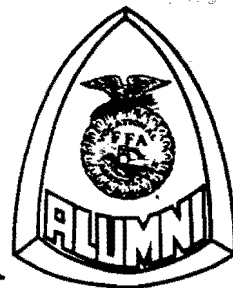


# FFA NEWSLETTER

## Alumni Association



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### "I NEVER DREAMED THIS YEAR WOULD BE SO FULFILLING"

by Rick Metzger, National President



I've always believed that you should live for the future and not live in your past. Therefore, I have never kept a diary of my past. However, if I were to write one, this is how it would read. . . .

Today is March 13, 1988 - 9:30 AM

Dear Diary,

I'm sitting in the airport in Wichita, Kansas, waiting to head back to Ohio. I've just participated in the Kansas FFA Alumni Convention for "the past two days and "I'm On Fire!" I'm more excited and enthused about what's taking place in the Alumni than I can even explain. As I sit here, I can hardly believe that my year as your national president is now one-third over. I knew my year would be exciting, but I never dreamed it would be this fulfilling! In November, when I was handed the gavel, I looked to the upcoming year with much enthusiasm and anticipation. We added a new spark plug to our Council. . . . Josiah Phelps from Georgia. As we left Kansas City headed for our homes, we all knew we had a lot of work in front of us so we could make the Alumni stronger and bigger than ever. As I travel across the United States attending conventions, already in Ohio, Iowa, and Kansas, I am enthused about what's taking place in this great organization. I sit here and wonder about the upcoming conventions I'll have the opportunity to attend in Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, and California and look forward to meeting new friends like I have here in Kansas. I think the one thing I'm looking forward to the most is our second annual State Leaders Conference that will be held in Washington, DC, in July.

Well, I guess for now this is all I want to write. However, as my year progresses I'm sure I'll be adding more to my diary. A special note I almost forgot. \*I hope to someday repay the hospitality and kindness I've been shown by many special people I've met so far this year. Some of these special people are Bob, Rod, Jack, Phil, Barb, Larry, Roxanne, Odell, Kanette, Terry, and the National FFA Alumni Council. Until I write on these pages again. . . keep thinking positive!!

That would be close to what I would enter into a diary. However, if I had to share a message to all the people in the country about what we're all about I think it could be said best as follows. . . We belong to a great organization that is supporting the greatest youth organization in the world. We all have one common goal in mind and that is to strive to make this country's number one commodity, "our young people", have the greatest possible opportunity to develop to their greatest potential.

### ALUMNI LEADERS INVITED TO ALUMNI STATE LEADERS CONFERENCE

The second FFA Alumni State Leaders Conference is scheduled for July 25-29 in Washington, DC, and is sponsored by Philip Morris USA as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The conference will be held the same week as the State FFA Presidents Conference and the Conference for FFA Executive Secretaries. Highlights will include six outstanding Alumni workshops, a tentative meeting has been scheduled with President Reagan, a visit to the Philip Morris tobacco factory in Richmond, Virginia, a riverboat ride and visit of historic Mt. Vernon, a night tour of Washington, a cookout at the National FFA Center, an evening at a dinner theatre, and a joint banquet.

Any FFA Alumni member is welcome to attend the conference. The registration fee prior to May 15 is \$185.00 and after May 15 is \$210.00. The registration fee includes all conference materials, local transportation, and all meals, except breakfast on Wednesday. A special contract has been arranged for airline discounts with Eastern and Continental and the hotel rate will be about \$60.00 per night.

All state FFA Alumni presidents or their designee will receive a travel appropriation and will only pay a \$35.00 registration fee. This is made possible by our sponsor, Philip Morris USA.

For more information, contact Gary Maricle, Conference Director, at 314-474-7978 or the National FFA Alumni office. (Note: Alumni members may bring students to the FFA Washington Conference Program that week and participate in the Alumni conference.)

### J. LAMAR BRANCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMPUTERS IN AGRICULTURE SEMINAR

The National FFA Alumni Association is awarding five scholarships for the 1988 National Seminar on Computers in Agriculture in memory of the late J. Lamar Branch. Mr. Branch of Tifton, Georgia, served as the Georgia FFA Alumni president, a member of the National FFA Alumni Council, and as Georgia FFA advisor. The Seminar will be held in Washington, DC, August 12-16. The \$275.00 scholarships cover registration, meals, and lodging for an FFA member. It does not, however, cover travel to and from home.

