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INVITING YOU TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

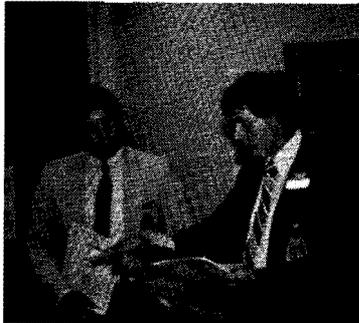
BY JAY HOUSEHOLDER, 1985 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

On behalf of the National FFA Alumni Council, I would like to invite each of you to the Fourteenth Annual National FFA Alumni Convention on Wednesday, November 13, at the H. Roe Bartle Center in Kansas City. This year has been good for the FFA Alumni and it is only fitting to come together to celebrate the Achievements and prepare for another year.

This year's Convention, I believe, will prove to be an especially enjoyable one for those in attendance. Under the fine planning of Alumni Vice-President Gary Maricle, the 1985 Convention will, hopefully, be more responsive to the needs of those present. To illustrate, several changes have been made in the format. First, for the first time in our history, the delegates of the specific regions will be electing the new Council members during regional caucuses. Then, too, the regional caucuses will give those present the opportunity to personally meet their representative on the National Council and discuss ideas and issues. Secondly, a motivational speaker is being planned for the afternoon session which we feel will be an added attraction. Lastly, the National Council has planned for a banquet to be held following the afternoon session. At the banquet, the prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award will be given.

The changes in the convention format cited above can only be beneficial if there are people in attendance to partake. Your attendance is therefore of the utmost importance if the 1985 National Convention is to be successful. It should also be noted that, besides the format already stated, there are items of business to be discussed and decide which are of national consequence. Each state should certainly be represented in the delegate body for this purpose.

At the beginning of my term as National President, I chose as my theme "Building Bridges in '85". It is my hope that 1985 has been a year in which you and your Alumni affiliate did build bridges of opportunity for the local vocational agriculture department members. It is important as never before that local school district vocational agriculture departments have vital, coordinated community support. If the local Alumni carries out its responsibility, few can question the validity of having a vocational agriculture program. Therefore, even though the National FFA Alumni theme will change after this year's Convention, may we continue to "Build Bridges" for our youth.



Building Bridges

SCHEDULE NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

Wednesday, November 13, 1985 (1-5 PM)
Room 209, H. Roe Bartle Hall
Kansas City, Missouri

Convention Session

Call to Order

President's Address

Business Session

Keynote Speaker

Presentation of—

Washington Conference Scholarships

Work Experience Abroad Scholarship

Outstanding Affiliate Awards

Largest Affiliate Awards

Scrapbook Contest Awards

Legion of Merit Awards

Council Election

Challenge by New President

EASTERN WILL PROVIDE 35% OR MORE DISCOUNT TO CONVENTION

Eastern Airlines, Kansas City's major carrier, is offering the FFA and FFA Alumni an unrestricted convention fare of 35% off the normal round-trip coach fare within the continental U.S. Call early for the limited special excursion fares at even greater discounted rates. Call 800/468-7022 (in Florida 800/282-0244) and refer to account number *EZ11P51*. With 50 or more tickets sold either direct from Eastern or by your travel agent using the account number *EZ11P51*, the National FFA Alumni will receive one free ticket.

FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION BANQUET

The FFA Alumni will hold its first Convention Banquet on Wednesday evening at 5:45 PM upstairs in the south end of the H. Roe Bartle. The banquet will feature speaker Mrs. Reesa Eisler, the National Spokesperson for Agriculture Winner in 1984. Her speech is entitled "Image! Professionalism! Is There a Relationship?". The banquet will also include the presentation of the Outstanding Achievement Awards to the top FFA Alumni members of 1985. The banquet tickets will cost \$10.00 for an all you can eat buffet. Tickets for this banquet can be purchased on Tuesday or Wednesday at the banquet ticket booth in the registration area of the H. Roe Bartle. All FFA Alumni are encouraged to attend this special convention activity.

JULY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a brief report of actions taken at the July Council meeting that is not otherwise reported in this newsletter.

