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BOISE, IDAHO

June 29, 1929

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Mr. Henry C. Groseclose
State Board of Education
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Groseclose:

Enclosed please find an application for State Charter for the State Organization known as Idaho Future Farmers of America, together with a copy of our adopted State Constitution and By-Laws under which we are working, a copy of our State Program of Work for the year, a list of 15 local chapters and statement of the total membership of each, and a check for \$48.10 which covers the membership of ten cents for 431 members and \$5.00 covering cost of issuing Charter.

We have a few other schools who organized local chapters this year but did not make sufficient progress to send in their membership dues of ten cents and consequently, I am not considering them as part of the State Organization. They will probably be in next year.

Yours very truly,

William Kerr

State Adviser Future Farmers of America

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Enc.

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

To Henry C. Groseclose,
State Board of Education
Richmond, Virginia

We, Horace Smith, President, Floyd Held, Secretary;
and William Kerr, Adviser, officers of the State organization
known as Idaho Future Farmers of America, a State organization
for students of vocational agriculture, having at present 15
chapters and 431 members, and being empowered to act for this
organization, do hereby make application to be chartered as branch of
the "Future Farmers of America".

We are attaching to this application (1) the proposed State
constitution and by-laws under which we desire to work; (2) a copy of
our State program of work for the year; (3) a list of all local chapters
and a statement of the total membership of each; and (4) a check for
\$5.00, to cover cost of issuing charter.

The names and addresses of our State officers are as follows:

President	<u>Horace Smith</u>	<u>Rupert</u>	<u>Green Hand</u>
	name	address	grade of membership
Vice-Pres.	<u>Carl Jones</u>	<u>Boise</u>	"
Secretary	<u>Floyd Held</u>	<u>Moscow</u>	"
Treasurer	<u>Elden Boice</u>	<u>Blackfoot</u>	"
Reporter	<u>Berlin Loosli</u>	<u>Ashton</u>	"
Adviser	<u>William Kerr</u>	<u>Boise</u>	

If granted a charter, we promise to comply with the national
constitution and by-laws of the Future Farmers of America and to work
for the success of the organization.

We certify that the information given in this application and
attached hereto is correct.

Signed: Horace Smith State President
Floyd Held State Secretary
William Kerr State Adviser

CONSTITUTION FOR IDAHO STATE ORGANIZATION OF
"FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA"

Article I. Name and Purposes of the Organization.

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Idaho State Association of "Future Farmers of America". Members of local chapters are hereinafter referred to as the "Future Farmers of America."

Section B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote vocational education in agriculture in the public schools of the State of Idaho.
2. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
3. To create and nurture a love of country life.
4. To encourage recreational and educational activities for students in vocational agriculture.
5. To promote thrift.
6. To encourage cooperative effort among students of vocational agriculture.
7. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
8. To promote scholarship among students of vocational agriculture.
9. To develop rural leadership.

Article II. Organization.

Section A. The Idaho State Association of "Future Farmers of America" is a State organization of affiliated local chapters in schools having organized instruction in vocational agriculture under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act.

Section B. The State organization shall be divided into four district organizations for the purpose of holding yearly conventions. These districts shall be known as North Idaho, South-west Idaho, South Idaho, and East Idaho.

Section C. Local "Future Farmer" chapters shall not be organized in schools where systematic instruction in vocational agriculture is not given under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Act.

Section D. Members of local chapters shall meet, organize, and adopt the State constitution as their own, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the State secretary for membership in the State organization. After this application has been approved by the State secretary the members of the local chapter may then be known as "Future Farmers of America."

Article III. Membership.

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be active, associate, and honorary.

Section B. Active membership. Any student of vocational agriculture, who is regularly enrolled in a part-time, day-unit, or all-day class, is entitled to active membership in "Future Farmer" chapters upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture.

Section C. Associate membership. Any former student of vocational agriculture may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. Any former active member of a "Future Farmer" chapter may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting.

