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Sent to: Head State Supervisors of Agriculture/Agribusiness Education --  
(and State FFA Advisors)

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Subject: Transmittal of Minutes, Meeting National FFA Board of Directors  
and National Officers, January 28-31, 1974, and Important Notices

Enclosed is a copy of the Minutes of the January 28-31 Meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors and National FFA Officers. The minutes and the accompanying appendix include some interesting and very important information. Kindly review them with your staff and your State FFA Officers. Your attention is called especially to a motion on page 18, which requires that State FFA Associations' payment of dues "must be received by the National Treasurer within sixty (60) days after receipt of membership rosters to facilitate mailing of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine." It is hoped that all States will cooperate with this new policy.

Important Notices

1. Your attention is again called to the importance of the upcoming National Seminar on Adult Vocational Education for Young Farmers and Other Agribusinessmen, scheduled for March 18-21, at the Hotel Continental in Kansas City, Missouri. This seminar is considered the most significant one of its kind held since World War II. It will be a planning seminar seeking answers to the question, "What is (should be) Adult Vocational Education's role in helping meet the baffling problems facing Young Farmers and other adults in Agriculture/Agribusiness?" The problem of producing food, feed and fiber is "real" and of worldwide importance. Its significance rates with "energy". This message has recently been relayed to your State Director of Vocational Education and Deans of Teacher Education Institutions in hopes that they will find ways of sending at least one person, responsible for Adult Vocational Education in Agriculture from their respective staffs, to this high priority seminar. A copy of the final program will be mailed to all program participants by March 10. The registration fee is \$15.00. Dr. Harold Crawford, Head, Agricultural Education, Iowa State University, is Seminar Chairman in charge of arrangements. The seminar is sponsored by DVTE/OE in cooperation with Iowa State University.

2. Please note that in the future you will be receiving several letters, information pieces and other materials in the same envelope. Previously you may have received each communication in a separate mailing. This consolidation is necessary to save postage, labor, paper, etc. Hopefully, in the future you will examine the entire packet of materials from this office carefully so as not to overlook important items. Thank you!
3. Approximately 100 copies of the Handbook and National Data on "Employment Opportunities and Training Needs in Agribusiness" are available from this office upon request. Projected data to 1980 of employment in the same 108 validated agribusiness occupations is underway and hopefully this information will be available for distribution in July. Since the current data was taken by the U. S. Census as of a "March" date, the upcoming projections will update this data as of a "June" (1970) date as well as make a projection of employment to 1980. The National Committee would like to hear from each State as to how useful this data is to them. Also, what supplementary studies are being planned and what, if any, additional information should the National Committee request Census to obtain in its 1980 survey.
- ✓ 4. A supply of large posters, (20" x 30") setting forth "10 Ways To Save Energy In Agriculture" is being mailed you by the National FFA Executive Secretary to distribute to FFA Chapters in your State.
- ✓ 5. Dr. D. W. Parsons, former head of Agricultural Education at West Virginia University, died February 2. He was 92.
6. Certificates of Training, like the sample enclosed (to State Supervisors only) are again available upon request. Thirty thousand copies were delivered today to our office by officials in the U. S. Department of Labor. Since teachers in many States have been providing instruction to youth 16 (and under) years of age in Safe Operation of Tractors and Farm Machinery, Head State Supervisors are encouraged to order (free) the copies they need for the number of students completing such training. Remember, possession of a Valid Certificate is a prerequisite to employment of 16 (and under) year old students. As soon as an additional supply of certificates are received they will be sent to all OE Regional Offices for their distribution. A record of all certificates issued must be maintained by the State and a record of any accidents reported to the State and to OE/DOL in accordance with the DOL Hazardous Occupations Orders. States in need of a suggested course of study entitled "Safe Tractor Operation" and "Safe Farm Machinery Operation", Special Paper No. 8 (Revised 1971), are available at \$1.00 each from the Bulletins Office, Michigan State University, P. O. Box 231, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Checks should be made out to Michigan State University.
7. New telephone numbers at DVTE/OE for:

H. N. Hunsicker -- (202) 245-9824  
 Wm. Paul Gray -- (202) 245-9813

The telephone number at the National FFA Center remains unchanged, namely -- (703) 360-3600.

8. Dennis Sargent, Past National FFA Officer 1971-72, has been employed by the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees as an Assistant to the Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Currently, Dennis is president of the student body at Ohio State University.
9. Newly elected members to the National FFA Board of Directors for a two year term, beginning July 1, 1974 are:

Glenn W. Lewis, State Supervisor, Maryland, replacing Philip A. Haight, State Supervisor, Massachusetts;

Don Erickson, State Supervisor, North Dakota, replacing Gerald F. Barton, State Supervisor, Iowa.

The next Meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors and National Officers will be held July 29 to August 1, 1974 at the Ramada Inn of Alexandria, Virginia.

#### Enclosures

Cc: State FFA Executive Secretaries  
 Head Teacher Educators  
 Members, FFA Board of Directors, National Officers and Consultants

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Your attention is again called to the importance of the upcoming National Seminar on Adult Vocational Education for Young Farmers and Businessmen, scheduled for March 18-21, at the Sheraton Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. This seminar is considered the most important of its kind held since World War II and will be a valuable learning experience to the question, "What is the role of Adult Vocational Education's role in helping meet the staffing problems facing Young Farmers and other adults in agriculture/business?" The problem of staffing has become more and more acute and of worldwide importance. The seminar will deal with "strategy" - How success has recently been achieved by the State Director of Vocational Education and State of Missouri in the implementation of a program that they will find very useful at their own schools, responsible for Adult Vocational Education in agriculture from their respective states, to this high priority seminar. A copy of the final program will be mailed to all program participants by March 15. The registration fee is \$15.00. Dr. Gerald D. Howard, Sr., Agricultural Education, Iowa State University, is being invited in charge of arrangements. The seminar is sponsored by FFA and is co-sponsored with Iowa State University.