1. Increase the National Postsecondary Agriculture Students Association and Young Farmers Association support to \$850 each during the 1986 year.
2. Voted to hold two FFA Alumni Council meetings and at least one conference call meeting in 1986.
3. Voted to increase National FFA Alumni staff travel to allow travel expenses for the FFA Alumni Secretary to attend the National FFA Alumni Convention.
4. Set 1985 membership goal of 28,000 with 800 new Life members.
5. Made request to FFA Organization for the FFA Alumni and National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association to have greater program involvement with the adults (advisors, Alumni, and parents) attending the Washington Conference Program.
6. Support FFA Foundation by providing them with mailing labels of all FFA Alumni members so a letter asking for financial support can be mailed.
7. Developed the following scorecard for the National Scrapbook Contest:
 - 25 points—Organization
 - 35 points—Neatness
 - 25 points—Pictures
 - 10 points—Identification of Pictures and Clippings
 - 5 points—Completeness
8. To present to Alumni convention delegates an agenda item of establishing a \$300 cap on 1987 Washington Conference scholarships.
9. Propose to Alumni convention delegates that 1987 national annual dues remain at \$5.00 and Life membership dues be raised from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

STATES TO RECEIVE \$2 FOR EACH LIFE MEMBER

In January, 1987, State FFA Alumni Associations will receive \$2.00 for each Life member on record in their state for 1986. With an expected 6,000 Life members, the National Alumni Council budgeted monies to be sent to states to further expand FFA Alumni activities at the state level.

FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL VOTES TO SEEK SPONSOR FOR NEW VIDEOTAPE PRESENTATION

The National Alumni Council and FFA Board of Directors approved the FFA Foundation seeking a special project contribution to produce a new videotape production that will answer the questions—Why have an Alumni? What can it do? How can we organize one? How do we get involved? An outline is presently being developed by the FFA Alumni Council. If this project is funded, every active state will receive at least one half-inch videotape copy and ten 16mm films will be available from the National on a free loan basis. The approximate cost of this activity including filming at several local affiliates and distributing free videotape copies will be \$16,000. Please contact the national office if you know of companies, individuals, or organizations interested in strengthening the future of vocational agriculture-FFA by providing this new resource for making the FFA Alumni stronger.

FFA ALUMNI PRESENTS \$10,000 TO FFA



National FFA Alumni President Jay Householder presented FFA President Steve Meredith a \$10,000 check at the FFA board meeting as payment toward the line of credit extended to the Alumni in the early 1970s. The FFA Alumni has repaid the FFA \$165,000 of the \$185,000 it borrowed.

The Alumni Council met at the FFA Center in July at the time of the FFA board meeting. Other Council members on hand for the presentation, left to right, are J.L. Branch, GA; Larry Reese, FL; Dr. Larry Case, National Advisor; Jim Wells, TN; Randy Meyer, WI; Mrs. Shirley Davis, OK; L.H. Newcomb, OH; Gary Maricle, NE; Woody Cox, Executive Director of the Alumni; Eldon Witt, IL, past president; and Dewey Stewart, IN.

ALUMNI COUNCIL WORKS ON MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The FFA Alumni Council, under the leadership of Jay Householder, is developing a membership plan of action. The development of membership is a critical matter to the survival and success of the FFA Alumni. Committee meetings have been held in May and September and a final report will be available soon.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The National FFA Leadership Workshops conducted by the FFA Alumni will be a highlight of this year's National Convention. The five workshops co-sponsored by The Ace Bolt and Nut Company will be held in Room 209, Bartle Center. The schedule is as follows:

Thurs., November 14	Fri., November 15
1 PM — David Pearce	11 AM — Randy Hedge
3 PM — Mark Herndon	1 PM — John Pope
	3 PM — Bill Caraway

Two special interest workshops for all FFA Alumni attending the Convention will be held Thursday morning in Room 201W, Bartle. A one-hour workshop entitled "Developing Political Affairs Thrust at the Local and State Levels" at 9:00 AM and another workshop "Opportunities of Local FFA Alumni Affiliates" will be held at 11:00 AM. Last year over 5,000 persons participated in at least one of the workshops.

ALUMNI TO HOST CONVENTION RECEPTIONS

A reception for all Honorary FFA American Farmer Degree recipients, sponsored by The Ace Bolt and Nut Company, will be held on Friday morning following the degree ceremony. The FFA Alumni will also host a reception for the international guests and a breakfast for the collegiate vocational agriculture education students (student teachers).