Section D. Honorary membership. Instructors of agriculture, school principals, superintendents, business men, and others who are helping to promote vocational agriculture may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

Article IV. Membership Grades and Privileges.

Section A. There shall be four grades of membership based upon achievement. These grades are (1) Green hand, (2) Future farmer, (3) State farmer, and (4) American farmer. (These terms to be used until approved or modified by the First National Congress).

Section B. "Green Hand" Qualifications for Election:

1. Fourteen years of age.
2. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture.
3. Possess facilities for and have satisfactory program of supervised practice.
4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the local chapter of "Future Farmers of America."

Section C. "Future Farmer". Qualifications for Election:

1. Satisfactory completion of at least one year in vocational agriculture including a project.
2. Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest at least \$25.00.

Note. - Any modification of (2) above must be approved by the State adviser.

3. Be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an enlarged project program.
4. Recite from memory the "Future Farmers" creed.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for ten minutes.
6. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting of "Future Farmers of America."

Section D. "State Farmer Degree". Qualifications for Election:

1. At least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with an outstanding project program in operation.
2. Pass some occupational test supplied by the State and based on finished project work.
3. Earn and deposit in a bank, or productively invest at least \$200.00. This may include the \$25.00 saved while advancing to the grade of "Future Farmer."

4. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in the local chapter.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for thirty minutes.
6. Make the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school or win the Union Pacific Scholarship or alternate.
7. Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects during the previous year (grade 85 or above).
8. Possess qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.
9. Each district shall have a quota allowed on the basis of membership in the local chapters of the district. Only 2 percent of the total district membership will be allowed for State Farmer membership from each district, to be elected by the district delegates at their regular district meeting. The State Adviser will decide on the quota allowed from each district. The total elected from the district shall not exceed 2 percent of the total State membership, fractions counted to the nearest whole number. Only copies of written records of achievement verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the District adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the District convention. The adviser will then review the records and submit his findings to the District Executive Committee. This committee will nominate at the regular District Convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Synopsis of these records shall then be read by a member of the Executive Committee when the students are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect to the "Third degree" the number of candidates to which the District is entitled.

Section E. "American Farmer". Qualifications for
Election:

1. Hold the degree of "State farmer".
2. Be engaged in a farming occupation or have definite plans for becoming a farmer.
3. Possess demonstrated ability to farm by having conducted an outstanding project program throughout the period of vocational training.
4. Earn and deposit in a bank or otherwise productively invest at least \$500.00.

Note. - In cases where the applicant had assisted in the support of dependents the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.

5. Must have held office in a State organization or have represented a State in a National contest.
6. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative enterprise or movement.
7. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a National Congress of "Future Farmers of America."

Section F. Associate and honorary ^{district} members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of adviser in the State and local organizations and that of Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Adviser in the National Organization. Exceptions to this provision are permitted during the first two years of a chapter's existence.

Section G. Only members who have been elected to the grade of "American Farmer" are eligible to hold national offices after 1929. One year after the Idaho Organization has been chartered all State officers shall have attained the "State Farmer degree." Officers in the District Associations and local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of "Future Farmer."

Section H. Associate and honorary members are eligible to election to any degree provided they have done outstanding work in promoting vocational agriculture and the organization of "Future Farmers of America."

Article V. Officers.

Section A. 1. The officers of each Idaho District Association of "Future Farmers of America" shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, adviser, and reporter. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular District convention of "Future Farmers." The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective offices. Each local chapter in North Idaho District and in the South-Western Idaho District shall be entitled to five delegates to their District Convention and each local chapter in the Southern Idaho District and Eastern Idaho District shall be entitled to three delegates to their District Convention. These delegates shall represent the local chapter in balloting for officers and members who are nominated to be advanced to the grade of "State Farmer."

