



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL FOCUS ON NATIONAL CONVENTION

FALL - 1977

YOUR INVITATION TO THE SIXTH NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, MR. DAVID C. THOMAS

The National FFA Alumni Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 9 and 10, in the H. Roe Bartle Arena in Kansas City, Missouri. An excellent program has been planned, and we are expecting a large, enthusiastic crowd to be in attendance for this meeting.

The FFA Alumni meeting will be coordinated with the 50th Anniversary National FFA Convention. All FFA Alumni members are encouraged and invited to attend as many of the FFA Convention activities as possible. The FFA Convention starts on Tuesday and adjourns Friday night.

Many new features are being planned for the FFA Alumni meeting this year. Special recognition of charter FFA members, the 1977 American Farmers, the Outstanding Alumni Affiliates, the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award winners, and the Legion of Merit Award winners will be some of the highlights during the two Alumni convention sessions. During the Thursday morning session, Mr. Charley Willey, one of our country's top speakers will address the FFA Alumni Convention session. Mr. Willey is sponsored by the John Deere Company, Moline, Illinois.

FFA ALUMNI PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Room 209 - H. Roe Bartle Arena
Wednesday, November 9 - First Session

9:00 AM - Introduction of National
FFA Alumni Council
Seating of Delegates
Annual Alumni Report
Presentation of Legion
of Merit Awards
FFA Alumni-Foundation
Special Presentation
Business Session

10:30 - 12:00 Working Alumni Com-
mittee Meetings

1:00 - 2:00 PM - First, FFA Lead-
ership Workshop for
FFA Members, Sponsored
by the FFA Alumni

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

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Second, FFA Lead-
ership Workshop

Thursday, November 10

7:00 - 8:45 AM - FFA Charter Mem-
ber Breakfast

9:00 - 12:00 - Second Session
Presentation of Outstand-
ing Achievement Awards
Special Recognition of
1977 American Farmers
Featured Speaker - Mr.
Charley Willey
Presentation of Outstand-
ing Affiliate Awards
Special Recognition of
Charter FFA Members
Committee Reports
Announcement of New
Council Members

1:00 - 2:00 PM - Third, FFA Leader-
ship Workshop

1:00 - 2:00 PM - FFA Advisors'
Workshop - "What FFA
Alumni Has to Offer."

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Fourth, FFA Leader-
ship Workshop

The Mendon FFA chapter with twenty-five members is now supported by their twenty-seven Alumni life members. In a special chartering ceremony on September 25, the Mendon FFA Alumni became the first life affiliate in Ohio and the fifth National Life Affiliate. Mr. Clayton Coffey, FFA advisor, and Mr. Bernard Louth, Alumni chairman, developed a plan for starting the life member affiliate and in less than one month it became a reality. If you are interested in having a copy of their plan, write to Mr. Bernard Louth, 11556 Evans Road, Mendon, Ohio 45862.



PRESIDENT CARTER BECOMES LIFE MEMBER

President Jimmy Carter was presented FFA Alumni life membership number 1004 by Georgia's FFA president, Glenn Smith. Also pictured are the 1977 National FFA Officers, Mr. Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ernest Boyer, Commissioner of Education, and Ms. Midge Costanzo, Assistant to the President. During the special rose garden program for the over 80 state FFA officers attending the State FFA Presidents' Conference, President Carter emphasized his respect for the outstanding FFA Association. President Carter was a vocational agriculture student and FFA chapter officer.



FFA ALUMNI LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The FFA Alumni Leadership Scholarships were presented to fifteen FFA members this past summer. One scholarship is presented in recognition of each 500 FFA Alumni members in a state. Scholarship recipients attending the first FFA Washington Leadership Conference are pictured above from left to right: Rick Davis, Oklahoma; Gary McKiddy, Oklahoma; Robert W. Cox, National FFA Alumni Administrative Secretary; Scott Singleton, Georgia; Gary Eibergen, Wisconsin; Wendy Batker, Wisconsin and Joe Wedig, Wisconsin. Other FFA scholarship winners this year were: Loy Smithson, Illinois; Mickey Schier, Wisconsin; Mark Brazinski, Illinois; Dale Reeves, Virginia; Marty Little, Minnesota; Jim Keehan, Wisconsin; Phil Neff, Ohio; Linda Miller, Ohio and Shirley A. Reno, Illinois.