WIN A 35MM CAMERA AT CONVENTION WORKSHOP

The FFA Alumni and American Vocational Association will co-sponsor a workshop at the FFA Convention on writing a good news article and using a 35mm camera. Dr. Roy Dillon from the University of Nebraska will conduct this workshop on Wednesday, November 13, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM for FFA members, advisors, and Alumni. On Thursday morning, he will present a workshop as part of the Agriculture Education Student Teacher Conference being held in conjunction with the FFA Convention. The Wednesday workshop for FFA members, advisors, and Alumni will be held in Room 201W, H. Roe Bartle. A 35mm camera will be given away to a participant of the Wednesday workshop.

1985-86 NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI BUDGET

Income		
Annual Membership Dues		\$117,500
Interest from Life Membership Dues		52,000
Sales Income (state newsletters, stationery, envelopes, etc.)		4,500
Contributions, Special Project Sponsors and Executive Sponsor Contributions		25,950
Miscellaneous		100
	Total	\$200,050
Expenses		
Newsletter		\$ 21,000
Washington Conference Scholarships		15,000
WEA Scholarship		200
NVATA Support		800
National Young Farmers Institute		850
Nat'l Postsecondary Ag Student Organization		850
Governmental Affairs Instructor Intern		1,600
Grants to State Alumni		2,000
Honorary American Farmer Reception		450
National Leadership Workshops		2,000
Annual Meeting		3,000
Delegate Reception		450
State Alumni Leaders Workshop		300
Student Teacher Convention Breakfast		250
Membership List Maintenance		6,500
Membership Cards		1,100
Advertising and Promotion		6,750
State Life Reimbursement of Dues		10,000
FFA Magazine Subscriptions for Life Members		6,500
Office Operations (telephone, postage, supplies)		8,100
Council Members Expenses		13,000
Audit, Insurance, Computer Services and Accounting		4,150
Salaries and Benefits (2 full/1 part time staff and part time help for newsletter mailings)		77,075
Staff Travel		6,950
	Total	\$188,875

ALUMNI WILL SPONSOR BREAKFAST AT AVA CONVENTION

The FFA Alumni will be sponsoring a continental breakfast for spouses of vocational education in agriculture educators attending the December American Vocational Association meeting in Atlanta. The FFA Alumni has been supporting this NVATA activity for the past four years. If the spouse of your FFA advisor is going to attend, please give a special FFA Alumni invitation to attend this breakfast on Saturday morning.

JOHN MOATS TO CONDUCT SPECIAL CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

John Moats of the Dale Carnegie Institute in Kansas City will present two workshops for the 1985 American Farmers, State Public Speaking Winners, representatives of the Gold Emblem Chapters, and FFA Alumni Legion of Merit Award recipients. For several years Mr. Moats, an FFA Alumni member, has presented two very outstanding workshops. This year he will conduct them on Thursday and Friday from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

ALUMNI PROVIDED PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR NATIONAL YOUNG FARMER ASSOCIATION

Eldon Wier served as parliamentarian at the summer YFA business meeting held in Kansas City. The FFA Alumni in addition to covering travel costs for the parliamentarian provided a financial contribution to their National Institute.

FLORIDA FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL MEMBER WAS FINALIST FOR SPACE FLIGHT

Susan Forte, an FFA Advisor and FFA Alumni member, was selected as one of the 116 finalists in the teacher selection for the space shuttle mission. There was a total of 11,146 applicants for the NASA Teacher in Space Project. She was not selected to go into space but certainly represented agriculture in an outstanding manner. Ms. Forte, as an horticulture instructor in Pensacola, proposed a series of crop improvement experiments. She proposed exposing plant cultures to the chemical colchicine at zero gravity. Colchicine is used with day lilies to increase flower size, deepen color and strengthen the plant. Ms. Forte believes that the plant cultures may experience stronger growth if the chromosomes aren't subjected to the pull of gravity.



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WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 5739. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon death, the \$100 lifetime dues be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state of your choice, or as a permanent trust for the FFA Alumni. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter. We salute the 90 new Life Members.

