

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

28 (Oct. 5, 1929)

Application for Charter

To Henry C. Groseclose,

Blacksburg, Va.

We, *Paul Zillman*, President, *Leslie Fry*, Secretary;
and *Guy E. James*, Adviser, officers of the State organization
known as *The Missouri Association of Future Farmers of America*, a State organiza-
tion for students of vocational agriculture, having at present *57*
chapters and *approximately 1995* members, and being empowered to act for this
(number) (number)
organization, do hereby make application to be chartered as a branch of
the "Future Farmers of America".

We are attaching to this application (1) the proposed State consti-
tution 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 to
cover cost of issuing charter.

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

President:	<i>Paul Zillman</i>	<i>Salisbury, Mo.</i>	<i>State Farmer</i>
	<small>name</small>	<small>address</small>	<small>grade of membership</small>
Sec.	<i>Leslie Fry</i>	<i>Louisiana, Mo.</i>	<i>State Farmer</i>
Treas.	<i>Oscar Schierv</i>	<i>Salisbury, Mo.</i>	<i>State Farmer</i>
Vice Pres.	<i>Bert Dody</i>	<i>Centralia, Mo.</i>	<i>Future Farmer</i>
Reporter	<i>Harry Miner</i>	<i>Salem, Mo.</i>	<i>Future Farmer</i>

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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: *Paul Zillman*.....
State President
Leslie Fry.....
State Secretary
Guy E. James.....
State Adviser

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9. Missouri shall be entitled to elect 10 qualified individuals but where the State membership exceeds 500, not more than 2 per cent of the total State membership may be elected, fractions counted to the nearest whole number. Only copies of written records of achievement verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the State adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the State convention. The adviser will then review the records and submit his findings to the State Executive Committee. This committee will nominate at the regular State Convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Synopses 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 State is entitled.

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STATE PROGRAM OF WORK

FOR

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.

I. Promote Vocational Education:

- a. Attend State Fair and exhibit livestock.
- b. Exhibit livestock at Midwest Show and American Royal for those who are suitably located.
- c. Publish stories and pictures of vocational agriculture projects and other work in State and National papers.

II. Create more interest in Agriculture:

- a. Organize local chapter in every school that teaches Vocational Agriculture.
- b. After attaining the degrees of Greenhand, and Future Farmers, encourage boys to work for the State Farmer and American Farmer's degree.
- c. Secure a scholarship from the College of Agriculture to be given to the highest ranking individual determined by the College of Agriculture to any active member of the Future Farmers' organization.

III. Create a love for country life:

- a. By encouraging boys to improve farm homes.
 - (1) Modernizing farm homes.
 - (2) Beautification of farm homes.
- b. To improve the social status of the rural community.
 - (1) By organizing community clubs.
 - (2) By sponsoring demonstrations, picnics, and contests of various kinds.

IV. Encourage Recreational and Educational activities:

- a. To hold regular state meetings at which the business of the organization will be discussed.
 - (1) At the Vocational Students Conference held at Columbia.
 - (2) To have a Future Farmers banquet at the vocational agriculture students conference and contest at Columbia, Missouri.
- b. Encourage every vocational agriculture boy in the State to maintain a high standard of scholarship.

V. To promote thrift:

- a. Encourage vocational agriculture boys in the state to have a bank account, either saving or checking.
- b. Encourage boys to increase their profits by enlarging projects and using better methods of farming.

VII. Encourage cooperation:

- a. Encourage vocational agriculture boys to cooperate with the officers of the State organizations in carrying out the state program of work.
- b. To encourage boys to cooperate with farm organization in putting on a better program of work.

VII. To develop rural leadership

- a. Give all boys training in rural leadership by requiring them to take charge of the meetings of the local chapters;
- b. Boys may assist in organizing junior projects and acting as local leaders.

VIII. To make classroom instruction more effective:

- a. Encourage every boy enrolled in vocational agriculture to conduct several projects, using the latest approved practices studied in the classroom.

