

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

27 (Oct. H, 1929)

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

V. P. Blackshurg, Va

We, Kenneth H. Pherson, President, Frank Fox, Secretary;
and D. M. Clements, Adviser, officers of the State organization
known as The Future Farmers of Iowa, a State organization
for students of vocational agriculture, having at present 1768 chapters and 1768 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. Kenneth H. Pherson - Bellevue Planter
name address grade of membership

Vice-Pres. Edwin Depps - Paris Planter

Secretary. Frank Fox - Gainesboro Planter

Treasurer. Morris Brown - Benton Planter

Reporter. D. M. Clements - Nashville Planter

Adviser. D. M. Clements - Nashville Planter

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: Kenneth H. Pherson State President
Frank Fox State Secretary
D. M. Clements State Adviser

FUTURE FARMERS OF TENNESSEE

A State organization of students of Vocational Agriculture
in Tennessee
chartered under the Welfare Clause

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I. Name and Purpose of the Organization

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the "Future Farmers of Tennessee". Members and local chapters are hereinafter referred to as the F. F. T.'s.

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

- (1) To promote vocational agriculture in the high schools of Tennessee.
- (2) To create more interest in intelligent agricultural pursuits in the various counties of the state.
- (3) To create and nurture a love of country life.
- (4) To provide recreation and educational entertainment for students in vocational agriculture.
- (5) To promote thrift.
- (6) To afford a medium for cooperative marketing and buying.
- (7) To establish the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
- (8) To promote scholarship and rural leadership.
- (9) To foster an appreciative attitude toward cooperation through participation in its activities.

Article II. Organization.

Section A. F. F. T. is a state organization with local chapters in schools having organized instruction in vocational agriculture.

Section B. F. F. T. chapters shall not be organized in schools where organized instruction in vocational agriculture is not given.

Section C. Students shall meet, organize, 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. The chapters and the members may then be known as F. F. T.'s.

Section D. Each chapter shall consider itself a unit in the state organization. It shall use the state constitution as its own constitution and have a like number of officers and committees performing the same duties for the chapter that the state officers and committees perform for the state organization.*

Article III. Membership.

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

Section B. Active membership -

Any boy who is a student of Vocational Agriculture who is regularly enrolled in a part-time, day unit or all day class is entitled to active membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after discontinuing 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. Associate members shall not vote nor shall they hold any chapter or state office other than that of "Adviser."

*Note: - Other committees may be created by chapters to meet the needs of their varying activities; i.e. committee on marketing, banquet committee, program committee, and the like.

Section D. Honorary membership -

Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, farmers, 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. Honorary members shall not vote, nor shall they hold any office except that of "adviser". Honorary members rank as Tennessee Farmers unless they are made Tennessee Planters at a state meeting.

Section E. There shall be three grades of active membership based upon achievement. These grades are (a) Green Hand, (b) Tennessee Farmer, and (c) Tennessee Planter. The requirements for promotion from one grade of membership to another are set forth in detail in Article IX and are a part of this constitution.

Section F. Only active members who have attained the grade of Tennessee Planter are eligible to hold state offices after 1930 but officers in the local chapters are not limited to any grade.

Article IV. Officers.

Section A. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Adviser, Reporter and an Executive Committee. The officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

Section B. The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the society and three (3) active members elected by the society. 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.

Section C. (1) The officers of the state organization shall be elected at the regular annual state meetings and each chapter of the F. F. T. in the state shall be represented by two delegates who shall represent the local chapter in balloting for officers and members who are nominated to be advanced to the grade of Tennessee Planter. Officers in the state organization shall hold office for one year.

(2) Officers of the local chapters shall be elected at regular meetings of the locals

held in December of each year and shall hold office for one year.

Article V. Meetings.

Section A. A meeting of the state organization shall be held annually. Time and place to be determined.

Section B. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly, or oftener, and at such time and place as may be decided by the executive committee of the local.

Article VI. Dues.

Section A. State dues shall be \$1.00 per member per year. This includes local and national dues.

Section B. The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership.

Article VII. Amendments.