Dennis Hoffingsworth	San Jacinto, CA	Roger Ziegler	Peoria, AZ	Tommy Overton	LaFollette, TN	William Fischer	Plymouth, WI
Faye Hanley	Crystal Beach, FL	Hubert Griffin	Selah, WA	Paul Stames	Chattanooga, TN	Darrel Olson,	Sturgeon Bay, WI
Jerry A. Swanson	Gilberts, IL	Emily Griffin	Selah, WA	David Bishop	Tazewell, TN	Joe Schambow	Platteville, WI
Carl L. Gowler	Effingham, IL	Kim Buethe	Lincolnville, KS	Steve Rogers	Speedwell, TN	Harlan Gehrke	Platteville, WI
Auan Mathis	Elkhart, IA	Jackie McClaskey	Girard, KS	Damon Morgan	Morristown, TN	Wallace Behnke	Brooklyn, WI
Danght Mogler	Alvord, IA	Todd Williams	Girard, KS	Terry Sherron	Portland, TN	Keith Shottliff	Oregon, WI
Damon R. Talley	Hodgenville, KY	Brenda P. Hopper	Amory, MS	Bruce McClure	Cross Plains, TN	Glendon Greenfield	Waupun, WI
Craig Lane	Brainerd, MN	Rickey W. Hopper	Amory, MS	Bill Nash	Greenbrier, TN	William Coldiron	Lynchburg, OH
Jame Inbeck	Sanborn, MN	Ross D. Mills	Princeton, NJ	Lanny R. Wilkinson	White House, TN	David E. Hunsicker	San Antonio, TX
Jon Rentschler	Lakefield, MN	Debra E. Wooster	Nutley, NJ	Tim Chowning	White House, TN	Ronald Reagan	Washington, DC
Wanda M. Tiede	Le Center, MN	Kenneth Kerr	Clovis, NM	Jimmy E. Wells	Rogersville, TN	Virgil Kline	Arlington, VA
Mary F. Buschette	Renville, MN	David Klenk	Oxford, OH	Steve Glass	Decaturville, TN	Robert Cantrell	Alexandria, VA
Donald Fuik	Scottsbluff, NE	Richard Fisher	New Lexington, OH	David B. Wilcox	Paris, TN	Nathan Moore	Mesa, AZ
Marlyn Fuik	Scottsbluff, NE	John H. Lybarger	New Lexington, OH	Greg Story	Puryear, TN	Len Rechichar	Phoenix, AZ
Roger Fuik	Scottsbluff, NE	Gene Mentzer	Roseville, OH	John Perkins	Paris, TN	Cindy Ellis	Florence, KS
Bob Pedulla	Scottsbluff, NE	Charlene Newlon	New Lexington, OH	Keith Hunter	Ashland City, TN	Jay Foraker	New Lexington, OH
Lois Travers	Fullerton, NE	Polly Roberts	New Lexington, OH	Larry McWilliams	Halls, TN	Wayne Stalter	New Lexington, OH
Dave Cuba	Fullerton, NE	William Roberts Jr.	New Lexington, OH	Paul Cox	Blacksburg, VA	Don Newlon	New Lexington, OH
Bernice Henan	Lakeside, NE	Thelma Wolfe	Junction City, OH	Alan Keith	Catawba, VA	Marlin King	Crooksville, OH
Judy Sutton	Alliance, NE	Perry Wolfe	Junction City, OH	William Croft	Swoope, VA	Toby Willis	Newark, OH
Robert G. Eihusen	Grand Island, NE	Daryn Folk	Junction City, OH	Robert H. Anderson	Lake Mills, WI	Kevin Paul	Medford, WI
William Lemmond	Monroe, NC	Ken Snider	New Lexington, OH	W.H. Koepke	Cascade, WI	Jeff Pickerign	Menomonie, WI
Warren J. Davis	Republic, MO	David Gass	Knoxville, TN	Al Micheals	Gienbeulah, WI		

FFA CONDUCTS 29 NATIONAL AG PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Chances are that several new agricultural proficiency awards have been added since you've been involved in the FFA. Currently, there are 29 awards available to members on the local level through sponsors of the National FFA Foundation.

Local members can receive an award medal for their jacket and a certificate and then proceed on to possibly district, and then state ag proficiency award competition. From there, state winners are selected for regional awards where they receive a plaque and check for \$250 at the National FFA Convention. During the convention, a national winner is selected.

The National FFA Agricultural Proficiency Award winner receives a handsome plaque, an additional \$250 check and the opportunity to go on a European Agricultural Proficiency Travel Seminar the following summer, all thanks to the numerous companies and associations who sponsor the individual awards.

Local FFA Chapter Alumni in some areas provide cash and/or other incentives along with the foundation medal and certificate for local FFA winners.