FOURTH FFA ALUMNI LIFE AFFILIATE

The fourth National FFA Alumni Life Affiliate and the first to be chartered in North Carolina has been formed at North Iredell. The affiliate was chartered with twenty-two life members. Life members pictured, from left to right, first row, are: Reid Ledbetter, David Teague, Bruno Santorum, David Ervin, Jimmy Douglas, Mark Johnson, Bill Douglas, B. W. Campbell, and Marshall Williams; second row, Howard Sloan, Phil McLain, Carrol Goodman, Michael Trivette, John Loyd, J. B. Rash, Norman Riddle, Alan Williams, William Feimster, Wayne Robertson, and Gerald Campbell. Howard Williams, a former national FFA president, and Dorman Loyd were not present for the picture.

NEW SUPPORT FROM FFA ALUMNI

Continuing in our role of support, the FFA Alumni will provide four FFA leadership workshops during the 1977 National FFA Convention. These will provide, free to FFA members, the opportunity to attend one or more of the leadership workshops scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the H. Roe Bartle Arena. The one-hour workshops will be as follows: Personal Dynamics-A Mark of a Leader, Telling the FFA Story, Effective Personal Communications-FFA Style, and Today is the First Day of the Rest of Your Life.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The life membership roster continues to grow. This select group has over 1,057 members. One can become a member of this group of loyal supporters of the FFA by sending the one-time tax deductible lifetime membership fee of \$100. Life members receive a special gold life membership card, life membership certificate, and a lifetime subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER magazine. Upon the death of the applicant, the \$100 may be returned as a Memorial Scholarship to an FFA member. If your name is not on this list, there will be no better time than now to send your \$100 to the National FFA Alumni.

We welcome and are honored to announce the following new Life Members:

Dale P. Scheiderer	Marysville, Ohio
David L. Ervin	Statesville, North Carolina
James N. Riddle	Statesville, North Carolina
Howard W. Sloan	Statesville, North Carolina
James Nettles	Parris, California
Burdell F. Doe	Alexandria, Virginia
Jacob F. Butcher	Knoxville, Tennessee
Howard Walker	McMinnville, Tennessee
Alvin Dahl	Loyal, Wisconsin
Rodney Dix	Chili, Wisconsin
Richard Eibergen	Granton, Wisconsin
Robert Reisner	Granton, Wisconsin
Francis Steiner	Granton, Wisconsin
John E. Griffiths	Morton, Mississippi
Harry T. Argetes	Lacey, Washington
Paul Schulte	Oklarche, Oklahoma
David Martin	Lawton, Oklahoma
Jack Pettigrew	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Martin L. Mitchell	Dover, New Hampshire
George S. Weldon	Milner, Georgia
Robert L. Taylor	Thomas, Oklahoma
Rocky L. Taylor	Thomas, Oklahoma
Herbert C. Johnson	Watertown, Wisconsin
Leslie S. Crawford	Laramie, Wyoming
Anthony L. Tryban	Montague, Michigan
Dr. Ted D. Ward	Lincoln, Nebraska
Jack E. McClaskey	Girard, Kansas
Fred Zillinger	Phillipsburg, Kansas
John Schell	Glade, Kansas
Homer E. Edwards	Hinsdale, Illinois
Elmo Worthington	Clinton, Tennessee
Charles E. Willoughby	Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
Howard Farmer	Clinton, Tennessee
Ronald Scott	Garden City, Kansas
A. E. Cook	Garden City, Kansas
John P. Fischer	Plymouth, Wisconsin
Harvey W. Fischer	Plymouth, Wisconsin
Julian M. Campbell	Richmond, Virginia
Nelson C. Wright	Weyers Cave, Virginia
O. Beverley Roller	Weyers Cave, Virginia
Wilson W. Carnes	Alexandria, Virginia
Gladys Freeman	Okeechobee, Florida
Thilbert Kelso	Guthrie, Oklahoma
Gary L. Beck	Henning, Illinois
Roger Bengtson	Geneseo, Illinois
James McFarland	Marysville, Ohio

