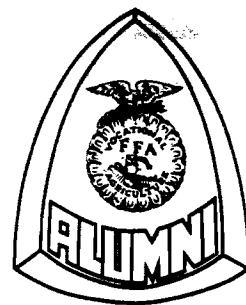


FFA NEWSLETTER

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"THE FUTURE ... IT'S ALL WE WANT IT TO BE"

by Rick Metzger, National President

June 1, 1988

Dear Diary,

For as many years as I can remember, I've always watched the "Wizard of Oz" on TV at least once a year. As a child at home, I can remember my parents allowing my brothers and I to stay up past bedtime to watch the show — even though we always knew how it would turn out. Now I watch the show and wonder how Dorothy felt as she started her journey down the Yellow Brick Road to the Land of Oz.

I can relate to Dorothy's situation. I've completed half my journey as your national president, and like Dorothy, I've met friends and even had a few obstacles. But, as a team, we overcame and moved forward! I'm starting to see the end of my journey as president with the national convention just over the horizon; and just like Dorothy's last challenge was to make it through the poppy field to get to Oz, my last major task will be to assist in running the second annual State Leaders Conference in July.

Dorothy always had the power to go home but never knew it. Well, we have the power to continue to grow and become a stronger organization. Each one of us can do a small part, such as recruit one new Alumni member who has the same desire to want to help the young men and women in the blue and gold. Like Dorothy said, "There's no place like home." I believe there's nothing better than the FFA!" Let's take a walk down the Yellow Brick Road together and get bigger and stronger as we go. So when the young people in the FFA need us, we'll be there!!

I'm sure, if I could travel down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, we would have the same idea. Let's look forward to the future with more enthusiasm than the past, and I'm sure we'll travel the road to success. If you need assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact any National FFA Alumni council member.

Well, Diary, my book is almost filled — just one more final entry in November. Keep thinking positive!!

Your friend,
Rick Metzger



Rick Metzger, National FFA Alumni President is Marketing Manager for Seedex Distributors Inc., Waterville, Ohio.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The 1988 National FFA Alumni Convention will be held on Wednesday, November 9, in Kansas City, Missouri. The 61st National FFA Convention, with an expected attendance of over 22,000, will start Wednesday evening, November 9, and end at noon on Saturday, November 12. The FFA has the largest annual student convention. The conventions are filled with many once in a lifetime activities and some of our nation's greatest speakers. We hope you will be able to attend this year's national conventions.

CONVENTION AUCTION

The FFA Alumni's third annual auction will be held on Wednesday, November 9, in Bartle North during the FFA and FFA Alumni Conventions in Kansas City, Missouri. Your help in securing auction items will be appreciated. The Michigan FFA Alumni will coordinate this year's auction. Last year approximately \$20,000.00 was raised. Two round-trip Eastern Airline tickets, good for travel in the United States, and a 1989 Chevy pickup truck have already been donated. Please call 703-360-3600 if you have an item to donate or can assist with securing an item. Monies raised from the auction will be used for scholarships for FFA members.

EASTERN AND CONTINENTAL AIRLINES OFFER CONVENTION DISCOUNTS

Eastern Airlines will provide 65% off normal coach fares and Continental will provide 30% off normal coach fares. Continental also offers five percent off the supersaver fare. You can receive these discounts by using the convention contact access number (EZ11P25). You can contact the convention desk at 1-800-468-7022, or your travel agent may call and use the access number. The discounts on coach tickets have no minimum stay or advance booking requirements and no penalty for cancellations. This is a major advantage over many other discount tickets. The FFA Alumni Association has received a contribution of two free tickets from Eastern Airlines for the auction and will receive one additional free ticket for every forty tickets sold under the contact access number.