Here is a listing of the 29 FFA agricultural proficiency awards:

Agricultural Electrification	Home and/or
Agricultural Mechanics	Farmstead Improvement
Agricultural Processing	Horse
Agricultural Sales	Nursery Operations
and/or Service	Oil Crop Production
Beef Production	Outdoor Recreation
Cereal Grain Production	Placement in
Dairy Production	Agricultural Production
Diversified Crop Production	Poultry Production
Feed Grain Production	Sheep Production
Fiber Crop Production	Soil and Water Management
Floriculture	Specialty Animal Production
Forage Production	Specialty Crop Production
Forest Management	Swine Production
Fruit and/or	Turf and Landscape Management
Vegetable Production	Wildlife Management

FLORIDA FFA ALUMNI RAISES MONEY WITH RAFFLE



On Thursday, June 13, 1985, the last day of the State FFA Convention, the excitement was mounting as Al Allaband, Merchandizing & Training Manager, Nissan Motor Corporation of Jacksonville pulled the winning ticket from a lot of 12,000 to receive a 1985 Nissan Truck. The winning ticket number was held by Cheryl Hanson, an employee of Consolidated Tomoka Land Company of Sebring. Nine other prestigious prizes were also given away to round out a successful fund drive that netted \$9,500 by the Florida FFA Alumni Association.

One-half the value of the Nissan truck was donated by Nissan Motor Corporation. Four Orlando area dealers, Reed Motors of Orlando, Action Datsun of Kissimmee, Baird-Ray Datsun of Longwood and Norman Brothers Datsun of Orlando donated the remaining portion. Other companies that donated prizes included: Sears Distribution Center, Jacksonville Wilbro, Inc. of Tallahassee, Saben Appliances, Tallahassee and Economy Tackle of Sarasota.

Mark Williams, President, Florida FFA Alumni Association states "the event was a real success and wishes to thank the sponsors and the many individuals that helped with ticket sales."

LIFE ALUMNI ENJOYED CHAPERONING STUDENTS AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The letter printed below was received at the National FFA Center from **Barbara and Irvin Haverland** of Lowry City, Missouri, following their week at the Washington Leadership Conference. As mentioned in the letter, the National FFA Alumni presented 48 scholarships worth \$310 each. In recognition of the scholarships, the FFA Alumni presented a beautiful trophy to each recipient. After having several FFA staff members share this letter, I decided to share it with you in hopes that it will give you an FFA Alumni member's view of this conference.

Dear National FFA Staff:

You're just about to hear from a seldom heard from sector of the FFA Family regarding the Washington Leadership Conference. We're not advisors, not staff, not parents of current FFA members: we ARE Life FFA Alumni members. Our Lakeland advisor, Keith Carmichael, had been to the Washington Conference Program three years. consequently, it was our privilege and immense pleasure to escort four young people from the Lakeland R-III FFA Chapter to the July 15-20 sessions of the Washington Conference Program. Our group, which consisted of Lakeland Chapter Officers—Leann Hillegas, Chance Nichols, J. O. Greenwell, and Laura Harper—Missouri State Vice President, flew from Kansas City to our nation's capitol.

The flight was a first for the majority of us, but it actually started a challenging, fun-filled week of work for our young people. Apparently much introspection took place that week, plus inspiration at several points during those four days. It was a demanding week physically and mentally, but, oh, so stimulating! Each of our four agreed that the only way to make it better would be to make it longer. The experiences, friendships, and acquaintances from so many states left a poignant quality in the air as we prepared to leave Washington D.C.

Our compliments to both Perry Marshall and Bruce Kettler, Directors, on jobs well done. We say both because we had two students at the Twin Bridges Hotel Conference having a fantastic week, while our two young men absorbed so much from the Key-Bridge Conference. It was great to watch them unfold, make new friends, have exciting new experiences, and grow in their self-confidence, manners, and their ability to communicate.

One thrill was seeing two of our students, J.O. Greenwell and Laura Harper, receive National FFA Alumni WCP Scholarships. Our local Alumni Chapter had donated \$100 to each of our four members to help them with their WCP expenses—that's team work!

Never to be forgotten by any of us was the night-time tour of our National Monuments. A feeling of pride kept creeping to the four as we viewed these monuments to the brave, the famous, the leaders, the heroes of our nation. Impressive would describe the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery, all the while thinking of the people buried there and why.

Visiting the National FFA Supply Center proved interesting—especially the work area where engraving is done and jackets are sewn and lettered. Interesting to us after having invested in several of those blue jackets ourselves.