Weldon E. Simpson	Jacksonville, North Carolina
John F. Spence	Brooklet, Georgia
Wade B. Shivers	Moore Haven, Florida
Albert M. Bachman	Benson, Illinois
Jeffrey K. Adams	Middlebury, Vermont
Joseph A. Manda II	Basking Ridge, New Jersey
Kathryn Kubicek	Lake Crystal, Minnesota
Charles W. Hand	Quitman, Mississippi
Richard P. McDaniel	Nevada, Ohio
Donald B. Triebensee	Rice Lake, Wisconsin
Donn W. West	Rice Lake, Wisconsin
Myron F. Mommsen	Rice Lake, Wisconsin
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James A. Hulvey	Mount Sidney, Virginia
Richard W. Vaughan	South Ryegate, Vermont
Elizabeth A. Vaughan	South Ryegate, Vermont
Stewart G. Vaughan	South Ryegate, Vermont
Garry D. Steinley	Fairview, Montana
Randall Bally	Roanoke, Illinois
Thomas R. Stitt	Carbondale, Illinois
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George Whitfield	Paris, Tennessee
James Cloar	Paris, Tennessee
George Wofford	Paris, Tennessee
Travis C. Hopper	Little Rock, Arkansas
Joe Moore	Granville, Tennessee
Donald Moore	Elmwood, Tennessee
Charles Brown	Chickasha, Oklahoma
Dennis Uncapher	Mendon, Ohio
Bernard E. Louth	Mendon, Ohio
Arbutus Louth	Mendon, Ohio
Karl W. Duff	Mendon, Ohio
David W. Shellabarger	Mendon, Ohio
Don E. Shellabarger	Mendon, Ohio
Dave Baucher	Celina, Ohio
Mark Enyart	Celina, Ohio
James W. Tingley	Rockford, Ohio
Jerry A. Rolsten	Mendon, Ohio
Rex E. Johnson	Mendon, Ohio
Robert E. Hesse	Mendon, Ohio
Joyce H. Coffey	Mendon, Ohio
Clayton H. Coffey	Mendon, Ohio
Thomas E. Clay	Mendon, Ohio
Tyrone D. Thomas	Mendon, Ohio
Roger E. Sites	Spencerville, Ohio
William G. George	Mendon, Ohio
Hubert Dick	Mendon, Ohio
George M. Wilson	Rockford, Ohio
Thomas Muhlenkamp	Rockford, Ohio
John F. Maurer	Mendon, Ohio
Max J. Shaffer	Mendon, Ohio
Kenneth L. John	Mendon, Ohio
Glenn E. Masser	Mendon, Ohio
Jeff P. Hays	Rockford, Ohio
Scott A. Enyart	Celina, Ohio
Bruce L. Miller	Salisbury, North Carolina
Jim D. Moore	Cornersville, Tennessee
Howell H. Steed	Warrenton, North Carolina
Butch Plyler	Matthews, North Carolina
Dr. Lowell F. Hillen	Champaign, Illinois

DID YOU KNOW?

The FFA Alumni has increased its emphasis as a voice of support for vocational agriculture and the FFA. The National FFA Alumni Council and other FFA Alumni leaders have been involved in presenting the FFA and the vocational agriculture story on numerous occasions. Listed below are some of the areas the National FFA Alumni has served as your voice.

A. The FFA Alumni urged that the interpretations to the Vocational Education Amendments include provisions for vocational student organizations. The interpretations now include provisions for student organizations.

B. The FFA Alumni encouraged the filling of the FFA Executive Secretary's position by HEW which was vacant after Mr. William P. Gray retired. Mr. Coleman Harris was named the new FFA Executive Secretary in July.

C. The FFA Alumni assisted with scheduling an appointment with President Carter during the State Presidents' Conference this summer.

D. The FFA Alumni Administrative Secretary served on a Taxonomy Revisions Committee for agriculture/agribusiness occupations which were appointed by HEW.

E. The FFA Alumni has voiced objection to the National Center for Educational Statistics for not accepting the agricultural taxonomy committee report. The separation of agricultural mechanics and forestry from agricultural education and the terminology used by HEW in the new classification system is of major concern to the FFA Alumni.

F. The FFA Alumni has urged the Census Bureau to add questions on secondary agricul-

tural employment (part-time) which will give more realistic data on the number of persons involved in agriculture. The census data is used in determining the number of persons that will utilize training in agriculture.

The FFA Alumni has also been active in serving as a voice in support of vocational agriculture at the state level. The FFA Alumni in Kansas have reported that the FFA executive secretary's position has been reestablished after a reorganization in the Department of Education had eliminated the full-time position. The FFA advisor-executive secretary's position in Massachusetts was being reviewed for possible elimination until an organized effort emphasized the need for this state leadership position to serve vocational agriculture.

The vital role of the FFA Alumni as your voice of support for the FFA and vocational agriculture will continue to increase. The National FFA Alumni Council has appointed a governmental affairs committee for the purpose of developing a system which will express the merits of a quality vocational agriculture program in the most expendable and best way possible.

FFA ALUMNI LEGION OF MERIT AWARD

The FFA Alumni Legion of Merit Award requirements have been raised for 1978. The award will then require that the recipient secure 20 new members plus at least one life member. The current requirement is still in effect and Legion of Merit certificates will be presented to anyone who has recruited ten NEW members and mailed their application to the national office before November 8. Be sure your state is well represented at the Legion of Merit Award presentation during the first session of the FFA Alumni Convention. Spread the word and break your last year's number of recipients.



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