



Alumni

"Special Charter Member Issue"

FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

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A letter from the Chairman . . .

Dear Alumni Members:

So much has already happened and the plans are developing so fast in our new organization that I hardly know where to begin in this first newsletter.

As many of you know, we have toyed with this idea of a national FFA alumni association for a number of years. It is most rewarding to see it coming to a reality. The necessary funds to get the program rolling were loaned to us by the National FFA Board of Directors. Without their genuine interest and support, we could have never started rolling. Your present interest and continued interest is what is now needed to make it grow. This means that we hope you will go forth and solicit the membership of another former FFA member and request that he do the same thing and if we would follow this direction, there would be no worries about the growth of the Alumni.

The need was never greater for all of us to rally around the organization that I'm certain has meant as much to you as it has to me. The support is needed to those not only actively engaged in farming, but those that have gone into the many agri-business ventures and other enterprises in this great Country of ours.

I am looking forward to the day which is coming very soon wherein our program and policies will be fact rather than a dream. I hope each of you will either plan on attending or that you will make provisions wherein you or your state will be represented at the first National FFA Alumni Meeting on May 12, 1972, O'Hare Airport Inn, Chicago, Illinois.

The present Alumni Council members need your wisdom, your counsel and your vision in setting and chartering our future course. We have ideas, outlines and formats which are contained elsewhere in this newsletter. These have been listed only as guidelines, because it is my desire that all the former members of the FFA have an opportunity of developing this program and being a part of it. I feel certain that the founders of the Future Farmers of America in 1928 never fully realized the possibilities of their organization or how it would take its place in leading the rural youth to a prominent spot in our society. I am certain that this Alumni organization has great potential that we cannot see at this time either.

I urge you to work hard in getting as many Charter members as we possibly can because after May 12th, there will be no more Charter memberships available. I urge you to join with the members of the Council in Chicago in developing our programs and policies, as well as nominating your Council officers for the year to come. I'm certain that you want to be known as "one of those who helped in giving birth to the National FFA Alumni".

Looking forward to seeing you in Chicago, I am

Very truly yours,

Gus R. Douglass
Chairman,
FFA Alumni Council

FIRST NEWSLETTER!

This is the first FFA Alumni Newsletter, it will be sent to members in the future on a quarterly basis. The Newsletter's aim is to keep you informed as the organization develops and to provide members a means of communicating with each other. It is hoped it will become a forum for the exchange of ideas of what other FFA Alumni organizations are doing both on state and local levels.

Although this Newsletter is being sent to you, we hope this one-way contact will develop into a two-way dialogue. The success of this publication will depend upon what stories, photos, and information each organization sends to us. News of events, activities and other interesting items about FFA Alumni Associations and their members are solicited.

We hope you enjoy reading this first "Special Charter Member Issue". It is hoped you will evaluate this maiden effort toward a Newsletter and give us your comments and suggestions as to features or items which might seem important to you. Address your comments to: FFA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

LET US HELP YOU!

If you have questions about the FFA Alumni Association, send them to the FFA Alumni office at the same address and we shall attempt to answer them.

WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED INTERNATIONALLY?

Opportunities abound for FFA Alumni affiliates or the individual alumni member to assist the local FFA Chapter in adding an international dimension to the program of activities. There is a need for host families and FFA Chapters to assist in developing work experience programs in production agriculture, horticulture, and agriculture mechanics for foreign students. Alumni members can also help FFA members from their chapter to live and work with a host family in one of 16 countries currently participating. Additional information on hosting an exchange student in the community is available from: National FFA Center, Box 15160, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

THE BEGINNING

The organizational meeting of the FFA Alumni Association is planned for May 12, 1972 in Chicago, Illinois at the O'Hare Inn which adjoins the airport from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM.