Our Missouri delegation visited Capitol Hill and met with our congressman. We enjoyed a very open question and answer session. It was another demonstration in democracy and citizenship.

As FFA Alumni, we would like to express our appreciation for all the thoughtfulness, hard work, and enthusiasm generated by the directors, staff, and National Officers.

This past week our four WCP participants came to our home, along with their parents and their advisor and his wife, to view slides and each other's snapshots. We reflected on our week in Washington as we enjoyed ice cream and fellowship.

Thanks for providing such power-packed opportunities for our youth!

Sincerely,

Barbara & Irvin Haverland

TEACHER FROM IOWA MAKES OVER 40 VISITS IN WASHINGTON, DC FOR FFA ALUMNI

Mike Earll of Sibley, Iowa, spent one month as the 1985 FFA Alumni Governmental Affairs Intern. He visited over 40 national leaders attempting to share the importance of vocational education in agriculture and the FFA. As part of his internship, he also prepared a position paper on vocational education in agriculture which Congressman Larry Craig of Iowa has agreed to present to Congress this fall as part of the Congressional Record Remarks. In Mr. Earll's final report he states, "It was an experience that enhanced my understanding of the legislative process as well as one that strengthened my view of the important role the FFA Alumni, the National FFA Center and local vo ag departments can play in determining the future of vocational agriculture and the FFA. My findings indicate that those of us involved in vocational agriculture must take a futuristic view of our profession *stressing* and *publicizing* our "high-tech" training, the need for agriculture and agribusiness in the 1980's, and the confidence and leadership skills developed through vo ag, S.O.E., and our student organizations." Any FFA Alumni that would like to have a copy of the 1985 intern report or information on the 1986 intern program should write to the National FFA Alumni office.

LEGION OF MERIT AWARD

The Legion of Merit Award is presented to anyone providing leadership in Alumni membership development. Anyone securing ten new members, five Life members, or five Executive Sponsors since the last Convention will be awarded a certificate. Lapel pins will be presented to persons receiving the award for the third and fifth year and a plaque for the tenth year. Applications must be received by the national office before October 15 for presentation at this year's Convention. For application forms contact the FFA Alumni national office.

STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE

The National FFA Alumni will award four (4) state grants, worth \$500 each, to State FFA Alumni Associations for use in initiating programs to benefit local Alumni affiliates and local FFA chapters. The states must send a definite guideline for grant monies including a budget. All proposals from states must be mailed to the national office by January 1, 1986. Money for these grants is made possible by The Ace Bolt and Nut Company contribution to the FFA Foundation Development Fund and designated for FFA Alumni state grants.

FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed \$100 or more since our Summer 1985 newsletter as an investment towards the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsors' funds directly support the prestigious Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, and Star Agribusinessman Award programs and the FFA Alumni Association. The number of years of contributions are listed in parentheses. We encourage each FFA Alumni to either become an Executive Sponsor or support by finding someone to become an Executive Sponsor.

Gerald E. Jehle (3)	Birmingham, AL	John R. Petty (2)	Chevy Chase, MD
Russ Berna (1)	Visalia, CA	William T. Kemper (12)	Kansas City, MO
Willard G. Clark (1)	Hanford, CA	David J. McDonald (1)	Rochester, NY
Dale E. Wolf (6)	Wilmington, DE	Jay Householder (3)	Junction City, OH
Gary Bartley (5)	Tallahassee, FL	Rich L. Metzger (3)	Woodville, OH
J. Lamar Branch (10)	Tifton, GA	Katherine Holman (5)	Collinsville, OK
L. Gordon Sawyer (2)	Gainesville, GA	Frank R. Roth (1)	Lancaster, PA
Robert C. Lanphier III (4)	Auburn, IL	David G. Smokler (1)	Lancaster, TX
Robert W. Hill (3)	Terre Haute, IN	C. Coleman Harris (2)	Alexandria, VA
Dewey W. Stewart (1)	Indianapolis, IN	Dr. Claud L. Scroggs (15)	Richmond, VA
Robert H. Lounsbury (10)	Des Moines, IA	Lancaster FFA Alumni (4)	Lancaster, WI
Dr. Owen J. Newlin (12)	Des Moines, IA	Douglas E. Butler (3)	Madison, WI
Rex Parsons (1)	Overland Park, KS	Arthur R. Kurtz (11)	Madison, WI
G. D. Schumacher (2)	Great Bend, KS	Virgil O. Martinson (8)	Stoughton, WI
E. A. Wall (10)	McPherson, KS	Roy W. Uelner (12)	Brookfield, WI
Lu Achilles Wall (10)	McPherson, KS	Victor V. Voigt (8)	Reedsville, WI
M/M Elmer Cooper (4)	Adelphi, MD	M/M Robert Wolfe (3)	Brodhead, WI