Section A. Amendments to the state constitution shall be submitted in writing at the regular spring meeting. The proposed amendment will be read before the convention and held until the next annual convention when it may be adopted or rejected by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Section B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of any local chapter providing they do not conflict with the state constitution, which is also the constitution for each chapter. The constitution is the same for all chapters but a certain amount of flexibility is necessary to the proper functioning of chapters because of their varying activities. This flexibility may be attained through by-laws for each chapter.

Article VIII. Insignia.

Section A. The insignia of the Future Farmers of Tennessee shall be the same as that of the Future Farmers of America which is made up of five symbols, namely, (1) the plow, representing tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress; (4) the words Vocational Agriculture, and (5) cross section of an ear of corn,

representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and grown in every State. The insignia shall carry the three letters "F. F. A." across the central portion of the emblem and the national key shall be surmounted by the eagle grasping the coat of arms of the United States and a bundle of arrows.

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 "Tennessee Farmers" are entitled to wear a gold insignia. All members elected to the degree of "Tennessee Planter" are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a rectangular key base.

Article IX. The Three Classes or Grades of Active Membership.

Section A. Green Hand:

To be elected to membership in the F. F. T.'s a student must qualify as follows:

- (a) Fourteen years of age or the mental equivalent.
- (b) Regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture.
- (c) Possess facilities for carrying out a satisfactory program of supervised practice and have a definite agreement with the parent and instructor as to scope, labor and profits.
- (d) Receive a majority of the votes of the members present at a regular meeting of a local society of F. F. T.'s.

Section B. Tennessee Farmer:

The qualifications necessary to election to the grade of Tennessee Farmer are as follows:

- (a) At least one year's instruction in vocational agriculture and completion of a satisfactory program of supervised practice.
- (b) At least twenty-five dollars earned and on deposit in bank or otherwise productively invested.

- (c) Regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an amplified supervised practice program mapped out.
- (d) Recite from memory "The Future Farmer's Creed".
- (e) Lead the class in a discussion for ten minutes whenever called upon to do so.
- (f) Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local meeting of F. F. T's.

Section C. Tennessee Planter:

The qualifications are as follows:

- (a) At least two years of organized instruction in vocational agriculture with outstanding supervised practice work.
- (b) Outstanding qualities of leadership as shown by ability in class, school organizations, public speaking, and general activities of the society.
- (c) Planters are elected at the state meetings only, and written records of achievement shall be submitted to the State Supervisor by the local executive committee prior to February 1st. The Supervisor will then look into the matter and submit his findings to the state executive committee. This committee will nominate the candidate at the regular meeting if he is found worthy to receive the honor. The records shall be read by a member of the executive committee when the students are nominated and the delegates shall then proceed to elect those who are deemed most worthy to be Tennessee Planters. *(see note)
- (d) Earn from farming and deposit in a bank, or productively invest, at least \$200.00. This may include the twenty-five dollars saved while advancing to the grade of Farmer.
- (e) Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in a local society.
- (f) Be able to lead a group successfully for forty minutes.
- (g) Make the high school judging team, debating team, or some athletic team representing the high school.

- (h) Show marked attainment in scholarship in all high school branches (grade 85 or above) and be an outstanding leader in school activities -- be an "all-round man."
- (i) Receive a majority vote of the delegates present in a state meeting and respond, upon election, with a speech of appreciation. (two minutes)

NOTE:- Ex-students of vocational agriculture, members of the state staff, teacher trainers at University of Tennessee, instructors, superintendents, farmers, bankers and others are eligible to election as honorary planters provided they have done outstanding work in promoting vocational agriculture and this organization. As honorary members, they shall be entitled to wear the gold pin. Honorary membership, however, shall not exceed twenty per cent of regular membership in the grade of Tennessee Planter. Honorary Planters do not vote or hold office, except the office of Adviser.