This Computers in Agriculture award program is sponsored by AgriData Resources, Inc. State winners are awarded the opportunity to attend this excellent seminar. The J. Lamar Branch Memorial Scholarship recipients will receive an outstanding opportunity to learn more about computers in agriculture.

Any FFA Alumni member knowing of an FFA member interested in computers should write for an application and encourage the FFA member to apply. Applications can be obtained from state FFA offices or the national FFA Alumni office. Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 1988, and mailed to the national FFA Alumni office.

## 1988 FFA ALUMNI HOLLAND EXCHANGE

The trip to Holland is an exchange hosted by the Holland Young Farmers for six individuals from the FFA Alumni. We hosted six Holland Young Farmers in Wisconsin during the summer of 1987. The exchange started in 1980 and has been a very educational experience for all participants. All participants should be involved in dairy production. The Holland Young Farmers will plan an excellent two-week stay. The exact departure date has not been scheduled but it will be near the first of August.

The exchange agreement calls for our delegation to pay all travel costs to and from Holland. All expenses for the two weeks in Holland to include meals, lodging in homes, and travel costs will be provided by the Holland Young Farmers. The estimated cost of travel from New York is \$650.00. We will assist you in locating the cheapest airline fare to Holland. You will also need a U.S. Passport.

Applications are due by May 1, 1988. We will notify each person selected by May 15. If you have any questions, please call the national FFA Alumni office at 703-360-3600.

## FFA ALUMNI MASTERCARD PROGRAM

The FFA Alumni Silver MasterCard is issued free of an annual fee for the first year to all FFA Alumni members that are approved by the Maryland Bank, N.A. The FFA Alumni Association receives .5 percent of all charges made on the MasterCard. This special card also displays the FFA Alumni logo. For information, write to the National FFA Alumni office or call the Maryland Bank on their toll free number 1-800-847-7378. Be sure you tell the bank you are interested in the special FFA Alumni Silver MasterCard.

## NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS CARRY FFA ALUMNI MASTERCARD



The National FFA Officers are pictured displaying their FFA Alumni MasterCards. Seated (from left) are Dunn LeDoux, Southern Region vice president from Louisiana; Kelli Evans, president from Nebraska; Kevin Ochsner, secretary from Colorado; Terri Hames, Western Region vice president from Oklahoma, and standing (from left) are Bill Hollis, Central Region vice president from Illinois; and Mickey McCall, Eastern Region vice president from North Carolina.

## VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION

The National FFA Alumni Association and the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association have worked closely with the Senate Agriculture Committee in developing the 1988 Rural Development Legislation. The Committee is presently considering the inclusion of support language that will improve vocational agriculture education in its role of rural development. All FFA Alumni are encouraged to contact their senators in support of this issue. All state FFA Alumni presidents have received information on this important legislative issue and many have been coordinating communication on behalf of their Alumni with the senators from their states.

## 1987-88 ALUMNI BUDGET

### INCOME

Annual Membership Dues	\$126,000.00
Interest Income from Life Dues	52,000.00
Sales	2,000.00
Contributions	
Executive Sponsor Contributions	12,000.00
Other	1,450.00
Miscellaneous Income	500.00
Auction	<u>15,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$208,950.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Support to FFA	
Washington Leadership Conf. Scholarships	\$16,700.00
WEA Scholarship	250.00
Committee on Gov't Intern Scholarship	1,700.00
Grants-State Alumni Support Activities	2,000.00
Honorary American Farmer Degree Reception	500.00
National Leadership Workshops at FFA Conv.	300.00
Support to Vocational Agriculture	
National Young Farmers Association	850.00
National Postsecondary Ag Student Org.	850.00
National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Assoc.	950.00
National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture	500.00
Student Teachers Breakfast	200.00
Alumni Council Travel	15,000.00
Convention	
Meeting	3,000.00
Staff Travel	1,200.00
Member Services	
Newsletter (non-sponsored portion)	7,000.00
Postage for Newsletter (non-sponsored portion)	13,000.00
Membership Cards	1,500.00
National FFA Magazine Subscription (Life)	6,000.00
Reimbursement of State Dues for Life Mbrs	14,000.00
Membership List Maintenance	7,000.00
Advertising and Alumni Promotion	5,500.00
Office Operations	
Salaries, Audit, Insurance, Computer Services, Accounting	86,475.00
Supplies, Telephone, Postage, Repairs	8,100.00
Travel for Executive Director	<u>5,100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$197,675.00</b>