(SIGNED) Oscar Schieni, Salisbury, Chairman
Ralph Dankenbring, Sweet Springs
Sammy Licklider, Belle
Alvin Clark, Lee's Summit
Leslie Fry, Louisiana
Donald Stone, Braymer

STATE OF MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
JEFFERSON CITY

October 1, 1929

Mr. Henry C. Groseclose,
Blacksburg,
Virginia.

Dear Sir;

The following is a list of all local chapters of the Missouri Association of Future Farmers of America with the total membership in each where the information is available. Some schools are no doubt waiting to complete this year's organization in order to give total enrollment to date. An average of thirty-five members for each chapter is approximately correct. Complete data will be forwarded to you in the near future.

NAME OF SCHOOL	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	TEACHER	ADDRESS
1. Belle	36	E. D. Muhleman	Belle, Missouri
2. Bevier	31	Ernest Hanebaum	Bevier "
3. Birch Tree	13	C. A. Jackson	Birch Tree, Missouri
4. Bloomfield	22	G. V. Sheets	Bloomfield "
5. Bolivar		G. E. Karls	Bolivar
6. Braymer		R. B. Baker	Braymer
7. Cabool		W. W. Hoy	Cabool
8. California	121	R. R. Conrad	California, Missouri
9. Canton		Frank W. Smith	Canton, Mo.
10. Centralia		J. R. Whitman	Centralia
11. Central H. S.	38	Ira. R. Thornton	Hardin, Missouri.
12. Chilhowee		D. E. Bellairs	Chilhowee, Mo.
13. Clinton		J. Fay Minnis	Clinton
14. Dexter	35	M. W. H. Bauer	Dexter, Missouri
15. Eldorado Springs	36	J. C. Webb	Eldorado Springs, Mo.
16. Fayette		Wm. M. Thomas	Fayette
17. Fredericktown		Frank E. Gillett	Fredericktown
18. Gilman City		R. T. Wright	Gilman City
19. Grandy		R. C. Callaway	Grandy
20. Green City		R. M. Lyster	Green City
21. Hamilton		E. M. Woods	Hamilton
22. Hornersville		J. H. Foard	Hornersville
23. Huntsville	42	John E. Hoff	Huntsville
24. Kahoka		Gleö. Statten	Kahoka
25. Keytesville		L. B. Creekmore	Keytesville
26. King City	58	R. C. Wheeler	King City
27. Kirksville		N. C. Allen	Kirksville
28. Lee's Summit		M. R. Hoberecht	Lee's Summit
29. Leeton	48	J. C. Wolfe	Leeton
30. Louisiana		L. W. DeMoss	Louisiana
31. Macon	38	W. L. Magruder	Macon
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36. Mexico	27	A. Gorrell	Mexico
37. Milan		J. N. Moffett	Milan
38. Mirabile		E. E. Schmid	Mirabile
39. Mound City		E. N. Wright	Mound City
40. Mount Vernon		Martin Smith	Mount Vernon
41. Mountain View		R. F. Harbert	Mountain View
42. Neosho		J. W. Duck	Neosho
43. Noel	17	C. R. Howeal	Noel
44. Norborne		A. H. Hermance	Norborne
45. Paris	45	M. D. Thomas	Paris
46. Peirce City		D. M. Young	Peirce City
47. Rich Hill	38	W. E. Arganbright	Rich Hill
48. Ridgeway		G. K. Arney	Ridgeway
49. Rolla		F. C. Wilkins	Rolla
50. Salem	35	B. H. Wenkel	Salem
51. Salisbury	36	J. L. Perrin	Salisbury
52. Stanberry		W. L. French	Stanberry
53. Stet	33	R. C. Rubottom	Stet
54. Sweet Springs	35	A. H. Bennett	Sweet Springs
55. Tuscumbia		T. C. Wright	Tuscumbia
56. Unionville		Paul Bebermeyer	Unionville
57. Windsor	28	J. A. Comer	Windsor