



# FFA Alumni Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### FFA ALUMNI MEMBERS ATTEND THE SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE EDUCATION



The Second World Conference on Agriculture Education and Agri-Olympics program was held in Paris, France, on March 4-8. The United States delegation of twelve persons included agricultural educators, FFA alumni and FFA members.

Mr. Bart Kaderly of Marysville, Ohio, and Mr. Greg Bamford of Haxtun, Colorado, were selected as the two United States young farmer representatives by the National FFA Alumni Association.

This World Conference is a followup of the First World Conference held in November, 1976, in Kansas City, Missouri, which was conducted by the National FFA Organization. This Conference was hosted by the Centro Nacional des Jeunes Agriculterues (French Young Farmer Organization).

The Conference was attended by representatives from thirty-five countries and the young farmers division focused on several main themes. Emphasis on the education and training of young farmers and the role of the young farmer in international agriculture was featured. The two United States representatives discussed the role of the young farmer and the Young Farmer Organization in determining agricultural policy with representatives from the other countries.

### AFFILIATES CAN RECOGNIZE PRESIDENT AND FFA ADVISOR

Several FFA Alumni affiliates have recognized their FFA Alumni President and FFA Advisor(s) with life memberships in the FFA Alumni Association. Not only will this be an honor for the Advisor(s) and President, but the affiliate is building a scholarship fund for the local FFA Chapter. The entire \$100.00 can be designated to the local FFA Chapter as a Memorial Scholarship upon the death of the life member.

### FFA ALUMNI ANNOUNCES A TRIP TO FRANCE

The French-American Foundation in cooperation with the FFA Alumni Association announces a new project to send a group of twenty farmers from different areas of the United States (in the age range of 25-35) to France for two weeks August 1-15, 1979, for an introduction to the principal aspects, regions and people of French agriculture.

The tour will begin with a one-and-a-half day orientation meeting in Washington, D. C. The group will then fly to Paris where it will meet with members of the French Ministry of Agriculture and visit points of interest in Paris. The group will then travel throughout France to visit selected farms, fairs, cooperatives, agricultural equipment factories, agribusinesses, and agronomy research centers in the dairy, wine, truck farming, poultry, grain and cereal, cattle and other major agricultural districts. The group will fly from Paris to New York on August 15th at the end of the tour.

The program is designed to enable young American farmers to meet young French farmers at work, to let each side become acquainted with the other's problems, to observe French farming techniques and to discuss American and French national agricultural policies. Fluency in French is *not* required as translators will be available.

The French-American Foundation, through a committee composed of representatives from American farm organizations, will select the group of farmers who indicate in their applications a serious interest in exploration of agricultural concerns in an international context. Robert Cox, Executive Director, FFA Alumni, will serve as one of the selection committee.

Participants will be asked to contribute \$700, which is approximately one-third of the overall expense of the program. All other program-related expenses will be absorbed by the Foundation through its own corporate, foundation and private supporters.

For applications and detailed itinerary, write or call the National FFA Alumni Office or The French-American Foundation, 680 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, or phone (212) 734-7344. The final date for postmark of applications will be May 15, 1979.

### FFA ALUMNI GIVES LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The National FFA Alumni has provided thirteen scholarships to FFA members for the 1979 Washington FFA Leadership Conference. The scholarships, each worth \$160.00, pay the full registration fee for the week-long Conference. The Conference includes visits to U. S. Congressmen, sightseeing in Washington, D. C., and excellent leadership training. A scholarship is provided by the National FFA Alumni for each 500 active FFA Alumni members in a state.

If you have not renewed your 1979 membership, you should do so immediately so you can help your state earn a scholarship. The following states have already received scholarships for 1979: Wisconsin (5), Oklahoma (3), Ohio (2), Illinois (2), and Missouri (1).

## FFA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Plans for a new Future Farmers of America (FFA) National Hall of Achievement to honor FFA and agriculture were announced recently by the FFA. A \$600,000 fund-raising effort has been initiated through the National FFA Foundation to implement the plan.

The new Hall of Achievement will be located in Alexandria, Virginia, inside the existing National FFA Center near Mount Vernon which houses FFA operations, including FFA Program Administration, *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine, FFA Supply Service, and the Alumni Association.

"Now it is time to honor the achievement of this fine organization and the great industry it has served so well," said Roland M. Henrickson, President of the Agricultural Division of Pfizer, Inc. Henrickson will serve as national chairman of the fund drive for the Hall of Achievement.

The purpose of this project is actually fourfold:

- \* Presenting and preserving FFA's history,
- \* Presenting the story of today's FFA through permanent exhibits and displays,
- \* Recognizing the support and leadership of FFA's many friends, and
- \* Serving all FFA members and related groups as an active learning and resource center for FFA programs and activities.

A major part of the National FFA Center lower level will be utilized for the Hall of Achievement, which will be viewed by thousands of FFA members, FFA Alumni members and guests each year.

