

Floyd Imes Honored By PA Seedsmen's Association

For thirty-five years, Floyd Imes has been traveling extensively throughout the eastern states purchasing and distributing small grains and soybeans.

But his travels will soon come to a stop. On October 1, Imes is retiring as seed specialist from Agway of Syracuse, New York.

To show appreciation for Imes' dedication, The PA Seedsmen's Association honored Imes on August 21 with a plaque.

Imes has been active in the association since its conception in 1956 and has served three terms as president. The association gives legislative purpose, discusses the seed situation, and seedsmen's mutual needs with reference to seed laws, seed quality and supplies.

Other segments of agriculture have also benefitted from Imes' involvement by his being part of the PA Grassland Council, a charter member of PA Master Corn Growers Association and the Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association.

Imes has served as president of



Floyd Imes

the PA Foundation Seed Corporation and as part of a team that makes decisions for new and improved seeds.

This Manheim resident's dedication is not limited to his career duties. He is a member of the Manheim Rotary and he said, "I have not missed a meeting in 25 years."

As Imes recounted his affiliation as a seed specialist he said, "I've had lots of fun over the years."

He does not expect the fun to stop with his retirement since he plans to travel with his wife to Australia and New Zealand to visit friends.

President Reagan Meets FFA Leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. — FFA leaders from across the nation were welcomed and challenged by President Reagan as he spoke with state officers, adult advisors, executive secretaries and alumni leaders at the FFA State Presidents' Conference.

As Reagan addressed the Future Farmers of America representa-

tives, he said, "We are totally committed to a strong and vibrant American agricultural economy. I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the FFA, for all you are doing to prepare young Americans for the challenge that lies ahead. If we're successful in putting our reforms in place, we're counting on you to

beat the pants off the competition. And all America is confident that you will."

During their congressional luncheon, Senator Richard Lugar, who serves as Republican leader on the Senate Agriculture Committee, spoke to the group about major agricultural, trade and other governmental issues.

During the conference, which was sponsored by Chevrolet as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., the state FFA officers met with their senators, congressmen and representatives of the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Education. Larry

Craig, R-Idaho, spoke at the group's luncheon immediately preceding the White House visit.

While in the nation's capital, the students met in workshops to share concerns and discuss issues facing FFA and high school agriculture and they toured several historic sites in the Washington, D.C. area.

The FFA State Presidents' Conference was led by the six national FFA officers: Kevin Eblen, Iowa; Kevin Yost, Nebraska; Jones Loflin, North Carolina; Jayme Feary, Alabama; Dean Harder, Minnesota, and Daren Coppock, Oregon.



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