Section A. 2. Officers of the local chapter shall be identical with those for the District organization and shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

Section B. 1. The Executive Committee of each Idaho District Association of "Future Farmer of America" shall consist of the officers ex-officio and three active members elected by the delegates in District Convention. This committee shall perform the usual duties of an executive committee, review and approve receipts and disbursements, act as a nominating committee, and be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

2. The Executive Committee of the Idaho State Association of "Future Farmers of America" shall consist of the Presidents of the four District Associations and six active members elected by the delegates in District Convention. (One delegate shall be elected by the Northern Idaho District, one by the South-Western Idaho District, two by the Southern Idaho District, and two by the Eastern Idaho District). The Executive Committee shall elect a President, *vice President*, *Reporter* — Treasurer, and a Secretary of the State Association from among their own membership. They shall perform the usual duties of an Executive Committee and be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

Article VI. Meetings.

- Section A. A meeting of each District Convention of "Future Farmers of America" will be held annually and at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the National Congress of "Future Farmers of America" at such time and place as may be determined upon by the District Executive Committee.
- Section B. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or oftener and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the Local Chapter.

Article VII. Dues.

- Section A. Membership dues in the State Organization shall be fixed by the State Executive Committee subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at each District Convention of "Future Farmers of America."
- Section B. The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

Article VIII. Amendments.

- Section A. Amendments to the State Constitution shall be submitted in writing by the delegates from any chapter at any annual District Convention of "Future Farmers." Amendments must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at each District Convention before they can be adopted as an amendment to the State Constitution.

Section B. In order to secure flexibility, by-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the State organization or local chapter, providing they are not in conflict with the State Constitution, which is also the constitution for each chapter.

Article IX. Insignia.

Section A. The insignia of the "Future Farmers of America" shall be made up of four symbols, namely (1) cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and grown in every State; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the plow, representing tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture, and (4) the rising sun, representing progress.

Section B. All active, associate, and honorary members shall be entitled to wear the insignia. All "Green hands" are entitled to wear a bronze insignia. All "Future farmers" are entitled to wear a gold insignia. All members elected to the degree of "State farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a rectangular key base. All members elected to the degree of "American farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia directly mounted on a key.

BY-LAWS FOR IDAHO STATE ORGANIZATION OF

"FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA"

I. The Duties of the District Officers.

- A. The President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the District Organization of Future Farmers of America and over all meetings of the District Executive Committee. The President shall call one meeting of the District each year on such date and at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote of the District Executive Committee. He shall call special meetings of the District Executive Committee when requested to do so by a majority of the Committee. He may submit questions for their approval by correspondence if meetings of the Committee cannot be held.
- B. Vice President. The Vice President shall assume all of the duties of the President in the event that the office of the President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise; he shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume such other duties of the President as are assigned him by the District Executive Committee.
- C. The Secretary. The Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the meetings of the District Organization, and of the meetings of the District Executive Committee, one copy of which shall be given to the State Adviser for the permanent files, and one copy kept for his own files. He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the District President, District Adviser, or by the District Executive Committee.
- D. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect District and State dues from the Treasurers of the local chapters and turn same over to the District Adviser. He shall keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits and disbursements, making a report on such matters to the Annual Meeting of the District Organization. He shall pay out of the Treasury such funds as are ordered by the District Executive Committee with checks countersigned by the District Adviser.

- E. The Adviser. The Adviser is a member of the District Executive Committee and an ex-officio member of all District Committees. It is his duty to advise the committees on matters of policy, and assist the District officers in conducting meetings and programs. The Adviser reviews all applications for the "Idaho Farmer" degree and prepares a brief of the qualifications of the candidates to be submitted to the State Adviser and the District Executive Committee. He shall act as custodian of the funds of the District Organization and countersign all checks made by the District Treasurer before they can be legally paid.
- F. Method of Electing District Officers. The election of officers shall be by ballot and by a majority vote of the delegates present. The President of this Organization shall not be elected from the same local chapter for two successive years.