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Eastern and Southern regional representatives' positions on the National FFA Alumni Council will become vacant at this year's convention when Rick Metzger of Ohio and Mildred Moore of Mississippi complete their three-year terms. The National FFA Alumni Council will review state nominations in July to develop a ballot of two names per region for voting by delegates at the convention. All interested Alumni in these regions should contact their state FFA Alumni president. All applications must be signed by the state FFA Alumni president, mailed to the national office, and postmarked by July 1.

## NUT AND BOLT SALE

The Denmark, Wisconsin FFA Alumni has completed its annual nut and bolt sale. This year the sale was conducted by the Ace Bolt and Nut Company with the assistance of ten FFA Alumni members. Approximately 100 visits were scheduled during the sale week with each of the ten FFA Alumni members riding with the Ace Bolt and Nut Company representative for half a day. Approximately \$7,000.00 worth of nuts and bolts were sold with the FFA Alumni receiving over \$1,000.00 in profits. This excellent money raising activity has been used by many FFA Alumni affiliates. For information, contact the Ace Bolt and Nut Company at 1-800-253-2646 or the Denmark High School Agriculture Department at 414-863-2176.

## FISHING LURES AND WORMS DONATED TO FFA CAMPS

The National FFA Alumni recently received a contribution of \$380.00 worth of fishing lures and worms from the National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources for not-for-profit organizations. The FFA Alumni presented this contribution to the Camp Clements FFA Camp in Tennessee and the FFA Leadership Training Center in Kentucky. Future gifts of this type from N.A.E.I.R. will be sent to FFA camps across the country. The FFA Alumni Association is a dues paying member of N.A.E.I.R. which allows us to receive quarterly catalogs of items which have been contributed for use by not-for-profit organizations. The FFA Alumni, in our educational support role, should be able to secure many items from N.A.E.I.R. that will help our FFA members.

## NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO FFA ALUMNI CONDUCTS AUCTION

The annual New Lexington FFA Alumni auction was held in conjunction with the Rolling Hills Trade Days Flea Market at the fairgrounds. The auction is both a consignment auction with the FFA Alumni receiving a commission and an auction of donated items. All donations to the New Lexington FFA Alumni are tax exempt contributions since the FFA Alumni association is an approved IRS educational organization. This auction has been raising over \$2,000.00 each year to support the activities of this active FFA Alumni affiliate. For more information on this activity, call the New Lexington High School agriculture department at 614-342-3660.

## ALUMNI GRANTS AWARDED TO STATES

The National FFA Alumni has awarded four grants of \$500.00 each to the Idaho, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin FFA Alumni state associations. These states were selected from proposals that were submitted that initiate new activities in vocational education in agriculture. The new state activities to be started in 1988 are:

**IDAHO** — To organize statewide support to change discriminatory State Board of Education policies on graduation required courses. The grant will provide for research, special committee meetings, printing and distributing brochures, and other media activities. The grant will be matched by monies raised by the Idaho FFA Alumni.

**IOWA** — Development of a state brochure that will include membership information and explain the purpose of the FFA Alumni, an informational booklet for local affiliates, and a mobile display for promoting the FFA Alumni.

**OHIO** — Development of a vocational agriculture student recruitment idea contest in cooperation with the Ohio Agriculture Teachers Association. Following the contest, a collection of the best student recruitment ideas will be distributed by the Ohio FFA Alumni. These materials will also be available upon request to other states.

**WISCONSIN** — Creation of an FFA Alumni presidents' conference for local leaders. The one-day conference is being designed to increase the awareness and understanding of the goals and contributions of the FFA Alumni and stimulate increased support for agriculture education.