It can be readily seen that the grade of Tennessee Planter is the cap-stone of the F. F. T.'s. To be elected a Tennessee Planter at a state meeting is indeed an honor and corresponds to collegiate Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. In fact, it is more exclusive. Not more than fifteen planters shall be elected in the spring of 1928 and not more than thirty per year thereafter. These do not include honorary Planters, who may be elected as stated above, but not to exceed twenty per cent of the active Planters. Considering the number of students of Vocational Agriculture in Tennessee, a boy who attains the grade of Tennessee Planter is an outstanding individual and a F. F. T. indeed.

CREED OF A FUTURE FARMER

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I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds, --achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so, --for others as well as for myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

Edwin M. Tiffany,
Madison, Wisconsin.

TENNESSEE

(White)

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NAME OF TEACHER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Bledsoe	T. G. Chase	15 Bledsoe Co. H. S.	Pikeville
	J. R. Sizer	28 John A. Patton H. S.	Pikeville, R.F.D.
Bradley	J. T. Lovell	43 Bradley Co. H. S.	Cleveland
Campbell	F. T. McFee	Campbell Co. H. S.	Jacksboro
	J. A. Conner	Jellico H. S.	Jellico
	C. E. Looney	LaFollette H. S.	LaFollette
Carter	J. G. Garland	Happy Valley H. S.	Johnson City, R. #5
Claiborne	T. L. Mayes	30 Claiborne Co. H. S.	Tazewell
	D. E. Drinnon	29 Powell Valley H. S.	Cumberland Gap
Hamblen	J. S. Fish	16 Morristown H. S.	Morristown
Hamilton	L. R. Standifer	16 Birchwood H. S.	Birchwood
	** E. M. Henry	23 Hixson H. S.	Hixson
	** J. H. Martin	*Ooltewah H. S.	Ooltewah
	** O. E. Waller	*Sale Creek H. S.	Sale Creek
	** Green Thomae	*Soddy H. S.	Soddy
	J. D. Cliett	26 Tyner H. S.	Tyner
Knox	** R. J. Sedberry	*Carter H. S.	Straw Plains
	J. W. Brimm	15 Farragut H. S.	Concord, R.#3
	A. L. Rubin	Fountain City H. S.	Fountain City
	J. B. Kirkland	Karns H. S.	Byington
McMinn	** L. A. Carpenter	*Englewood H. S.	Englewood
	G. L. Harris	20 McMinn Co. H. S.	Athens
Monroe	J. L. Robinson	Monroe Co. H. S.	Madisonville
	J. D. Humphries	Tellico Plains H. S.	Tellico Plains

EAST TENNESSEE

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<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NAME OF TEACHER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Polk	D. B. Hendrix	<i>24</i> Polk Co. H. S.	Benton
Roane	W. F. Elzey	<i>17</i> Kingston H. S.	Kingston
	E. E. Hagler	<i>20</i> Wheat H. S.	Wheat
Sequatchie	W. P. Smith	<i>27</i> Sequatchie Co. H. S.	Dunlap
Sevier	** F. D. Smith	Gatlinburg H. S.	Gatlinburg
	M. R. Brasher	<i>30</i> Sevier Co. H. S.	Sevierville
Sullivan	***G. R. Price	***Piney Flats H. S.	Piney Flats
Unicoi	R. W. McClary	*Unicoi Co. H. S.	Erwin
Union	J. D. McFarlin	<i>25</i> Horace Maynard H. S.	Maynardsville
Washington	C. F. Arrants	Jonesboro H. S.	Jonesboro
	J. S. Irvine	<i>31</i> Washington College H. S.	Washington Col.