ALUMNI DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN FFA STATE OFFICER CONFERENCES

Robert Cox, Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni, was invited to participate at two of the National Leadership Conferences for State Officers of the FFA. Steve Meredith, National FFA President, invited him to present a session on how to start FFA Alumni affiliates and the value of the FFA Alumni at the local, state and national levels. The two regional conferences he attended were the Farmland Industries Conference for Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska and the Eastern Conference held at the FFA Center for Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Texas.

ALUMNI HOLDS COOKOUT FOR FFA STATE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

As part of the annual FFA State Presidents Conference, the FFA conducted a cookout for the conference participants and FFA staff on the lawn of the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Virginia. Approximately 180 persons were served steaks which was followed by a speech from the National FFA Alumni President Jay Householder.

NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL WILL ASSIST STATES WITH WORKSHOPS

The National Council regional representatives have agreed to assist states with Alumni workshops using the new FFA Alumni Manual as the text. Any state agreeing to coordinate a workshop should contact either the national office or their regional representative. Workshops will include information on chartering, officer training, and alumni activities.

NEW SUPPLY CATALOG ISSUED!

Be sure to review pages 56 & 57 of the 1985-86 edition of the FFA supply catalog which has been mailed to each vocational agriculture department. Alumni membership pins, caps, jackets, jewelry and the new Alumni necktie are featured on these pages. The new Alumni necktie is dark blue with FFA Alumni lettered in gold and is offered at an introductory price of \$6.95.

FFA FOUNDATION WILL BE MAILING YOU A LETTER

Be watching for a letter to arrive in your mailbox in the near future from the National FFA Foundation. The letter will ask you to support, through the Foundation, award programs which are available to local FFA members. Nearly 50 percent of the \$2.0 million raised by the National Foundation annually is used for FFA activities at the *chapter* and *state* levels. Your local members are motivated by these programs to excel . . . to set higher standards and goals. So your investment in FFA, through the Foundation, benefits your own local FFA'ers. Your gift will help your young people to develop leadership and technical skills as well as the self-confidence they will need for success.

AFFILIATES SHOULD ENTER NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

The National Affiliate Scrapbook Contest will be held at the National FFA Alumni Convention on Wednesday, November 13, in Kansas City. For entry rules, write the national office or see the FFA Alumni Manual. All entries must be turned in at the Alumni registration desk before 1:00 PM and picked up by 5:45 PM just prior to the banquet.

Larry Buhrandt from Suring, Wisconsin, the 1984 and 1985 National Scrapbook winning affiliate, has been responsible for their scrapbook. He has written a poem encouraging you to participate.

"Where's Your Chapter Scrapbook?—What Scrapbook?"
If I wanted to know what your chapter has done this year
Would you scratch your head with hope that past events
might reappear
Or could I simply walk on over to the shelf
Pick up your chapter scrapbook, and find out for myself
Could I see your list of members, do you know who payed
their dues
Who are your lifetime members, are you totally confused
Then dig out your latest roster, write each name on a line
In your chapter scrapbook it'll be easier to find
Who attended the Conventions—the National and State
Who helped with your corn test plot, what was the planting date
Where did you hold your banquet, have you helped the FFA
Get all this information in your scrapbook right away
Did the local newspaper receive your chapter news
Well, someone should report all the activities you do
It's got to hit the newstand to reach the public eye
Then save it for your scrapbook to review the year gone by
Who's out there taking pictures whenever your group meets
Your camera should be ready, this practice can't be beat
Then, when you get your film developed at the photo shop
Your chapter scrapbook should display your best shots
Who's serving on your Council, each member cast their vote
But soon it'll be forgotten, mixed in with the other notes
So get this all together, with the picture that you took
And put it in the pages of your chapter scrapbook
Now when your book's completed, after thanking The Lord
Enter competition for the National Scrapbook Award
But you're already a winner if your scrapbook's up to date
The Scrapbook Award is only icing on the cake
So, if I ask you to tell me things your chapter's done next year
I'm hoping to see a big smile from ear to ear
Then, I want to hear you say, as you point to the shelf
Pick up our chapter scrapbook, and find out for yourself