## THE PERFECT MIX. . .

*Dimethylamine Salt of 2, 4-Dichlorophenoxy Acetic Acid,  
Demethylamine Salt of 2-2-Methyl-4-Chlorophenoxy Propionic Acid,  
and Dimethylamine Salt of Dicamba 3, 6-Dichloro-o-Anisil Acid*

If you're like 99 percent of the people Rick Metzger, Marketing Manager for Seedex Distributors Inc., our national president, meets, they can't pronounce the mix shown above nor do they have an idea of what it is! Rick recently shared the following viewpoint on "the perfect mix." Each of the above items separately are capable of doing almost nothing. However, mixed together in "a perfect mix", they become one of the best weed killing agents known to man today.

By now you're probably wondering how this relates to each of us. Well, if you take a public speaking contest, a chapter meeting, a proficiency award, or judging contest, each means nothing until you add one more item to make that "perfect mix" and that missing item is an FFA member(s).

When dealing with chemicals such as the one shown above, the most important way to assure that the chemical works effectively is to read the label and use it as directed. If it calls for three ounces per gallon of water, that is how it is to be mixed. However, a lot of people think that if a little is good a lot is great so they mix it six ounces to a gallon. They have now ruined that "perfect mix". On the other hand in the FFA, the "perfect mix" is usually the opposite than mixing chemicals. It usually takes that little more to be the best. This is where we as Alumni members can be vital. We can give that extra help to make FFA members the best they can be.

The ingredients at the beginning of this article when mixed together form a product called "Trimec". Like Trimec, FFA members and FFA Alumni members mixed together in perfect proportion will give us "the perfect mix" we need to continue to produce this nation's greatest commodity. . . "Our New Leaders in the Ever Changing Fields of Agriculture."

## 1988 EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

Since our Winter 1988 Newsletter, the following have contributed \$100.00 or more as an Executive Sponsor of the FFA. The number of years of contributions is listed in parentheses. We encourage each Alumni to become an Executive Sponsor. For information, write the National FFA Alumni office.

### Alabama

Dr. Hilmer L. Jones (8)

### Arizona

Dorabel Daley (2)

Dane Daley (3)

### California

Merle J. Karst (1)

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### Louisiana

Jeff Moss (1)

### Maryland

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J. W. Warren, Jr. (8)

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Charlie Dietrich (1)

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Dr. David Phillipson (14)

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(4)

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Brian Roth (3)

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(1)

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### New Jersey

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Albert J. Costello (1)

Darryl Fry (1)

William Griffith (1)

Ken Schutler (1)

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Art Dean (1)

Keith H. Hildreth (1)

Bob Waller (1)

### Pennsylvania

Harry F. Roth (4)

### Tennessee

Tom Hennesy (3)

### Texas

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Elizabeth Cox (10)

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Lennie Gamage (7)

John Hillison (3)

Neville Hunsicker (12)

Virgil L. Kline (2)

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Robert H. Maxwell (11)

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Al Becker (2)

Jeff Brazo (1)

Betty Doering (10)

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Kim A. Havens (8)

William D. Knox (8)

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(7)

Tom McKittrick (2)

Eugene C. Meyer (4)

Fred A. Nelson (9)

Timothy J. Novak (6)

Roy Reiman (3)

Bernard L. Staller (11)

Gary A. Staszak (4)

William Templeton (10)

Robert E. Walton (3)

## MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION AWARDS

The National FFA Alumni will award the following at the 1988 Convention in November. We hope you and your state will be included with this year's list of winners.

1. The Legion of Merit Award is presented to any individual signing up ten or more new annual members, or five Life members, or five Executive Sponsors. Applications must be received by *October 15*.

2. Scholarships, valued at \$300.00 each, will be presented for the 1989 Washington Conference. States will receive one scholarship for every 500 members. Local affiliates will receive one scholarship for every 250 active Alumni members or for 100 Life members.

3. Each state increasing by at least 50 members receives a special Alumni blazer for their president or a selected individual. Memberships determining blazer recipients must be received by the National Alumni Office by *October 1*.

4. Plaques, indicating growth percentage, will be given to states increasing their 1988 membership.

5. Plaques will be awarded to states where FFA Alumni membership reaches 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% of FFA membership. At the time FFA Alumni membership equals 100%, a check for \$1.00 per member will be presented to the state.

6. Plaques will be presented for the most Life members in a state, most Life member affiliates in a state, most Life members in a local affiliate, and most FFA Alumni members in an affiliate.

