



FFA Alumni Association

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1980 NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The FFA Alumni Council appointed the following Alumni members to serve as National Committee Chairpersons:

- Mr. David C. Thomas, Columbia, Missouri. Committee on Government
- Mr. Harold Lineberry, Nashville, Tennessee. Membership Development
- Mr. Odell Miller, Columbus, Ohio. Alumni-Foundation Relations.

These individuals will coordinate and develop programs in their respective area of responsibility. They will work directly with State Alumni Committee chairpersons for each of the areas.

UPDATE ON COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT

The members of the Committee on Government are David C. Thomas, Missouri; Richard Waybright, Pennsylvania; James P. Clouse, Virginia; Gus Douglas, West Virginia; and M. Odell Miller, Ohio. The committee announces that Steve Washington will serve as the FFA Alumni intern in the area of governmental affairs this summer. Steve is a past Kentucky FFA President, served as an intern for Farmland Industries and presently is a student at Iowa State University.

The FFA Alumni has a right to feel very proud of the amount and quality of input by FFA Alumni in the new structure for the Vocational and Adult Office of the new Department of Education. We have received word the new Department structure will be announced within the next month.

On January 24, 1980, David C. Thomas met with Ms. Sandra Gray, Public Consultant Coordinator for the Secretary of Education Transition Team. Ms. Gray was most receptive to the FFA Alumni concerns for Program Leadership and Rural Education. During a seventy-five minute discussion, she was briefed on activities of vocational agriculture and rural education. Mr. Thomas strongly indicated a need for additional program leadership personnel at the State and National levels to serve vocational agriculture-FFA.

David C. Thomas attended the AVA Agriculture Education Advisory Council meeting this spring. He presented a report on the FFA Alumni Committee on Government Activities.

Many FFA Alumni members attended one of a series of Regional Rural Roundtable Discussions conducted by the Department of Education. The importance of visual support for vocational agriculture-FFA at these meetings was very valuable.

The Committee on Government re-affirms that the FFA Alumni is a support organization of Vocational Agriculture. We are not and will not be lobbyists. The thrust of the Committee on Government is to supply support where needed for vocational agriculture-FFA with all parties administering or influencing the program. The vocational agriculture-FFA program is a story of quality that must be told with a strong voice.

NEW FFA ALUMNI AUDIO VISUAL

The FFA Alumni Council approved the making of a slide-tape set on the activities of the National FFA Alumni. The Ace Bolt and Nut Company has offered to fund the project which will include production costs and 50 copies to be given to active FFA Alumni State Associations. The audio-visual presentation will premiere at this year's national convention.

FFA FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE ENDOWMENT

The National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation will receive a \$5,000 life insurance bequeath—the first such endowment given in memory of a former FFA/FFA Alumni member.

Charter member and FFA supporter Lawrence Augenstein and wife of Poway, California, are offering this endowment in memory of their son, Robert William Augenstein. The gift will be designated for the FFA Alumni Association.

"This is just one of many firsts Mr. Augenstein has contributed to the FFA and vocational agriculture," said Byron Rawls, National FFA Advisor. "His generosity also illustrates the worth of the endowment program as an important avenue for persons to invest in the future of young people planning careers in agriculture."

Augenstein enrolled in vocational agriculture in 1924 in high school at Ashley, Ohio. He participated in the National Vocational Agriculture Livestock Judging Contest in Kansas City in 1928. That same year he served as a delegate to the organizational meeting of the Future Farmers of America. He was selected as one of the first ten American Farmers and was elected National FFA Vice President. In 1929 he was appointed by Ohio's Governor to the first Junior State Fair Board as Director of the Vocational Agriculture Education Area.

Augenstein has been recognized often as standing by the FFA and vocational agriculture as one of its strongest supporters. Since 1928, he has attended 36 National FFA Conventions. He is a life member of the FFA Alumni and was awarded the National FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award in 1978. In 1979, he was awarded the VIP Citation, the FFA's top award for individual supporters.

LOCAL ALUMNI SUPPORT BY PAINTING

River High FFA Alumni, Eric, Illinois, assisted with a paint day. The agriculture advisor organized the project for the purpose of painting the exterior of the new agriculture building. At 9 a.m., a host of volunteers from the FFA Alumni, Adult Agriculture Advisory Council, and FFA members started. With brushes, rollers, and tractors with dippers to hoist painters, the project was off. In just one hour, the group finished one side and a large territory of the other area. The FFA Alumni helped complete a big project in a short amount of time. FFA Alumni can support programs in many ways.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

From childhood I have heard the maxim, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." I quickly learned that most maxims express what is, but this one is ludicrous. Words have the power to hurt or to heal, to bless or to curse, to make us popular or to be detested. They make a solid contribution toward living in a stressful world.



