

# Seeks new director

ALEXANDRIA, VA. - Jay Benham, Administrative Secretary of the National FFA Alumni Association since the organization was founded has announced that he will resign his position on February 29 to return to his family farming operation near Troy, Ohio.

Employed in 1971 to organize and build a National Alumni Association for the Future Farmers of America, Benham has been largely responsible for the organization's rapid growth and initial success. Under Benham's direction the FFA Alumni Association has grown to one of the largest Alumni Associations in the nation in only five years. Forty-six states have organized and chartered State FFA Alumni Associations in the past three years and others are now in the process of applying for charters. At the same time, local FFA Alumni Affiliates have been chartered in several hundred communities where they work in conjunction with the vocational agriculture instruction program and the FFA to improve education in agriculture.

"FFA Alumni membership already reaches thousands of communities and has increased at well over the fifty percent mark each year since the association was founded," says Benham, who points out that membership statistics for 1975 look even more promising than years past. "I'm very optimistic about the future growth of the FFA Alumni Association," says Benham. "We've come from zero to nearly 17,000 members in only five years and the potential is in the millions," he explains. "It's been exciting to see this organization grow and it is going to be even more exciting to see the growth in the future."

An FFA Alumni himself, Benham earned the FFA's highest degree of membership - the American Farmer Degree in recognition of his own outstanding farming and leadership record. He continued his interest in the home farm operation throughout four years in college and later as a successful vocational agriculture instructor in Oxford, Ohio, where he also became well known for his daily farm broadcasts over the local radio station. In recent years Benham has increased the size of the Ohio farming operation with the idea of eventually returning to Ohio and a more active role in the farming operation. "I'm really looking forward to getting back to farming," says Benham, "although I've certainly enjoyed this experience of working with the Alumni Association."

With Benham's resignation scheduled for February 29, Jim Clouse, Chairman of the FFA Alumni Council has announced that the search is on for a replacement to be hired by January 1, 1976. Anyone interested in the position may apply prior to October

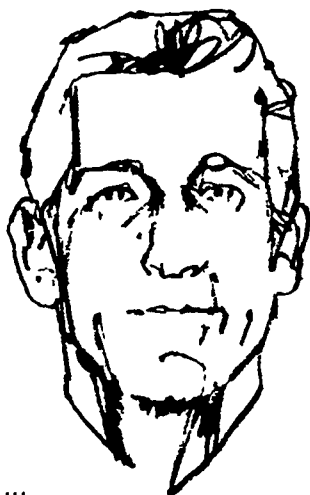
15. "We are looking for a person who has proven ability to organize, promote and administer a rapidly growing national organization," says Clouse, adding that "a strong belief in agriculture and agricultural education as well as significant experience with the FFA and a record of strong, creative

leadership is also essential." For further information or details, persons interested in the position should contact Jay Benham, FFA Alumni Administrative Secretary, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, Virginia 22309. Telephone 703-360-3600. All inquiries and applications will be held in strict confidence.

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Region	Production	Utilization		
		Fluid	Factory	Feed
North America	-5.06	-5.03	-4.21	-28.21
Western Europe	+13.24	-.92	+27.24	-13.35
Oceania	+1.11	+14.73	-3.45	+46.77
Total	+5.49	-2.45	+13.34	-13.97

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