



NUTS & BOLTS

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BEGINNING

As you can see by the heading on this newsletter, this is the very first edition of a publication authorized by the June 1987 annual meeting of the National Farm & Ranch Business Management Education Association (NFRBMEA).

HISTORY

Since not all of you readers are members you probably never have been exposed to the organization and its purposes. So a short history might be in order.

In 1973 A group of Minnesota farm management teachers, together with University of Minnesota farm management professor Edgar Persons, decided it might be a good idea to get together once a year to discuss ideas and problems connected with teaching business management to farm families.

Since no one knew if the idea would "fly," the first and second meetings were exploratory and were set up on an invitational basis. The first and second conferences were held at the vo-tech institute in Faribault, MN. The idea did fly and as the years went by more and more states became involved, and the invitations went out to all farm and ranch management teachers on the mailing list. The annual conferences soon moved out of MN and have been held, from time to time, in Washington, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

As the years went by it became more and more evident (especially to those states hosting the conferences since they stuck out their necks financially) that a formal organization was needed. So a committee was put together at the St. Cloud, MN meeting in 1984 to report to the next year's conference at Pierre, SD. The teachers present at that meeting signed the charter and elected the NFRBMEA's first officers.

The 1986-87 officers discussed the idea of instituting a newsletter for the organization and brought that up at the business meeting at the June 1987 Holiday Inn conference at Worthington, MN. The membership endorsed the idea and appointed John Hest, Hawley, MN as its first editor.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER?

The mandate given to me, by the officers and members voting at the Worthington meetings:

1. To get the newsletter going,
2. Name the newsletter,
3. Publish four issues per year,
4. Further the cause of farm and ranch management education.

Other than that, you can see that your editor has lots of literary license, at least for this first issue. For future issues I hope that you, the reader, will determine what you would like to see in the letter. Please fill out the blank on the other side and send it back to me. Then I can put it into the "suggestion box" and use it for reference.

THE NAME?

I know, you're going to ask me about the name that I chose. Why NUTS & BOLTS? When I was in the garage business, almost 30 years ago, we had an account at the bottom of an engine overhaul bill. We called it "nuts and bolts," and it was supposed to cover the odds and ends that didn't get taken care of somewhere else in the bill. When I was thinking about names for this newsletter, it struck me that we, as farm and ranch management teachers, are change agents for "our families." Shouldn't we be teaching them to look at all the parts of their business and "not to forget the nuts and bolts"? So it seems that any tips we can pick up from our newsletter could easily be called nuts and bolts.

ANOTHER MURPHY'S LAW: Precise planning, minute attention to detail and exact timing never succeed as well as dumb luck.

LAW #2: By faithfully working 12 hours a day, you may eventually be successful enough to work 18 hours a day.

MEMBERSHIP

If you'd like to join our association, dues for those presently teaching f & r management, are \$10/year, affiliate, only \$5. Fill out the blank, with your check and send to our treasurer, Roger Carlson.

YOUR OFFICERS

I thought maybe you'd like to know something about the officers you elected at the Worthington conference:

VIC RICHARDSON - President. Has taught adult farm management at Owatonna, MN 14 years and prior to that, 7 years H.S. & adults in Jeffers, MN. Married and father of 2 girls, 12 & 16, 1 boy, 14. Has associate degree from Austin Jr. College and BS & MA degrees from U. of MN. Has been a stamp collector since age 12 and likes fishing. In 1983 represented Farm Business Management Education when the Nat'l Council for Voc and Tech Education in Agriculture was formed.

CLARK ISRAELSON - Vice-President. Has taught farm business management at Bridgerland AVT Center, Logan, UT for 2 1/2 years. Taught high school vo-ag for 10 years. Has BS and MS degree from UT SU. Is married and has 3 boys and 3 girls. Received the Sound Off for Agriculture award for western region from Elanco in 1983. Is involved in his church and in Farm Bureau and serves as a 4-H leader. Runs the family farm with his dad & brother.

DAN OEDEKOVEN - Secretary. Although a WY native, Dan teaches farm & ranch business management at Western Dakota Vo-Tech at Sturgis, SD. Has his BS from U of WY and is working on his MS at SDSU. His wife, Dixie, also a WY graduate in Animal Science did teach FRBMgt (and also a member of NFRBMEA) but now swine manager for a farrow-to-finish operation. They have 2 boys, 10 and 6 years. Has his private pilot's license and taught flying and navigation in the Air Force. Has been involved in SD farm counselling.

MARVIN KNELL - Past-President. Has taught farm management 13 years at Jamestown, ND. Before that taught H.S. vo-ag for over 5 years. Elected as first vice-president of NFRBMEA. Has his degree from NDSU in Fargo. Is married and has a son, 18 and a daughter, 12. Has been on the local Boy Scout council but enjoys all sports. He states that he used to play in a dance band to supplement his ag teaching. Quit teaching for a year but realized "that the ag profession couldn't get along without me."

ROGER CARLSON - Treasurer. Biography not available at press time.

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Ideas for Newsletter:

I would like to become a member of the
of the National Farm & Ranch Business
Management Association.

- () Regular, \$10.00
- () Associate, \$5.00

Enclosed is my check .

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State & Zip _____

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