The agenda for this historic meeting is as follows:

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Call to Order by National FFA Alumni Council Chairman, Gus R. Douglass
Welcome - H. Neville Hunsicker,
National FFA Advisor
Roll Call by states
Roll Call by chapters
Presentation of State Charters
Presentation of Life Membership Certificates
- 9:45 AM "Growing Stronger Day by Day"
Up to date progress report
Jay Benham, Administrative Secretary
- 10:15 AM Coffee Break
- 10:30 AM "Planning for the Future"
Division into committee assignments
Constitution Committee
Membership Development Committee
National Activities Committee
State Activities Committee
Local Activities Committee
Nomination Committee
- 11:45 AM Musical warm-up for broadcast
- 12:00 PM Luncheon
- 12:05 PM On Air--Orion Samuelson, WGN broadcast
- 12:55 PM Off Air
- 1:15 PM Business Session
Reports by morning groups
Adoption of Constitution
Selection and announcement of national activities
Future plan of membership development
Nomination of candidates for Alumni Council
State program ideas for the future
Local program ideas for the future
Announcement of October meeting
- 3:30 PM Adjournment

Everyone planning to attend this meeting should so indicate to the FFA Alumni Association, Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309, (703/360-3600) so reservations for the meal function can be made.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Everyone who joins the FFA Alumni Association before the organizational meeting on May 12, 1972 will become a "Charter Member" of the National FFA Alumni Association. Dues are \$4.00 per year or \$100.00 for life membership. Membership is open to all former active, collegiate, or honorary FFA or NFA members and both present and former professional vocational agricultural educators.

LEADING THE WAY

These are the pioneers who chartered the first local FFA Alumni affiliates. Local affiliates are the heart of the FFA Alumni Association and a local affiliate may be chartered on a school, county, or other area basis. Three steps are required: (1) to have at least 10 dues-paying members, (2) to have purposes in harmony with the national FFA Alumni Constitution and, (3) to have a designated chairman. The following are listed according to their order of chartering:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>
1	Miami East, Casstown, Ohio
2	Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, Kansas
3	Chestnut Ridge, Fishertown, Pennsylvania
4	Salisbury, Salisbury, Missouri
5	Iowa, Iowa, Louisiana
6	Central Laramie County, Burns, Wyoming
7	Many, Many, Louisiana
8	Goodlettsville, Goodlettsville, Tennessee
9	Luling, Luling, Texas
10	Citronelle, Citronelle, Alabama
11	Clay-Battelle, Blacksville, West Virginia
12	Kimball, Kimball, Nebraska
13	Gordon, Gordon, Nebraska
14	White County, Sparta, Tennessee
15	Knox Central, Barbourville, Kentucky
16	Caldwell County, Princeton, Kentucky
17	Morgan County, West Liberty, Kentucky
18	North Iredell, Olin, North Carolina
19	Cumberland County, Crossville, Tennessee
20	Gaithersburg, Gaithersburg, Maryland
21	Fort Defiance, Fort Defiance, Virginia
22	Montevideo, Penn Laird, Virginia
23	Azle, Azle, Texas
24	Atwood, Atwood, Kansas
25	Carthage, Carthage, Mississippi
26	Colebrook, Colebrook, New Hampshire

BILLING PROCEDURE

Annual membership dues are for a 12-month period. Billings shall be made each year during the month of first joining (the "anniversary date" of becoming a member) or until a state association undertakes the billing within the state.

Those who joined early have a "grace period" since the first billing for membership renewal will not come until after the May 12, 1972 organizational meeting. All who join prior to the meeting are "Charter Members".

This billing procedure is being followed to prevent stifling members from joining late in the billing year. It will improve services to members and more evenly distribute the workload by reading the billing process more equitably throughout the year and avoid producing a gigantic bulk billing.

As we approach the organizational meeting many states are chartering state FFA Alumni Associations and will become the "Founding States" of the National FFA Alumni Association.

The following states have chartered state FFA Alumni Associations, listed in order of chartering:

<u>No.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>State Chairman</u>
1	Kansas	Lauren Libby
2	Louisiana	Richard Weber
3	Indiana	G. Allen Ullom
4	Ohio	D. R. Purkey
5	Oregon	David E. Hall
6	Texas	Dennis Engelke
7	Oklahoma	Monte Reese
8	Wyoming	Joe Navrath
9	Tennessee	John T. Leeman
10	Illinois	Kenneth Cheatham
11	Virginia	Dwight Houff
12	Montana	George Larson, Sr.
13	Nebraska	Roger Sandman
14	West Virginia	Alvin Cox
15	Pennsylvania	Richard Waybright
16	Kentucky	Edward O'Nan

NEWSMAKERS AROUND THE COUNTRY

This section of the newsletter is designed to provide capsule information about the activities of the FFA Alumni affiliates and serve as a medium for sharing ideas.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE FFA ALUMNI?