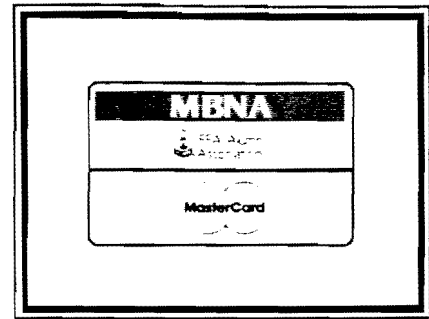
CHARLES MILLER, OHIO SERVED AS 1988 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS INTERN

Charles E. Miller of Amanda, Ohio, served as the FFA Alumni governmental affairs intern this summer. He spent four weeks communicating the importance of vocational agriculture and FFA by meeting with congressional leaders and staffs, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and agricultural and educational associations in the Washington, DC, area. Mr. Miller, a teacher for eight years at Amanda-Clearcreek High School and past president of the Ohio FFA Alumni, was selected to represent educators. This program is funded and coordinated by the National FFA Alumni and has provided an excellent opportunity to communicate information on the importance of vocational education in agriculture to leaders in both the legislative and administrative areas.

ALUMNI MEMBER FIGHTS FOR VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

Gerald Evers of Outagamie County, Wisconsin, stated, that according to a March 17, 1988, article in "Agri-View", the Freedom High School came close to losing its vocational agriculture department. "What would it be like to attend a rural high school that does not offer vocational agriculture or FFA?" stated Mr. Evers. He cannot imagine it and does not want his child to find out. A hand full of farmers, lead by Dennis Van Vreede and Gerald Evers, formed the Freedom FFA Alumni to specifically keep vocational agriculture alive. The group has 40 members and vocational agriculture-FFA has been temporarily saved. The FFA Alumni is now working with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to allow the vocational agriculture classes to count for science credit. This new FFA Alumni affiliate is planning other activities to inform the community of their continued vigilance and support for the FFA and vocational agriculture. Mr. Evers states that what he learned as an FFA member has helped him improve his 236-acre farm. He joins our 30,000 members across the nation in working to maintain and improve the vocational agriculture-FFA program.

THE FFA ALUMNI SILVER MASTERCARD



The FFA Alumni Association is pleased to announce that over 200 members have been approved to carry the MBNA Silver MasterCard. Not only is this an excellent MasterCard with several benefits to the holder, but it provides reimbursements to the FFA Alumni. The FFA Alumni Association receives income with each new card issued and also receives .5 percent of each dollar charged on the card. During the first six months, the FFA Alumni has received over \$700.00 from the Maryland Bank N.A.

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To apply, simply call Maryland Bank N.A. at 1-800-847-7378 or request an application from the National FFA Alumni office.

FFA ALUMNI SELECTED TO VISIT HOLLAND

The six FFA Alumni selected to visit Holland this summer, as part of our exchange program which started in 1980, are John Binversie of Kiel, Wisconsin; Janine Hansen of Bismarck, North Dakota; Dan Rosik of Denmark, Wisconsin; Linda Kuczer of Pulaski, Wisconsin; Peter Steiner of Chilton, Wisconsin; and Jim Sipiowski of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The two-week trip will feature the Holland dairy industry. The FFA Alumni will host six Holland young farmers in 1989 on a two-week visit to the United States.



GET A JUMP ON THE REST

MOVE ON TO QUALITY MEMBERSHIP

Being just an ordinary jungle creature, I never got much notice. But now, have I got a story to C-R-O-A-K about! A good FFA Alumni member invited me to join their organization and attend a local affiliate meeting. Boy, was I impressed! Those folks really get things done.

They were all so very friendly that I didn't feel like a "FROG OUT OF WATER." I was just one of them.

Thanks, "FFA ALUMNI" for making it possible for me, an insignificant jungle creature, to be able to be a part of something big and important. I'm going to take a big step and "sign-up" new members so others can assist our local vocational agriculture/FFA organizations.