*** Reestablished departments and teachers who have returned to the work.

** New Teachers.

* New Departments.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

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<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NAME OF TEACHER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Jackson	G. B. Thackston 27	Jackson Co. H. S.	Gainesboro
Macon	W. L. Fitzgerald 21	LaFayette H. S.	LaFayette
Maury	J. R. Baker 19	Santa Fe H. S.	Santa Fe
Montgomery	H. E. Gholson	Clarksville H. S.	Clarksville
	T. G. Hinton 16	Southside H. S.	Southside
Overton **	H. B. Smith 15	Alpine H. S.	Alpine
	J. N. Jaggars 20	Livingston H. S.	Livingston
Perry	N. H. Baulch 28	Perry Co. H. S.	Linden
Pickett **	Stanley Carr ***	Pickett Co. H. S.	Byrdstown
Putnam	J. W. Graves	Algood H. S.	Algood
	W. A. Schaeffer	Baxter H. S.	Baxter
	R. S. Ward 40	Cookeville H. S.	Cookeville
Robertson	R. C. Riggan 25	Bells H. S.	Adams
	A. G. Capps 28	Greenbrier H. S.	Greenbrier
	C. W. Broyles 17	Orlinda H. S.	Orlinda
	H. H. Bryant 10	Whitehouse H. S.	Whitehouse
Rutherford**	H. F. Delzell ***	Christiana H. S.	Christiana
	W. P. Shofner 7	Smyrna H. S.	Smyrna
Smith	H. R. Love ***	Gordonsville H. S.	Gordonsville
	W. J. Field 25	Smith Co. H. S.	Carthage
Sumner	Whitney White	Portland H. S.	Portland
	J. B. Baker	Sumner Co. H. S.	Gallatin
Trousdale **	C. L. Simmons 17	Trousdale Co. H. S.	Hartsville
Van Buren	S. M. McKissick 18	Van Buren Co. H. S.	Spencer
Wayne	T. B. Garth 26	Collinwood-Waynesboro	Waynesboro
White **	T. L. Leonard *	White Co. H. S.	Sparta
Wilson	W. B. Follis 25	Lebanon H. S.	Lebanon
	J. A. Gifford 11	Mt. Juliet H. S.	Mt. Juliet
	F. E. Wisner 21	Watertown H. S.	Watertown

1929 - 1930

TENNESSEE

LIST OF SCHOOLS IN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

(White)

WEST TENNESSEE

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NAME OF TEACHER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Benton	F. C. Smith	*Big Sandy H. S.	Big Sandy
Carroll	** O. L. Cox	14 Clarksburg H. S.	Yuma, R.#1
	D. S. McReynolds	25 McLemoresville H. S.	McLemoresville
Chester	T. H. Williams	29 Chester Co. H. S.	Henderson
Crockett	P. B. Conley	Alamo H. S.	Bells
	** Ellie Edwards	8 Crockett Mills H. S.	Crockett Mills
	M. F. Gaba	50 Friendship-Maury City	Maury City
Decatur	** O. R. Long	*Decaturville H. S.	Decaturville
	J. L. Davis	12 Parsons H. S.	Parsons
Dyer	M. I. Revelle	11 Trimble H. S.	Trimble
Fayette	W. C. Wilkinson	Fayette Co. H. S.	Somerville
Gibson	W. C. Melvin	*Bradford-*Rutherford	Bradford
	J. H. Bennett	*Dyer H. S.	Dyer
	T. E. Guthrie	13 Gibson-Medina	Medina
	W. S. Baldwin	30 Milan H. S.	Milan
	F. G. Sorrells	15 Peabody H. S.	Trenton
	M. I. Revelle	*Yorkville H. S.	Yorkville
Hardeman	P. J. Wood	*Bolivar H. S.	Bolivar
	G. D. Cooper	*Middleton H. S.	Middleton
	W. H. Bell	21 Whiteville H. S.	Whiteville
Hardin	J. I. Bell	31 Savannah H. S.	Savannah
Haywood	Earnest Dumas	Haywood Co. H. S.	Brownsville

