFA banquet, 20 persons joined. Fifteen of these are pictured above. Pictured below are a portion of the remaining 27 that joined during the past few months. Reports are that Evansville will have a lot more Life Members within the next year.



## SEVEN LIFE MEMBERS DECEASED

Seven loyal supporters of the FFA and Life Members of the FFA Alumni Association have, upon their death, been added to a memorial list of distinguished FFA supporters. The deceased are: Glenn Childs, Terra Alta, West Virginia; B. Stanley Dowger, Florence, Massachusetts; Elmo Hester, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia; Howard J. Lukassen, Kimball, Nebraska; Stephen C. Murphy, Collinsville, Oklahoma; Terrance J. Ryan, Tonic, Illinois; and Emil Vallager, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

## REPORT ON FFA ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

The FFA Alumni Association is proud of the support and service it is providing to the FFA and agriculture. This portion of our newsletter lists a few of the many outstanding Alumni activities. We hope you may be able to use some of the ideas in developing activities for your Affiliate. Please send reports of your Alumni activities so they can be included in future issues.

MIDDLETOWN FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE of Middletown, Maryland presented plaques to past teachers of the FFA Chapter. They were presented during the FFA Parent-Member Banquet.

WESTBY AND VIROQUA AFFILIATES in Vernon County, Wisconsin joined together to help provide the capital to build an auction sale ring to accommodate livestock sales at the County Fairgrounds. Several Alumni members assisted in the building project.

OKLAHOMA'S FFA ALUMNI joined together to sponsor its Fourth Annual Leadership Camp. The five-day camp includes public speaking workshops, farm safety, public relations, group leadership activities, agriculture careers, recreation, and many other activities. For every ten active Alumni members, an Affiliate can send one FFA member to camp free.

OKLAHOMA'S FFA ALUMNI have become donors to the National FFA Foundation. They also presented a \$25 savings bond to each state FFA Officer. This is the second year for the Bond Presentation.

VIRGINIA TECH FFA ALUMNI have prepared an historical exhibit commemorating 50 years of the FFA Vocational Agriculture in Virginia.

KNOX CENTRAL ALUMNI in Barbourville, Kentucky helped raise money to publish a special FFA edition of the Barbourville Mountain Advocate Newspaper. The publication won acclaim on local, region, and state levels.

THE BURLEY FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE of Burley, Oklahoma was very active during 1975-76. Some of their activities included: sponsoring FFA awards, training chapter teams, providing equipment and supplies for a school farm, sponsoring a member to the National Convention, and providing snowmobiles for an FFA snowmobile party.

HOUSATONIC VALLEY ALUMNI of Falls Village, Connecticut projects included: a presentation of a scholarship in memory of Paul Allyn, an FFA Chapter member, an auction to raise money to support calf chains for the FFA Chapter, and the chaperoning of trips and activities.

WALTON FFA ALUMNI of Walton, West Virginia has assisted the FFA Chapter with the BOAC project. The Alumni are also making walnut wood products such as gun cabinets, bookcases, and breadboards to sell at the Community Fair and the State Black Walnut Festival. The lumber was donated by an Alumni member.

DENMARK FFA ALUMNI raised a corn test plot with eight varieties of field corn on 40-acres of rented land. The acreage also includes an alfalfa-gross hay field and a woodlot being developed into a nature trail site for educational purposes by the FFA Chapter as a portion of the BOAC program. The summer outing for the FFA Alumni included a trout boil. Ninety FFA Alumni members attended this event.



CENTRAL LARAMIE COUNTY FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE of Burns, Wyoming sponsored a used equipment auction and a taco-pizza supper in conjunction with the chapter slave sale and a chili supper in conjunction with the District Public Speaking Contest. Alumni members served as substitute teachers and assisted in obtaining a pickup truck for the FFA Chapter. Awards presented at the FFA Parent-Member Banquet were paid for by Alumni members.

MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI sponsored two chartered buses for FFA members to attend Farmfest '76 in Minnesota. Ninety-four FFA members and FFA Alumni chaperones were able to see this agricultural event through this FFA Alumni activity.

EVANSVILLE, WISCONSIN FFA ALUMNI sponsored a float with the FFA in the July 4 parade. The Alumni assisted the FFA with cutting and cording twelve pickup truck loads of firewood for a local nursing home. They have also attended organizational meetings to assist with setting up five other FFA Alumni Affiliates.

TENNESSEE FFA ALUMNI will sponsor the State Star Agribusiness Award for the Tennessee FFA. This will be the first year for the selection of a State Star Agribusiness Winner.

## FFA ALUMNI SUPPLIES

Official FFA Alumni items displaying the FFA Alumni emblem are available to members. Some of these are the Alumni Lapel Pin - Tie Tac for \$3.50, a Blazer Emblem for \$1.75, and the FFA Alumni Windbreaker for \$8.00. FFA Alumni supplies are sold through the National FFA Supply Service. You can order supplies through your local FFA Advisor or directly from the National FFA Alumni Office.

THANKS FOR

ANNUAL AND  
LIFE MEMBERS FOR  
UNITING WITH OTHER  
MEMBERS  
NOW THROUGH  
INVOLVEMENT

WITH THE ORGANIZATION PREPARING  
OVER 500,000 YOUTH

FOR A  
FUTURE IN  
AGRICULTURE

Ask a friend to become an FFA Alumni member. We must continue to have membership growth to provide the desired support and service to the FFA. We have just over 12,000 active paid members. The FFA has over 500,000 members. You can see we have a ratio of 1 to 41. Assist by securing one new member. If each active member would secure one new member in 1977 this ratio would be lowered to 1 to 21. Become committed and sign up a new Alumni member this week. Use the application below.