Funds to reach the \$600,000 goal are being solicited from business, industry, foundations, FFA members, and FFA Alumni members. Meanwhile, an effort is also being made to locate early FFA momentos or paraphernalia that could be displayed in the Hall of Achievement. If you have any item you would be willing to share, please contact the National Office.

One-half of the \$600,000 will be used to develop the final plans for the FFA Hall of Achievement, install it and purchase necessary equipment. Remaining funds will be invested in an endowment that will provide perpetual revenues for staffing, maintenance and operation of the Hall on a year-around basis.

A working, active library and resource center is also a part of the plan and will be open for use by students—both high school and college—as well as helpful during future seminars and workshops for youth and adults concerned with education and agriculture. Publications, audio-visuals, and equipment for their use will be a part of the library. If you would like to make a contribution or receive additional information, write to Donald McDowell, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Box 5117, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

Why not have your FFA Alumni Affiliate listed as a contributor to this special project?

## NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The National FFA Alumni Council meeting was held in March 2-3 in Columbus, Ohio. The next National Council meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., on July 22-24. If any member, affiliate, or state association has recommendations for the next meeting please send them to Mr. Odell Miller, National FFA Alumni President, The Ohio State University, 203 Ag-Administration Building, 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

## FFA ALUMNI ACTIVITY



Pictured above was one of the FFA Alumni-sponsored Leadership Workshops held during the 1978 National FFA Convention. In 1979 the FFA Alumni will again sponsor free workshops for thousands of FFA members attending the National FFA Convention.

## DID YOU KNOW

1. There is a great shortage of vocational agriculture students being trained to meet the needs of the agriculture/agribusiness industry. In 1977 a total of 720,509 high school students were enrolled in vocational agriculture with 144,000 of these completing their training and were available for higher education or employment. According to a 1974 GAO report, seventy percent of the vocational agriculture graduates entered the occupation for which they were trained or in a related agricultural field. Using this percentage, the number of secondary school students actually employed would be approximately 100,000. Unfortunately, this fell far short of the annual replacement needs of 628,279 workers in the agriculture/agribusiness competency. The annual replacement needs were developed by a U. S. Interdepartmental Committee headed by the Office of Education /DVTE staff and staff from Commerce, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Department of Labor. The committee used segments of the U. S. Census Data for validation.
2. Presently eleven states have only one person on the agriculture education staff and in some cases this person has broader responsibilities than agriculture education. Thirty-two states have two-person state staffs. Many states have experienced reductions of staff for program leadership in agriculture education at the state level.
3. Adult education in vocational agriculture has developed a downward trend. In 1963-1964 adult enrollment was 339,203 while in 1977-1978 it had decreased to 262,153.
4. There is a critical shortage of teachers of agriculture. A minimum of 18,000 students were deprived of training because of the shortage during 1977-1978.

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The prestigious roster of Life Members continues to grow. Life Members receive a special life membership card, life membership certificate, lifetime subscription to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine, and can designate a Memorial Scholarship to be presented to an FFA member in the name of the Life Member upon his/her death. Why not join this list of over ~~1,637~~ Life Members and send your one-time lifetime fee of only \$100.00.

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**FFA ALUMNI HELPED CELEBRATE FFA WEEK**

A salute to all the FFA Alumni affiliates that supported their FFA chapters in FFA Week celebrations. FFA Week is celebrated during the week of George Washington's birthday by the over 500,000 FFA members in the 8,000 FFA chapters. Two examples of Alumni support events during FFA Week were: Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, FFA Alumni prepared and sponsored a mall display and Housatonic Valley, Connecticut, FFA Alumni held a banquet in celebration of FFA Week.

**FFA ALUMNI BECOMES CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ADVISORY MEMBER**

The National FFA Alumni was invited to become an advisory member of the U. S. Rural Caucus for 1979. Congressman Wes Watkins from Oklahoma will serve as chairman of the Rural Caucus. The FFA Alumni appreciates this opportunity to help develop a stronger voice for vocational agriculture-FFA.

"It was terrific, if we had only known it was going to be so easy, we would have done much better. Wait until next year." These words are being repeated week after week by FFA Alumni throughout middle United States. Ace Bolt and Nut Company, Middleville, Michigan, is offering in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin an annual fund raising program which is in essence a SERVICE to the farming community. From these sales, the FFA Alumni has been depositing in their treasuries an average of \$1,500.00 and no one person spends more than six to eight hours of volunteer services.

Take for example Forrest, Illinois. In less than nine working days, they deposited \$2,200.00 in their treasury and it was fun. The farming community was supplied with their fastener requirements, the FFA Alumni was able to spread the word about their affiliate, and the vocational agriculture department will be the recipient of financial assistance.

Such things as scholarships, trips to leadership conferences, the FFA National Convention in Kansas City, contests, sponsorships, transportation (even the purchase of a twelve-passenger van) can be the result of this service/fund raising program.

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