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 Oct. 15, 1929

November 1, 1929

Mr. Henry C. Groseclose
 Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Groseclose:

You will enclosed find South Dakota's application for a State Charter in the Future Farmers of America. There is also enclosed a list of our local chapters and a check for \$23.30 to cover National dues of 183 members and the \$5.00 fee for a State Charter.

I have previously sent you under date of October 11, a copy of our constitution and program of work.

I hope that we can be qualified for a delegate to the Congress at Kansas City.

As soon as possible I will send you the credentials of our delegate and if at all possible I would ask your consideration of his candidacy for an American Farmer Degree.

Respectfully yours,

W. P. Beard

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SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION
OF
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Names of local chapters	No. of members
1. Canton	19
2. Wakonda (State Advisor has honorary membership in this chapter)	35
3. Chester	14
4. Salem	22
5. Brookings	26
6. Murdo	11
7. Winner	35
8. Garretson	<u>21</u>
	183

THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Application for Charter

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To Henry C. Groseclose,

Blacksburg, Va.

We, ~~Henry Bultena~~....., President; ~~Oliver Anderson~~....., Secretary;
 and ~~W. P. Beard~~....., Adviser, officers of the State organization
 known as ~~South Dakota Association of Future Farmers of America~~....., a State organiza-
 tion for students of vocational agriculture, having at present8.....
 chapters and183..... members, and being empowered to act for this
 (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:	Henry Bultena.....	Lennox, S.D.	S. Dak. Farmer
	name	address	grade of membership
Vice President	Boyd Antes.....	Winner, S.D.	" "
Secretary & Treas.	Oliver Anderson.....	Canton, S.D.	" "
Reporter	Joe Halseth.....	Rutland, S.D.	" "

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: *Henry Bultena*.....

State President

Oliver Anderson.....

State Secretary

W.P. Beard.....

State Adviser

Boyd Antes
Vice Pres.

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October 11, 1929

Mr. Henry Grosclose
 Exec. Secy, F. F. of A.
 Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Grosclose:

I am very glad to get your letter of the 7th saying that we could use the three schools who have applied for a charter as a nucleus for our organization. I am glad to say that we now have five schools that are *organized* and have applied.

I am sending you herewith a copy of our program of work and also a copy of our constitution.

As soon as I get the application blank signed by the various officers I will forward that and our national dues and the \$5.00 for our charter.

I am now very sure that we will have a delegate at Kansas City. We may be somewhat late in getting the data in for our candidate for the degree of American Farmer and will appreciate any consideration the committee may give it. Our main aim is to have a delegate at the congress at Kansas City.

Respectfully yours,

W. P. Beard

WPB:ER

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SOUTH DAKOTA F. F. OF A. PROGRAM OF WORK

1. Encourage more and bigger projects.
2. Encourage Supplementary Supervised Practice.
3. Encourage more accurate records and reports.
4. Improvement of local agriculture practices through projects and demonstrations.
5. Foster 4-H clubs among rural school students. with F. F. of A. as leaders.
6. Hold father and son banquets.
7. Hold school fairs.
8. Finance trips to State Judging Contests.
9. Increase enrollment in Vocational Agriculture Departments.
10. Full quota for advanced degrees.

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STATE CONSTITUTION
for
SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION
of
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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Article I - Name and Purposes of the Organization.

Section A - Name

The name of this organization shall be the South Dakota Association of Future Farmers of America. The South Dakota 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. Members of local chapters are hereinafter referred to as "Future Farmers of America."

Section B - Purposes

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

1. To promote vocational education in agriculture as a basis for a permanent agriculture in the State of South Dakota.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To provide recreation and fraternal relationships for students in vocational agriculture.
4. To promote thrift.
5. To encourage cooperative effort among students of vocational agriculture.
6. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
7. To promote scholarship among students of vocational agriculture.
8. To develop rural leadership.

Article II - Organization.

Section A - Local chapters

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 Adviser for membership in the State organization. After this application has been approved by the State Adviser, the members of the local chapter may then be known as "Future Farmers of America."

Article III - Membership,

Section A - Active Membership

Any student of vocational agriculture who is regularly enrolled in a part-time, day-unit, or all-day class, is eligible to active membership in "Future Farmer" chapters. A member may retain his active membership while in high school, after having completed the course in Vocational Agriculture.

Local Smith-Hughes Agriculture instructors, the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education and the State Teacher-Trainers of Smith-Hughes Agriculture teachers shall also be eligible to active membership.

Article IV - Membership Grades and Privileges.

Section A - Grades

There shall be four grades of membership based upon achievement. These grades are (1) Green Hand, (2) Future Farmer, (3) South Dakota Farmer, and (4) American Farmer.

Section B - Green Hand

All regularly enrolled vocational agriculture students are eligible for membership.

Section C - Qualifications for Election - "Future Farmer"

1. Satisfactory completion of at least one year in vocational agriculture, including a program of supervised practice.
2. Make from supervised practice or earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest, at least \$25.
3. Be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture, with an amplified supervised practice program.
4. Must be considered an efficient, dependable and active member of the local chapter.

Section D - Qualifications for Election - "South Dakota Farmer"

1. At least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture with an outstanding supervised practice program in operation.
2. Earn and deposit in a bank, or productively invest at least \$100.00. This may include the \$25 saved while advancing to the grade of "Future Farmer."
3. Possess qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with chapter and other worth-while activities.
4. Final selection to be made by committee of disinterested persons.

Section E - Qualifications for Election - "American Farmer"

Only holders of the "South Dakota Farmer" degree are eligible for the "American Farmer" degree, which is conferred by the national organization.