REMEMBER....these easy guidelines: A - Ask them

S - Sign them up

K - Keep them busy

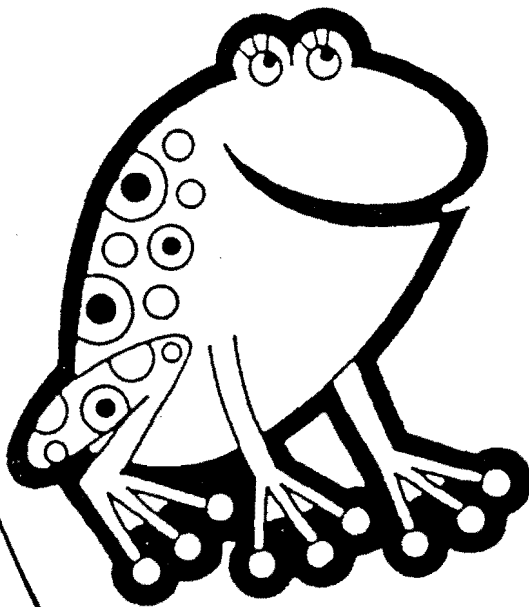
Membership is every members
business - DO IT TODAY.

Do what I'm going to do!
I'm going to attend Alumni
meetings and functions, keep
informed plus participate
when I can. I vow by the
next meeting, that I will
have signed up one new and
active member.

HOW ABOUT YOU.....

It's a good thing FFA
Alumni members ARE MADE---
NOT BORN. This way, every-
one can share the experience.

By Jim Sipiorski
National Membership Chr.



CHEVY TRUCK DONATED FOR 1988 AUCTION



The FFA Alumni has received a Chevy pickup truck to be auctioned at this year's convention. The full-size 1989 pickup truck contributed by Chevrolet will have the authentic blue and gold colors and carry the official FFA emblem. The FFA Alumni will provide \$1,000.00 of the proceeds to the local FFA, YFA, or PAS, FFA Alumni affiliate, or state agriculture teachers association as designated by the buyer. Pictured above is the Chevy truck that was auctioned and sold in 1987 to the Frank Rodgers, Jr. & Son Poll Hereford Farm of Castleford, Idaho.

FFA ALUMNI'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

Floyd Doering has prepared a list of ten commandments for the FFA Alumni. Mr. Doering is a professional speaker, past National FFA Alumni president, and retired Wisconsin FFA advisor. He will be a speaker at this year's National FFA Alumni Convention. Mr. Doering, in his strong conviction to young people and the FFA, challenges all of us to study and personally adopt his ten commandments for the FFA Alumni Association.

1. *Thou shalt be an FFA Alumni member by choice and not by chance.*
2. *Thou shalt support and promote the FFA - local, state, and national.*
3. *Thou shalt not conduct dull and boring meetings.*
4. *Thou shalt communicate - sharpen thy speaking skills.*
5. *Thou shalt follow proper rules of parliamentary procedure.*
6. *Thou shalt be enthusiastic.*
7. *Thou shalt not procrastinate.*
8. *Thou shalt develop thy leadership skills.*
9. *Thou shalt covet the FFA above all others.*
10. *Thou shalt keep holy the family day.*

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FFA CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY



State and national FFA officers, during the National Goodwill Tour, met with Lawrence Augenstein who served as national FFA vice president in 1928 and was one of the first group of ten American Farmer degree recipients in 1929. Pictured from left are Kathy Biuns, California FFA reporter; Kelli Evans, national FFA president; Mr. Augenstein; and Dunn LeDoux, national FFA vice president. Mr. Augenstein has attended most of the 60 FFA Conventions and is making plans to join in the excitement of celebrating the 61st convention. Note that the group is standing by his car which has a California license plate that reads "1928 FFA".

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The 1988 PAS Impromptu Speakers for Agriculture national winners being presented their award by Mr. Sipiorski are (l-r) Drew Fletcher, New York; Nancy Surprenant, Minnesota; and David Cooley, Missouri.



The 1988 PAS Prepared Speakers for Agriculture national winners pictured above with Mr. Sipiorski are (l-r) Kathy Taylor Swehla, Washington; Tina Miner, New York; and Mike Stanek, Illinois.

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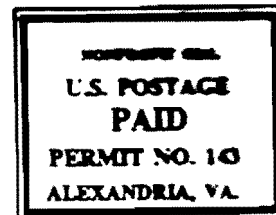
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