



# FFA Alumni Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### WHAT TIME IS IT?



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What time is it? That is a question asked frequently. Time is a commodity that each of us shares in equal amounts. Everyone is equal in that each one of us has an allotment of exactly 24 hours each day—no more, no less.

Time is a measuring technique. It is the means by which we designate our age, our appointment schedules, the period for payment of a financial obligation, or when we hope to reach a specific goal or objective which we have set for ourselves.

What does all of this have to do with the FFA Alumni, you ask. Actually, the answer to the question, "What time is it?" has a great deal to do with the future of our Association.

What time is it? It is time to take a reading on what and how much we have accomplished along the way since our National Convention in Kansas City last fall. Life membership has shown remarkable growth with 1400 individuals to date who have made their commitment to become life members of the FFA Alumni Association. We can point to success stories in many states where Alumni activity in support of the FFA and Vocational Agriculture is expanding. This is all on the plus side.

What time is it? It is time that as an Alumni Association we renew our efforts to stimulate Alumni expansion in areas that as yet have not taken advantage of the opportunity to support the FFA in a very real and viable way through active local affiliates and state alumni councils.

What time is it? In mid-summer of 1978 it is time to take note of how far we have gone toward meeting our goal of at least *five* new Executive Sponsors in each state by the time of our convention in Kansas City in November. The seed has been planted, the goals have been set, and some states have surpassed their quotas.

What time is it in your state? My challenge as National FFA Alumni President is for each of you to utilize to the best advantage the time, the short time, we have left between now and November, not only to reach—but hopefully go beyond the goal we set at our national meeting in 1977.

What time is it? The Old Testament Scriptures say it very beautifully:

"To everything there is a season, and a time and purpose under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

Yes, the sand in our hourglass is running. Therefore the time is **NOW!** May we count on your positive answer and action when the question is asked, "What time is it now for the FFA Alumni Association?"

Remember, we will never "find" time for anything. If we want time, we must make it.

### NOW IS THE TIME

Make plans to attend the FFA Alumni and the FFA Anniversary Conventions in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 8–10. The FFA Alumni speaker will be Jon F. Greeneisen, Deputy Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. Mr. Greeneisen is a past National FFA Public Speaking Winner from Marysville, Ohio. Approximately 25,000 people are expected for the FFA Anniversary Convention. Room reservations with hotels should be made now.

### NOW IS THE TIME

Now is the time to become an Executive Sponsor or to contact a friend about the FFA Alumni—Foundation Executive Sponsor Program. The \$100.00 tax deductible donation directly supports the FFA Star Agribusiness, FFA Star Farmer and FFA Alumni programs. Use the form found on page 3 for your Executive Sponsorship.

### NOW IS THE TIME

Many FFA Alumni affiliates have assisted with the development of vocational agriculture open houses. Plan your open house for parents, school board members, agribusiness leaders and Alumni members. The local FFA Alumni can assist with publicity, serve as guides and provide refreshments. The open house is an excellent event for signing up new FFA Alumni members. Help celebrate FFA's 50th Birthday with an Open House of your vocational agriculture department this fall.



## CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION FOR BERRIEN COUNTY, GEORGIA



Berrien County, Georgia, FFA Alumni Affiliate celebrated with a Charter Life Member Banquet. Forty-one life members joined together to make Berrien County the tenth National Life Member Affiliate and the first in Georgia. Pictured above are a portion of the life members of Berrien County.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR A QUEEN



Armin Fruechte, Wisconsin FFA Alumni President, presented Karyn Nelson with her FFA Alumni Life Membership. The kiss of the hand of Karyn, 1978 Wisconsin's Alice in Dairyland Queen, followed the life membership presentation. Karyn's life membership is not the first in her family. Her father and grandfather are also FFA Alumni Life Members.

## HOOVER PIG SALE

The Hoover FFA School Farm at Hoover, Oklahoma, was the scene of a very successful spring show pig sale on Saturday, April 29. There was a total of 185 boar pigs and gilts sold, totaling \$17,419.60. The FFA Alumni Booster Club sponsored this sale as a means for the local FFA members to have a market for the pigs they are producing. A judging contest was held during the morning, with a registered gilt being given to the top Junior judge. The Alumni Booster Club ladies maintained a concession stand serving sandwiches and drinks. Many of the members had worked hard welding panels and helping clean the ag school farm prior to this sale. The farm looked like a showplace on the day of the sale. The pigs were penned in new metal pens housed under the loft of the barn on the FFA farm. They were sold in a ring carpeted with green indoor-outdoor carpet, between a set of bleachers. The building was filled to capacity with buyers from five states represented.