FFA ALUMNI SUPPORTS FFA WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD PARTICIPANTS



Each member of the fall group of Work Experience Abroad participants was presented with a FFA Alumni cap and a 1985 FFA Alumni membership just prior to departure for their international experience. As part of the WEA program, each participant's membership dues is paid for one year in the FFA Alumni Association. A total of 150 FFA members participated in the FFA's WEA program this year. The FFA also hosts over 250 students from other countries. If you or your local FFA Alumni affiliate is interested in helping to send a FFA member on an international exchange or hosting a student from another country, please write the National FFA Alumni office. Many grants and scholarships for international programs are available for 1986 to assist FFA members with making a WEA experience possible.

ALUMNI PRESENTS WEA SCHOLARSHIP

Russell Gulig of Malone, Wisconsin, will receive a WEA scholarship check for \$195.00. He will be going to Australia in October. The FFA Alumni scholarship is awarded to a FFA member of the state having the most FFA members participating in the WEA program. Wisconsin has 32 FFA members participating in the Work Experience Abroad program with their trips ranging from one month to one year.

CARTHAGE, MISSOURI ALUMNI HELP WITH NATIONAL PARLI PRO CONTEST

The Carthage, Missouri FFA and their Alumni Affiliate have extended an invitation again for state winning parliamentary law teams to compete in an invitational contest. This will be their eighth contest held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12 and 13, just prior to the start of the National FFA Convention in nearby Kansas City.

Last year's winning team was from Waverly, Nebraska. Since the beginning the contest has seen 75 chapters compete representing their states. The two-day event includes a written exam, the demonstration contest, a banquet, and visiting FFA members staying in the homes of hosts.

Jim Honey, FFA Advisor at Carthage, and the FFA Alumni have done an outstanding job in making this invitational contest a success. The FFA board officially moved to commend the Carthage, Missouri FFA Chapter, its advisors, and FFA Alumni Affiliate for initiating and sponsoring the National Parliamentary Law Contest and went on record urging the chapter to continue this invitational activity.

COMPUTERS IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

In August a seminar on Computers in Agriculture was held by the National FFA Organization. The sponsor of this special project of the FFA Foundation was AgriData Resources, Inc. The conference made up of the state FFA winners and their advisors were given lessons on the Ag Ed Network which is the first on-line computer education system in our country.

The FFA Alumni presented each participant with a FFA 50th Anniversary Glass which is considered a collector's item. The FFA alumni also assisted with arrangements for the conference banquet held in the U.S. Congress House Office Building and hosted by Alumni Life member Congressman Wes Watkins of Oklahoma.

NATIONAL FFA TV SPECIAL IN JANUARY

The FFA and vocational education in agriculture will be featured in another national TV special in January, 1986. Mr. K. Elliott Nowels, the producer of "Conflict of Interest", which has been shown in most states as a TV special, is producing the new show. It will be syndicated by Davis-Harrison Advertising. The Monsanto Agricultural Chemicals Corporation, a sponsor of the 1985 show, has agreed to be a major one-third sponsor of the 1986 show. FFA Alumni should make plans now to make videotape copies of the presentation and have special promotions to encourage the community to watch this special. Vocational agriculture instructors will be mailed exact viewing times and stations around the first of January.

FFA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The third National FFA Conference on Community Development was on September 14-18. This BOAC all-expense paid conference was held in Washington, DC, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill. The FFA Alumni provided support for this conference in several ways. We arranged and served a barbecue luncheon on a riverboat cruise on the Potomac River. The Virginia FFA Alumni provided members to assist with serving the approximately 120 participants. Mr. Robert Cox, Executive Director, served on the Conference Planning Committee and was one of the conference speakers. This conference is sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

ALUMNI TO RECEIVE NVATA AWARD

The FFA Alumni Association has been selected to receive the 1985 National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Outstanding Service and Cooperation Award. This award is being presented because of the hard work and dedication of each of the active FFA Alumni members. The award will be presented to the new National FFA Alumni President at the December NVATA Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

LIFE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

The FFA Alumni Council at its July meeting voted that each Life member may designate a \$100.00 amount upon his/her death to be available as a memorial scholarship, as a permanent trust for the FFA Alumni, or (NEW) to support some area of agriculture and/or vocational education in agriculture. Any Life member wishing to change their present designation to this new category should contact the national office.



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