Mr. Josiah Phelps, Georgia is the chairperson for the Membership Development Committee.

## THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE IS FEATURING FFA HISTORY

The June-July issue will feature articles on the rich history of the FFA and what present members can do to stay involved in agriculture's premier leadership organization after high school graduation. First, Wilson Carnes, Editor-in-Chief of *The National Future Farmer* will author his fifth article chronicling FFA's past that will cover the period between 1967 to 1977. After looking back, we'll look ahead to organizations that FFA members can join after high school to keep involved in leadership training and community involvement—organizations such as the FFA Alumni, Young Farmers and Collegiate FFA. We have also learned that a feature article will be written on Mr. Rick Metzger, our National President.

## NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

*Mark your calendar and plan to attend the FFA Alumni and FFA Conventions in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 9-11. Room reservations with hotels should be made as early as possible.*

## ARTICLE ON FFA ALUMNI TO APPEAR IN THE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION MAGAZINE

Dr. John Hillison, National FFA Alumni Council member, has prepared a manuscript entitled "FFA at 60 - Support Through FFA Alumni". This excellent article will appear in a future issue of *The Agriculture Education Magazine*. Copies may be obtained from the National Office.

# PROJECT 30,000 PLUS

## RETENTION OF PRESENT MEMBERS



Where would Alumni membership stand today IF MEMBERSHIP RETENTION were higher? It would no doubt be higher. Along with a stronger membership, we would be doing more things for the BLUE AND GOLD. The RETENTION of the GRASSROOT MEMBER is important to the existence of any strong organization.

List below are some KEY IDEAS about MEMBERSHIP RETENTION and what WE CAN DO ABOUT IT FOR 1988!!

1. ALL FFA ALUMNI MEMBERS NEED TO FEEL WANTED, NEEDED AND IMPORTANT.
2. KEEPING AN ALUMNI AFFILIATE BUSY WITH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.
3. CULTIVATE NEW IDEAS, START NEW PROJECTS AND CREATE NEW ACTIVITIES.
4. URGE ALUMNI MEMBERS TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL BANQUETS, SECTIONAL EVENTS, STATE AND/OR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.
5. OBSERVE MORE CLOSELY THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOUR LOCAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS AND REMIND THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS—EVERYONE NEEDS A PAT ON THE BACK PERIODICALLY.
6. BY WORKING TOGETHER IN HARMONY, FELLOWSHIP WILL REMAIN STRONG.
7. A PARTICIPATING MEMBER IS A DUES PAYING MEMBER, THAT'S RETENTION.

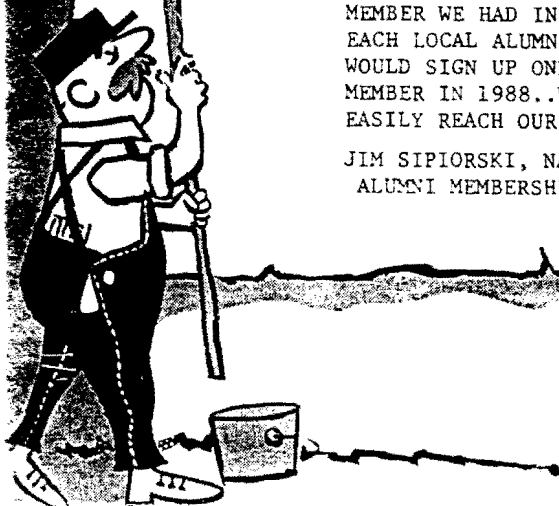
IN SUMMARY: WE NEED TO MAKE 1988 A BETTER YEAR FOR MEMBERSHIP THAN 1987. AN INCREASE CAN ONLY MEAN BETTER THINGS FOR THE FFA. PEOPLE ARE GREATEST RESOURCE THIS ORGANIZATION HAS TO OFFER. LET'S RENEW THEM AND KEEP THEM ACTIVE IN THE ALUMNI AND SEEK OUT NEW MEMBERS TO HELP STRENGTHEN THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION WE HAVE. AS LEADERS IN THE ALUMNI, MAKE MEMBERSHIP RETENTION A PART OF YOUR YEARS PLAN OF ACTIVITIES IN YOUR STATE AND GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS.

FACT TO PONDER.....