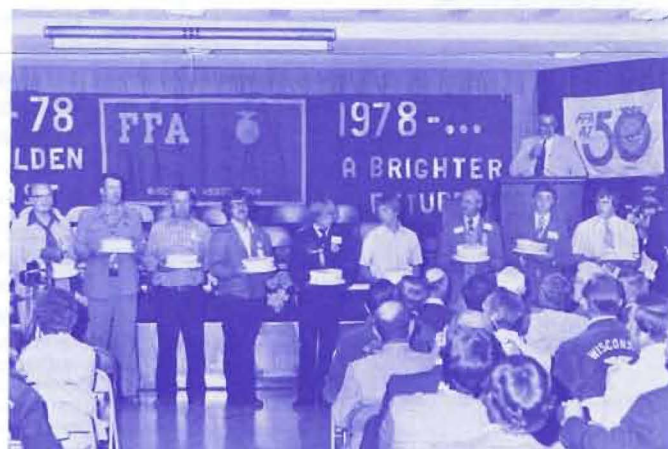
A fall pig sale is presently being planned for the FFA members. The Hoover FFA Chapter is producing outstanding show barrows and this is one way the Alumni Association has to help them continue the progress they are making.

## LIFE MEMBER AFFILIATES

A special welcome to new life member affiliates. As the affiliates secure ten or more life members, they may charter as national life affiliates. Recently, the following groups have been chartered as life affiliates:

Number	8	Denmark, Wisconsin
	9	Granton, Wisconsin
	10	Berrien County, Georgia
	11	Forrest-Strawn-Wing, Illinois
	12	Continental, Ohio
	13	Marshfield, Wisconsin
	14	Weatherford, Oklahoma
	15	National Center, Alexandria, VA

## SPECIAL 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



The FFA Alumni members of Wisconsin sponsored a birthday party at the State FFA Convention. The FFA Alumni affiliates baked fifty cakes in commemoration of the 50th birthday of the FFA. A parade by representatives of the FFA Alumni affiliates with 50 birthday cakes was appreciated by over 1,300 FFA members and guests in attendance. At the conclusion of the evening convention session, the State FFA Alumni hosted ice cream, cake, milk and coffee in a special lawn birthday party.

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## ESTATE PLANNING

The South Wayne, Brodhead and Monroe, Wisconsin FFA Alumni affiliates in cooperation with the National FFA Foundation held an Estate Planning Workshop. The meeting was attended by over seventy-seven farmers and wives from Green County, Wisconsin.

Estate Planning is extremely important in today's society. Many people can save their estates large amounts of money by proper planning. The Estate Planning Workshop may be a possible area of joint cooperation between your FFA Alumni Affiliate and the National FFA Foundation. For more information on Estate Planning Workshops, contact your National FFA Alumni Office or the National FFA Foundation.

## FFA ALUMNI LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The second meeting of the FFA Alumni Legislative Committee met in Washington, D. C., on July 5. Mr. David C. Thomas presided over the committee that is developing a support system for Vocational Agriculture in the governmental affairs area. State Alumni Councils are encouraged to develop a state legislative committee.

## FFA INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Seventy students from fourteen countries are now working and learning about American Agriculture through FFA's Work Experience Abroad Program. Sixty FFA members, all members of the FFA Alumni Association, departed the States on June 10 for their farm and horticultural placements in Europe, New Zealand, Colombia and Brazil. The program is coordinated as a work and cultural experience for students in agriculture/agribusiness related fields for three, six or twelve months' duration. If your FFA Alumni is interested in hosting an international student or sponsoring an FFA member to another country, contact the National FFA Alumni Office.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT

Have you celebrated the 50th Birthday of the FFA? Why not celebrate by becoming an Executive Sponsor during this Anniversary Year. An elite group of business executives, educators and Alumni are joining together to support the FFA. Your \$100.00 gift will support both the FFA and the FFA Alumni associations.

## EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The FFA Alumni congratulates the new FFA Executive Sponsors. Since the Spring *FFA Alumni Association Newsletter* the following persons have become Executive Sponsors:

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## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members continues to grow. Life members receive a special life membership card, life membership certificate, lifetime subscription to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine, and can designate a Memorial Scholarship to be presented to an FFA member in the name of the Life Member upon his/her death. Why not join this list of over 1,400 Life Members and send your one-time lifetime fee of only \$100.00.

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MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY FFA CONVENTION AND THE FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY, NOVEMBER 8-10.



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