Central Laramie County, Wyoming

Served the county Farm Bureau Banquet to earn money to send a Chapter FFA member to the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. next summer. Other FFA Alumni activities include: "White Elephant" sale, transportation of livestock projects to fairs, assist with calf sales, judging contests and training of teams, substitute teaching, lessons on social graces, class demonstrations, etc.

Luling, Texas

Building a greenhouse for the local vocational agriculture department.

Starting a bull testing service in the community.

Miami East, Ohio

Provided instructions and demonstrations to vocational agriculture classes for procedures on safe operation of farm machinery.

Conducting a farm tour and barbecue with local Jaycees.

A number of local organizations have been active in placement of students for work experience.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL

The National FFA Alumni Association is directed by an eleven man Alumni Council. Those presently serving on this council are:

Chairman--Mr. Gus R. Douglass

West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture and former National President of the Future Farmers of America in 1946-1947.

Vice Chairman--Dr. James P. Clouse

Chairman of Vocational Education, Purdue University and former member of the National FFA Board of Trustees.

Mr. Larry Craig

Now engaged in farming in Idaho and a former FFA Vice President 1965-66.

Dr. Willie T. Ellis

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Director of Instructional Development at North Carolina A&T State University.

Mr. Millard Gundlach

Instructor of Vocational Agriculture at Southwest Wisconsin Vocational-Technical School at Fennimore, Wisconsin and former National President of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association.

Mr. Edwin C. Hadlock

Engaged in farming at Lockland Farms, Hammond, New York and formerly Assistant Master of the National Grange.

Mr. Kenneth G. McMillan

Serving as Special Assistant to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and formerly served as Assistant to the President of the Illinois Agricultural Association. He served as National FFA President in 1962-63.

Mr. Harry Birdwell

Served as National FFA President in 1969-70. Now a student at Oklahoma State University where he has served as President of the Student Association.

Mr. Dan Lehmann

Now a student at the University of Illinois and National FFA President in 1970-71.

Mr. Tim J. Burke

The current National FFA President.

Mr. H. Neville Hunsicker

National FFA Advisor.

FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

To fill the National FFA Alumni Council in line with the constitution the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education have appointed Mr. Gordon Galbraith of Oregon to serve as the State FFA Advisor, and Mr. Billy Conner of Texas to serve as the State FFA Executive Secretary on the National FFA Alumni Council.

FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL ELECTION

The election of the next FFA Alumni Council members shall be by mail ballot to all members following the May 12th meeting. Candidates will be nominated for the ballot at that time.

LIFE MEMBERS WELCOMED

Ronald E. Squires	Reno, Nevada
Lyle D. Carpenter	Denver, Colorado
James Clouse	West Lafayette, Indiana
W. H. Wayman	Charleston, West Virginia
H. Neville Hunsicker	Arlington, Virginia
Ted E. Amick	New Paris, Pennsylvania
Gus R. Douglass	Charleston, West Virginia
Neil A. Smith	Peebles, Ohio
Joseph B. Detrixhe	Ames, Kansas
George A. Ullom	Winchester, Indiana
Robert E. Moore	Tempe, Arizona
Marvin Lee Culy	Hagerstown, Indiana
Joe Horlen	Marble Falls, Texas
George J. Lewis	Quincy, Illinois
Richard C. Grower	Boonville, New York
Ronnie Childs	Terra Alta, West Virginia
H. Palmer Hopkins	Beltsville, Maryland
Phillip L. Berkenbile	Dover, Oklahoma
Fred W. Burt	Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
Willard D. Kuykendall	Watsonville, California
Gailen D. Martin	San Francisco, California
D. Ross Sullivan	San Francisco, California
Monte C. Ladner	Carthage, Mississippi
Dennis C. Sargent	Bradford, Ohio
Billy Ray Gowdy	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Ernest N. Thorp	Clinton, Illinois
George F. Meyer	Lafayette, New Jersey
George A. Nicholas	Sonoma, California
A. B. Childers	Mart, Texas
T. G. Walters	Lavonia, Georgia
C. Horace Forshee, Jr.	Ashburn, Georgia
Edward O'Nan	Sturgis, Kentucky
H. T. Shouse	Morganfield, Kentucky
Tommie H. Jenkins	Burkeville, Virginia
Ronald M. Wood	Scottville, Michigan