IF WE WOULD RETAIN EACH MEMBER WE HAD IN 1987, AND EACH LOCAL ALUMNI AFFILIATE WOULD SIGN UP ONLY ONE NEW MEMBER IN 1988..WE WOULD EASILY REACH OUR GOAL.

JIM SIPIORSKI, NATIONAL ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

WIN WITH HONOR!



## FFA STARS EXPLORE EEC OPERATIONS ON TOUR OF EUROPE



FFA'S 1987 Star Agribusinessmen and Star Farmers of America and Dr. Larry Case, National FFA Advisor traveled to Europe in March to study the European Economic Community's (EEC) trade policies. *The National Future Farmer Magazine* will interview the eight Stars in the June-July issue. The Stars learned about the EEC subsidy programs and how that influences U.S. commodity prices and trade around the world. They also visited farms and agribusinesses in Belgium, Germany and France. The trip was sponsored by Chrysler Corporation Fund as an FFA Foundation special project.

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## SAFETY SLIDES AVAILABLE ON FREE LOAN

The National Young Farmer Educational Association is cooperating with the FFA in coordination of a Health and Safety program Brand 'Em II on Volatile Fuel Safety. Farm tractors manufactured in the 60's and 70's are being operated on fuels of today which are more volatile and require different care in handling.

This Brand 'Em Fuel Safety program involves three phases: Education on the proper handling and use of today's fuels; Awareness remembering to be careful and: Maintenance of proper equipment.

Information has been sent to each FFA chapter and Young Farmer chapter. If FFA Alumni local affiliates are interested in working with their local FFA chapter, additional information including a slide tape is available on a loan basis through the National FFA Alumni, P. O. Box 15058, Alexandria, VA 22309, (703) 360-3600. This program is sponsored by Navistar International Transportation Corp. as a special project of the FFA Foundation.

## ALUMNI ATTEMPTS TO SEND ONLY ONE COPY OF NEWSLETTER PER HOME

In an attempt to save on mailing and printing expenses, a computer program, developed last year, has allowed us to mail only one copy to each address. The computer matches last names and addresses, with only one member per address being selected to receive the newsletter. On postal routes the computer program cannot make these matches accurately. If for any reason your home is receiving more than one copy please contact the National FFA Alumni Office and the member that newsletter should be mailed to and list member(s) that should not receive the newsletter.

## FFA OFFICERS ARE FILMED FOR "TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA" CAMPAIGN



Kelli Evans, National FFA president of Nebraska and the other National FFA Officers recently participated in the filming of a production for USDA's "Take Pride In America" campaign. The "Take Pride In America" program is to make us aware of wise use of our natural and cultural resources and better stewards for public and private resources.

## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Since our Winter Newsletter, our prestigious list of Life members has grown by 265 and has reached a total of 7,781. A life member receives the FFA magazine and may designate that upon their death a \$100.00 check be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state, or may be designated to support some area of agriculture and/or vocational education in agriculture.

<b>California</b>	Stephen Baade	<b>Michigan</b>	Janice Graesse	Eugene Coughlin	Brian Krull	Jim Salentine
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The National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture is pleased to announce plans for the National Conference on Agriscience and Emerging Occupations and Technologies. The conference will be held at the Grosvenor Resort Hotel in Orlando, Florida on October 11-16, 1988. The conference is being conducted by The Council's Task Force on Agriscience and Emerging Occupations and Technologies. Instructional areas to be emphasized at the conference include: Water Resources, Integrated Pest Management, Food, Crop and Animal Science, Agricultural Engineering, and Biotechnology.

A brochure for the conference is being developed and will be mailed to interested individuals in the near future. FFA Alumni and teachers of agriculture are invited to this conference. For further information, please contact John Pope with The National Council at 703-360-8832.

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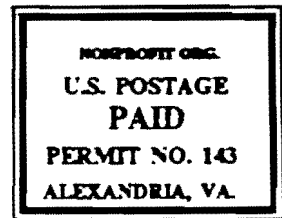
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State FFA Alumni Associations received the scholarships, for use by FFA members this summer, during last year's National Convention. State Alumni were presented one scholarship for every 500 active Alumni members in their state. Local affiliates receive a scholarship for every 250 active Alumni members or for 100 Life members.



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