Article V - Officers.

Section A - State Officers and Election of Same.

The officers of the South Dakota 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 at a regular State convention of Future Farmers. The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective officers.

Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates in the State convention, who shall represent the local chapter in balloting for officers for the ensuing year.

Section B - Officers of the Local Chapter.

The officers of the local chapter shall be analogous with those for the State organization.

Section C - State Adviser

The state adviser shall be the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, assisted by the State Teacher-Trainer of Vocational Agriculture instructors.

Section D - Local Advisers

Local advisers shall be the local vocational agriculture instructors.

Section E - The Executive Committee

The executive committee of the South Dakota Association of Future Farmers of America shall consist of the State officers ex-officio and three active members elected by the delegates in State convention.

Article VI - Dues.

Section A - State Dues

Membership dues in the State association shall be fixed by the State Executive Committee, subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the State Convention of Future Farmers of America.

Article VII - Amendments

Section A.

Amendments to the State constitution shall be submitted in writing by the delegates from any chapter at any annual State convention of Future Farmers. Amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the delegates present.

Section B.

In order to secure flexibility, by-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the State organization, providing they are not in conflict with the State constitution.

Article VIII - Insignia.

Section A - As to Degrees

All members are entitled to wear the insignia appropriate to their degree.

BY-LAWS

I. The Duties of the State Officers.

- A. President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the State Convention of Future Farmers of America and over all meetings of the Executive Committee. The President shall call one meeting of the State Convention at the time of the State Judging Contests held at Brookings. The President shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.
- B. Vice President. The Vice President shall assume all of the duties of the President in the event that the office of 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. Student Secretary. The Student Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the meetings of the State Convention and of the meetings of the State Executive Committee, one copy of which shall be given to the State Adviser. He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the President or by the State Executive Committee.
- D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall handle all moneys for the State Chapter. He shall keep a permanent record of all financial transactions and make an annual report on same to the State Convention. He shall pay all bills on order of the State Executive Committee, by checks countersigned by the President.
- E. Adviser. The Adviser is a member of the Executive Committee and an ex-officio member of all committees. It is his duty to advise the board and committees on matters of policy and finances and assist in conducting meetings and programs. He reviews all applications for the South Dakota Farmer degree and prepares a brief of the qualifications of the candidates to be submitted to the Committee for conferring the State Farmer degree.
- F. Reporter. The Reporter shall handle all publicity and advertising, keep records of membership for publicity purposes and report to the Executive Committee on work done each year.
- G. Method of Electing State Officers. State officers shall be nominated by the delegates at the State Convention. The election of officers shall be by ballot and by a majority vote of the delegates present, each chapter being entitled to two votes.

II. Method of Issuing Charters to Local Chapters.

The secretaries of the local organizations shall submit with their applications for a charter the following information:

1. A copy of the proposed chapter constitution and by-laws.
2. A copy of the chapter program of work.
3. A list of all members of local chapters.
4. The name, grade of membership, and address of each officer of the chapter.

The application for a local charter to the State Adviser shall be signed by the President, Secretary and Adviser of the local chapter and shall be accompanied by a fee to cover cost and engraving of the charter. A charter shall be granted upon such application provided that the proposed local constitution is not in conflict with the State and National constitutions of the Future Farmers of America; such charter to be signed by the State President, by the State Secretary, and by the State Adviser.

III. Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the State Farmer Degree.

1. Local chapters may submit one candidate for the South Dakota Farmer degree.
2. Election to the degree of South Dakota Farmer shall be from the candidates at large.
3. Not more than 4% of the members of the State organization shall be elected to this degree the first year, 3% the second year and thereafter not more than 2% annually.
4. The State Adviser shall formulate annually a score card for selecting the candidates for the South Dakota Farmer degree. Copies of the score card shall be sent to each chapter adviser at least two months prior to the meeting of the State Convention.
5. Applications for the South Dakota Farmer degree shall be forwarded to the State Adviser at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the State Convention of Future Farmers of America.
6. Applications should be submitted on the regulation forms prepared and distributed by the State Adviser.
7. The State Adviser shall annually appoint a committee of three disinterested persons to determine those to receive the degree of South Dakota Farmer.

IV. Reports to the State Adviser.

Each local Secretary shall submit the following information to the State Adviser:

1. The names of chapter officers.
2. The names of delegates to the State Convention.
3. The names of those receiving various degrees.
4. A revised list of members in the local chapter.
5. A report of changes or amendments in the local chapter constitution and by-laws, if any.
6. Such other information as may be deemed advisable and be called for by the Executive Committee or State Adviser.

V. Dues.

Dues in the National organization of Future Farmers of America shall be 10 cents per member, and shall be paid by the local treasurers to the State Treasurer on or before November 1, of each year. State dues, if any, shall be set by the Executive Committee on approval of the State Convention.

VI. Committees.

The State President shall appoint a committee annually. The Committee on Program of Work shall set up the annual objectives of the organization and suggest ways and means of attaining them. The members of this committee will serve for one year. The Adviser is an ex-officio member of this committee.

VII. Insignia.

Section A.

The insignia of the Future Farmers of America shall be made up of four 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; and
- (4) The 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."

Section B.

All members shall be entitled to wear the insignia. All "Green Hands" are entitled to wear the bronze insignia. All "Future Farmers" are entitled to wear the gold insignia. All members elected to the degree of "South Dakota Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a key. All members elected to the degree of "American Farmer" are entitled to wear the gold insignia directly mounted on a key and surmounted by the American eagle.

CREED OF A FUTURE FARMER.

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 can not 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 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.