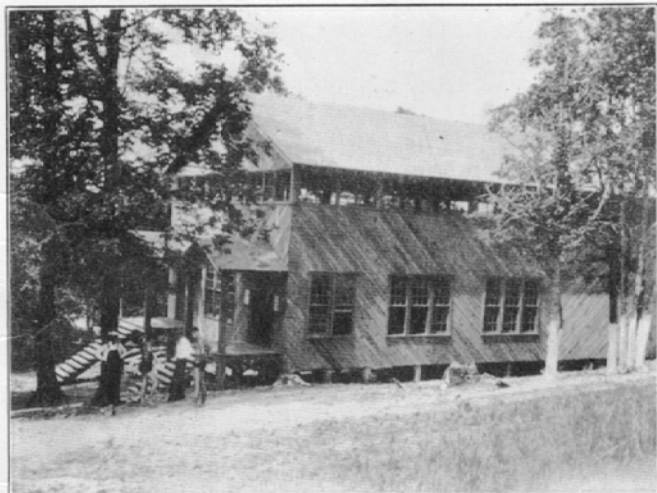
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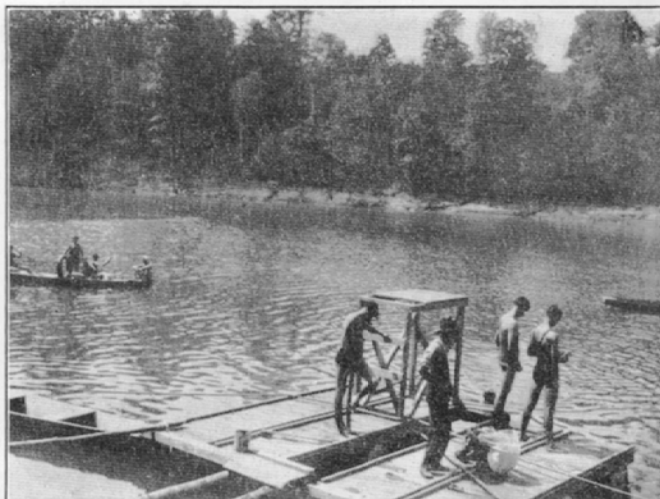
<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NAME OF TEACHER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Henderson	G. R. Dodds	Lexington H. S.	Lexington
	H. L. Jones	*Scotts Hill H. S.	Scotts Hill
Henry	D. A. Milam	12 Cottage Grove H. S.	Cottage Grove
	C. T. Pardue	36 Grove H. S.	Paris
	H. R. Cox	27 Henry H. S.	Henry
Lauderdale	H. G. Conley	42 Halls H. S.	Halls
	W. S. Cloys	18 Ripley H. S.	Ripley
McNairy	J. M. Greer	30 Bethel Springs H.S.	Bethel Springs
	Carl Brindley	8 Purdy H. S.	Selmer, R.#4
	S. T. Haddon	14 Ramer H. S.	Ramer
Obion	R. B. McIntosh	8 Mason-Hall H. S.	Kenton
Shelby	** S. S. Landess	12 Bartlett H. S.	Bartlett
	W. H. Carleton	40 Bolton-Rosemark	Brunswick
	L. C. Daniel	14 Capleville	Capleville
	W. E. Robertson	14 Collierville H. S.- Geo. R. James	Collierville
	J. A. Berkley	16 Cordova-Germantown	Germantown
	C. L. Cox	9 E. E. Jeter H. S.- Frayser	Lu y, R.#1
	J. R. Cox	Millington H. S.	Millington
	E. B. Jenkins	Whitehaven-*Levi	Whitehaven
Tipton	** Norris McCormick	*Brighton H. S.	Brighton
	C. E. Johnson	34 Byars-Hall H. S.	Covington
	** L. D. Jamerson	*Munford H. S.	Munford
Weakley	** H. W. Arnold	20 Chestnut Glade H.S.	Fulton,Ky.R.#2
	S. A. Barrix	*Martin H. S.	Martin
	** J. L. Bull	Palmersville H. S.	Palmersville

State Department of Education
DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
Nashville, Tennessee.

State Objectives F. F. T. 1929-1930



Our F. F. T. Camp Home



Our F. F. T. Swimming Hole

1. Each chapter contribute money to help pay the camp indebtedness.
2. \$400,000.00 invested in farming by the 1930 Convention.
3. 100% of members with thrift accounts (actual savings).
4. Every chapter represented at the state camp.
5. Every chapter have a father and son banquet.
6. Every F. F. T. own his project.
7. Every chapter make an annual report to the County Board of Education and publish same.
8. Every chapter represented at the 1930 Convention.
9. Every chapter assume its share of the state objectives in addition to its specific local objectives.