Floyd Doering

The caveman dealt with stress when he faced a sabretoothed tiger, the businessman faces stress in trying to close a large contract, the teacher deals with it when he/she faces the class, the teenager deals with it when taking an important exam, the mother deals with it when her kids get sick. Stress is the wear and tear on our bodies and minds as a result of not doing anything about stressful situations. Stress finds its outlet in ulcers, asthma, headaches, and a stiff neck. Golly, I'm only batting .750!!! Teaching is a stressful occupation—so is writing this article.

There are reasons we experience more stress today. We get involved in too many things. We don't pay attention to stress 'cause if we did we'd have to reorganize our lives, establish priorities, and refuse to burden ourselves with everything that came along. Most of us grew up on the farm and our lives have been geared to hard work. As David Seabury said, "Frenzied toil has long been a curse in America, though often praised as a virtue." We somehow feel guilty and find it difficult to relax—someone might call us "lazy." Yet some of us do little physical labor and we leave at the end of the day feeling totally exhausted. This, my friends, is plain old ordinary stress. As Aldous Huxley stated, "Maybe this world is another planet's hell."

So what do we do about it? For starters, let's not get involved in everything that goes on in a community. Let's learn to recognize what we want and need rather than what we should and ought to be doing. Refrain from overuse of booze (a so-called relaxer) and try jogging. Put off until tomorrow what can be "put off until tomorrow." Learn to be responsible to yourself and not to everyone else. Success can burn you out. Leave some time for the repose that is necessary if we are to see and enjoy the stars. Trouble with such advice is that it is apt to be taken by those who have already slowed down.

And now for the crux of the whole problem of stress. The most difficult and greatest factor leading to stress is change. Marriage, divorce, relocation, and death of a spouse are some of the biggest stress factors. Some we can do little about. We can avoid relocation by not changing jobs (if you are happy where you are)—and we can slow down for better emotional and physical health. FFA Advisors and FFA members, the FFA Alumni is willing and anxious to assist you. We are interested in reducing stress wherever and whenever we can. We especially want to reduce the stress brought upon the local FFA Advisor. Will you let us help?

Are you overwhelmed? I didn't make your day! Just remember, sticks and stones may break my bones, but **THINK BIG, ALUMNI.**

CONVENTION DATES

Many members are planning to attend this year's National FFA Alumni and FFA Conventions in Kansas City, Missouri. The expected attendance will be over 22,000. The important dates to remember are November 12-14. The American Royal Livestock Show, The National Agricultural Career Show, and the FFA judging team contests will take place in addition to the Convention activities. We invite your FFA Alumni affiliate to plan a trip to participate in the largest agriculture student convention in the world.

ALUMNI WILL PROVIDE EXTRA EVENT TO SERVE ADVISORS

The FFA Advisors and other adults attending this summer's Washington Leadership Conference will have the opportunity to visit the USDA and the Vocational Bureau of the Office of Education. The FFA Alumni in cooperation with the FFA conference has arranged this educational half-day program.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON FFA ALUMNI TRIP TO FRANCE

The French-American Foundation in cooperation with the FFA Alumni Association announces that a group of twenty farmers and agriculture teachers from different areas of the United States (in the age range of 25-35) will have the opportunity to tour France for two weeks in late July and return in early August.

Participants will be asked to contribute \$750 of the overall expense of the program. This includes all travel, lodging, and most meal expenses. Total program cost is over \$2,000 per person of which the remaining will be absorbed by the French-American Foundation through its own corporate, foundation, and private supporters.

For applications, information, 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, 1980.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 1979 FFA Alumni membership reached 16,000.
- The 1980 FFA Alumni membership is expected to reach 18,000.
- That 489 persons have become life members in the past year.
- The FFA Alumni has become strong support for vo-ag-FFA.

YOU CAN WIN

All FFA Alumni members are encouraged to win the Legion of Merit Award this year. To qualify for this special Citation, all you need to do is enroll ten or more *NEW* FFA Alumni members, or five Life Members this year, or five 1980 FFA Executive Sponsors. You must send their names and yours along with the official application to the National FFA Alumni Office. Applications are available from the FFA Alumni Office or any State FFA Office.

After all, it's your leadership, your personal effort, and your initiative that counts. Help foster the growth of the FFA Alumni Association and demonstrate your faith by qualifying for your special Legion of Merit Citation this year. The Awards are presented during the national meeting in November.

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WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members continues to grow. Life Members can designate a \$100 Memorial Scholarship to be presented to an FFA member in a chapter or state of the Life Member's choice as a memorial of the Life Member upon his/her death, and receive a special life membership card, life membership certificate, and lifetime subscription to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine. Why not join this list of over 2,097 Life Members and send your one-time lifetime fee of only \$100.

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