II. The Duties of the State Officers.

- A.. The President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all the meetings of the State Association of Future Farmers of America and over all meetings of the State Executive Committee. He shall authorize the Secretary or State Adviser or both to take up with the members of the State Executive Committee, by correspondence, any important business connected with the State wide activities of the Future Farmers Organization. A majority of these members answering the correspondence will be necessary before action can take place.
- B. Vice President. The Vice President shall assume all of the duties of the President in the event that the office of the President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise; he shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume such other duties of the President as are assigned him by the State Executive Committee.
- C. The Secretary. The Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the meetings of the State Organization and of the meetings of the State Executive Committee, one copy of which shall be given to the State Adviser for the permanent files and one copy kept for his own files. He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the State President, State Adviser, or by the State Executive Committee.

- D. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect State dues from the Treasurers of the District Organizations and turn same over to the State Adviser. He shall keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits, and disbursements, making a report on such matters to the Annual Meeting of the State Organization. He shall pay out of the Treasury such funds as are ordered by the State Executive Committee with checks countersigned by the State Adviser.
- E. The Adviser. The Adviser is a member of the State Executive Committee and an ex-officio member of all State Committees. It is his duty to advise the committees on matters of policy, and assist the State Officers in conducting meetings and planning programs of work. The Adviser reviews all applications for the "Idaho Farmer" degree and the briefs of the qualifications of the candidates submitted by the District Advisers. From these candidates he determines the quota of "Idaho Farmers" to be elected at each District Annual Meeting.
- F. Method of Electing State Officers. A nominating committee consisting of the four District Advisers and the former State Adviser shall nominate two members of the State Executive Committee for each office and the members of this Committee will register their vote for each officer with the outgoing State Adviser by mail. In case of tie, the State Adviser will cast his ballot and thereby elect one of them for the office.

III. Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the "Idaho Farmer" Degree.

- 1. Local Chapters may submit one candidate for the "Idaho Farmer" degree for each 20 members in the Local Chapter or fraction thereof.
- 2. Election to the degree of "Idaho Farmer" shall be from the candidates at large.
- 3. Not more candidates than the quota decided on by the State Adviser shall be elected to this degree annually by any District Organization.
- 4. The State Executive Committee shall formulate annually a score card for selecting the candidates for the "Idaho Farmer" degree. Copies of the score card shall be sent to each District Adviser at least three months prior to the meeting of the District Organization.

5. Applications for the "Idaho Farmer" degree shall be forwarded by the District Adviser to the State Adviser at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the District Organization of Future Farmers of America.
6. Applications should be submitted on the regulation forms prepared and distributed by the State Adviser.

IV. Reports to the State Adviser.

Each District Secretary shall submit the following information to the State Adviser.

1. An annual statement of the names of District officers, names of members of the State Executive Committee and names of those receiving "State Farmer" degree.
2. A report of suggested changes or amendments in the State Constitution and By-laws if voted by the District.
3. An annual report on forms furnished to the District Secretary by the State Adviser, showing:
 - a. Revised list of chapters in the District and total number of members in each chapter.
 - b. Such other information as may be deemed advisable and be called for by the State Executive Committee and State Adviser.

PROGRAM OG WORK 1928-29

FUTURE FARMERS OF IDAHO

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1. Hold three district livestock judging contests.
2. Hold two district seed judging contests.
3. Hold seed judging contest at State Seed Show.
4. Send at least two livestock teams to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.
5. Send one livestock judging team to Kansas City.
6. At least 20% of the local chapters hold an Annual Field Day.
7. At least 40% of the local chapters hold Father and Son Banquets, Ag. Ball, Skiing Party or an Ag. Play.
8. At least 40% of the local chapters hold project tours.
9. At least 30% of the local chapters hold carnivals, jack rabbit drives or sparrow poisoning contests.

Local Chapters of the Idaho Future Farmers
of America

Aberdeen	-	29	members
Blackfoot	-	10	"
Boise	-	25	"
Burley	-	51	"
Culdesac	-	18	"
Firth	-	23	"
Gooding	-	20	"
Lapwai	-	17	"
Malad	-	54	"
Moscow	-	20	"
Nampa	-	17	"
Rupert	-	60	"
St. Anthony	-	31	"
Sugar City	-	25	"
Twin Falls	-	<u>31</u>	"
Total		431	"