## ANNUAL DUES

The National FFA Alumni dues are only \$4 per year and life membership is only \$100. This is less than 2¢ per day and is one of the lowest dues of any national alumni association. The FFA Alumni members can be proud of the outstanding accomplishments of the Association. A list of 60 services and materials available has been printed. Copies are available upon request. The FFA Alumni Association is playing a vital role in supporting the FFA and vocational agriculture through the membership of our 12,000 active paid members.

Several states have dues and are listed below:

California	\$1	New Jersey	\$2
Delaware	1	New Mexico	2
Florida	3	New York	1
Georgia	1	North Carolina	2
Illinois	1	North Dakota	1
Indiana	1	Ohio	1
Kansas	1	Oklahoma	4
Kentucky	1	South Dakota	2
Maryland	1	Tennessee	2
Massachusetts	1	Texas	1
Michigan	2	Virginia	2
Mississippi	1	Washington	2
Missouri	1	West Virginia	1
Montana	2	Wisconsin	1
Nebraska	2	Wyoming	1

If you have not paid your FFA Alumni membership dues during the past year, please send your \$4 plus state dues and become an active supporting member of the FFA Alumni. The team that is organized to support and serve the FFA and vocational agriculture.

SHOW YOU CARE - ASK A FRIEND TO BECOME AN ALUMNI MEMBER - FFA SUPPORTER

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

### FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### Type of Membership

1 year

3 years

5 years

Life

Subscription to The  
National FUTURE FARMER  
magazine @ \$1 per year

NAME

First

Middle

Last

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER (IF KNOWN)

LOCAL AFFILIATE

## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The Life Membership roster has set a record for the most new members. This select group has over 820 members. This is an increase of over 180 new Life Members since our last Newsletter. One can become a member of this group of loyal supporters by sending the one-time tax deductible lifetime fee of \$100. Your \$100 investment will provide great dividends in preparing for a better Future For America. We welcome and are honored to announce the following new Life Members:

R. G. Petty  
Ronnie D. Grover  
Sherrell Griffith  
Denny Wynne  
Roy A. Dunning  
Delbert Holman  
Tom Gilliam  
Frank Griffith  
Donald E. Crump  
Wayne W. Cupp  
Brian G. West  
Joel F. Blessing  
Harold W. Wampler  
Copeland Kell, III  
Allan S. Green  
Arthur L. Berkey  
Gregory A. Smith  
Harold I. Lindley  
Edwina Wilke  
James Ward  
Jerry Johnson  
L. J. Emerson  
Floyd J. Doering  
Earl Wildermuth  
Lawrence J. Bischoff  
Steven L. Cox  
Kerlin O. Judy  
George W. Walls  
Darryl Walker  
Virgil O. Martinson  
Mary Weigand  
Roger Rasmussen  
Rich Templeton  
Paul George  
Danny George  
Rollie Devlin  
Don E. Larson  
Mel Shottliff, Jr.  
Corvan Neuenschwander  
Vince Drendel  
Melvin Janes  
Maurice Faber  
Chris Dickert  
Robert McCoy  
Richard McCoy  
A. McCoy  
D. T. Larson  
Douglas Hull  
Robert Lawrenz  
Phil Woodworth  
Russell Andrew  
Frank Leeder

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Canal Winchester, Ohio  
Henrietta, Texas  
McGaheysville, Virginia  
Rice Lake, Wisconsin  
Houston, Delaware  
Mt. Sidney, Virginia  
Stockton, New Jersey  
Fairplay, Maryland  
Ithaca, New York  
Culpepper, Virginia  
Morton, Illinois  
Janesville, Wisconsin  
Janesville, Wisconsin  
West Mansfield, Ohio  
Alexandria, Virginia  
Madison, Wisconsin  
Canal Winchester, Ohio  
Connersville, Indiana  
Long Island, Kansas  
Arlington, Virginia  
Milford, Delaware  
Damascus, Maryland  
Stoughton, Wisconsin  
Evansville, Wisconsin  
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Richard Hatlen  
Alan Butts  
Ron Phelps  
Norman Krumwiede  
Dean George, Jr.  
Don Johnson  
Curt Hartsler  
Robert Purkapile  
Norman Zee  
Elmer K. Pennington  
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Russell J. Yeaw  
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Neil G. Owen  
Vernon L. Marshall  
Gregory H. Smith  
Forest D. Loudenslager  
Don F. Loudenslager  
Roy A. Loudenslager  
Edward A. Bowman  
Paul W. Thomas  
Porter J. Martin  
Peter J. Cachat, II  
Lyle J. Rader  
S. Lynn Loosli  
Roger D. Hueber  
James M. Olslund  
Milton E. Childress  
Howard I. Downer  
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Jack Brian  
Mary Brian  
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Tom L. Devin  
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Henry W. Hopkins  
John F. Adams  
Robert E. Ensminger  
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Walter J. Kautz  
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Clifford L. Nelson  
William A. Timmons  
C. McCheyene Swartzel  
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John P. Hamill  
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Charles Arnold  
Herbert Lackey  
Lynn Laible  
Ron Thompson  
IN MEMORY OF  
Terrance J. Ryan

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 Rolla, North Dakota  
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 Dalton, Massachusetts  
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 Malta, Illinois  
 Beltrami, Minnesota  
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 Martin, Tennessee  
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### Life Members (cont'd)

Donald M. Sanner  
Phyllis Sanner  
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