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Hartford, Connecticut,

April 16, 1919.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College was called to order by Vice President Manchester at the Heublein Hotel at 11:45 A. M.

Those also present were Messrs. Henry, Lyman, Brown, President Beach, Mr. Longley, Mr. Alsop, Mr. Hubbard and King.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading.

VOTED: That the Board of Trustees herein make application to the Teachers' Retirement Board and respectfully petition that the provisions of Sections 1022 and 1023 of the General Statutes be made applicable to the Connecticut Agricultural College.

The President reported that the so-called Dorrance Bill "An act concerning the encouragement of Sheep Industry" passed the House on March 26 and the Senate on April 1. The bill provides:-

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"The trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College shall supervise and establish such distribution and demonstration flocks of sheep throughout the state as they shall deem necessary, and conduct such experiments and investigations as may seem to them most conducive to the encouragement of the sheep industry throughout the state. Said trustees are authorized to expend for this purpose a sum of not more than ten thousand dollars annually, to be paid by the treasurer on order of the comptroller from the funds in the state treasury which have been received from dog licenses in accordance with the provisions of sections 3400 of the general statutes after payment of the sums required by sections 3402 and 3414 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect from its passage."

VOTED: That a committee consisting of Dr. Jenkins, Director of the Experiment Station, Mr. Davis, Acting Director of the Extension Division, and Professor Garrigus and Mr. Skinner of the Animal Husbandry Department of the College be appointed a committee to recommend a plan to the Board of Trustees for carrying out the provisions of the act.

The President reported that Mr. H. B. Alger, Instructor in Dairying, has resigned to accept a position with the Cassel Ice-Cream Company of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, at a salary of \$5,000 per year, resignation to take effect April 20th.

VOTED: That Mr. R. C. Fisher, a graduate of the Ohio State University, be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Alger, at a salary of \$2,000 per year, to take effect May 1, 1919.

The President reported that the Compensation Commissioner has made the following findings and awards:-

1. In the case of William A. Wolfe, injured on December 10th, 1918-- "That the respondent shall pay to the claimant compensation at the rate of \$12.00 weekly during the period of total disability, accrued payments to be made at once in a lump sum, and weekly hereafter until such time as he may be able to resume work; together with the medical, surgical and hospital services provided by Section 7 of part B of the Act, as amended."

2. In the case of Carlton Austin, injured on February 23rd, 1919--"That the Respondent Employer shall forthwith pay to the claimant compensation for a period of 14 weeks at the rate of five (5) dollars weekly, together with the \$2.00 expended by him for medical services, and that the Respondent Employer shall also assume payment of any bill rendered by the attending physician for services following the reduction of the fracture."

3. That the awards in the case of Mrs. Boglisch whose husband died of heat prostration August 4th, 1917, and of Leland M. Woodford, injured on June 10th, 1918, have not as yet been received from the Commissioner.

VOTED: That the foregoing report be accepted and President Beach be instructed to take up the above matter with the Attorney General.

VOTED: That the rate of reimbursement to members of the College staff for the use of automobiles used on official business be advanced from seven cents to eight cents per mile. It is further provided that the owner of a car carrying another member of the College staff on official business be allowed to collect from the latter for the distance carried at the rate of one cent per mile.

The president reported that the regular funds by Congress for the support of Extension work are apportioned by the Smith-Lever law on the basis of rural population as computed by the federal census next preceding. Under this method of computation, all towns which are of less than 2,500 inhabitants are considered as "rural" and all towns with greater population "urban".

On this basis of apportionment, Connecticut receives .232 % of the regular funds appropriated by Congress for Extension work in the States; a total of \$16,058 for the ensuing fiscal year. If Connecticut's apportionment were to be based on the number of persons engaged in agricultural occupations, she would receive .368 %, and if the apportionment were based on the agricultural products produced she would receive .409 % of the total funds available for the United States. The present system of allotment is an arbitrary one and has no basis of reason. The following statement shows in tabular form what the effect of a change in apportionment would be upon Connecticut's receipts from

Smith-Lever appropriations for the ensuing year:

State of Connecticut
Smith-Lever Apportionment
Year July 1, 1919 - June 30, 1920.

	Per cent of total for Conn. receivable.	Total due on this basis	Increase which would follow change
Present basis			
Rural Population	.232	\$16,058	-
Person engaged in Agriculture			
Census 1910	.368	\$25,462	\$9,408
Value of Agricul- tural products			
Census 1910	.409	\$28,300	\$12,242

1. It has been suggested that an attempt be made to secure through the Department of Interior a change in the method of reporting the rural or agricultural population in the next federal census.

2. That the act be amended to read:-- "Such sum shall be allotted to the States in proportion which their agricultural (rural) population bears to the total (rural) population in the United States."

3. That the Smith-Hughes Act be amended to read:-- "Said sums shall be allotted to the States in the proportion which the rural population bears to the total rural population of the United States provided that no state shall receive less than the minimum amount to which it would be entitled on the basis of agricultural population. There is hereby appropriated the following sums as much thereof as may be necessary which shall be used for the purpose of providing the minimum allotment to the States provided for

in this section."

VOTED: That President Beach be instructed to draw up a statement relative to the discrimination against the State of Connecticut by the Department of Agriculture in the distribution of the Smith-Lever Funds, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to bring the matter before our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The President reported that the Executive Committee (Building Committee) on the day of June 11th and July 30th, 1918, authorized the erection of a coal bunker at Eagleville at an expenditure of \$8,960.

Expenditures have been made for the purchase of land \$610.50; for a wagon loader, mine car and other equipment \$2,127.05.

In view of the fact that the Legislature has acted favorably on a change in the trunk line map which will provide a trunk line road from Mansfield Depot to the College, it is recommended that no further expenditures be made on the coal bunker at Eagleville.

VOTED: To authorize Mr. Wheeler to make a survey and report as to the feasibility of erecting a coal bunker at Mansfield Depot.

VOTED: That the coal, equipment and land at Eagleville be left with the President and Treasurer of the College, with power to act.

VOTED: To rescind the action of the Board of Trustees, date of March 17th, 1916, authorizing the erection of a fire-proof construction well house, over the old well adjacent to the Main Building.

VOTED: To rescind the vote of the Building Committee, date of June 22nd, 1917, authorizing the erection of a well house and derrick over the new well adjacent to the Central Heating Plant.

VOTED: That Mr. Beach be instructed to prepare the material to make application to establish a post office at Storrs and that the Executive Committee be instructed to take up the matter with our Congressmen.

VOTED: That Mr. Miller of the Gilbert Bennett Manufacturing Company, Georgetown, Connecticut, be made a member of the Gilbert Farm Committee and that President Beach be instructed to notify the gentleman of his appointment.

VOTED: That the matter of salaries be referred to the Administration Committee for report at our next meeting.

VOTED: That the Treasurer be instructed to render quarterly reports to the Board hereafter.

VOTED: That the matter of the S. A. T. C. adjust-

ment be left with the President and Treasurer, with power to act.

Adjourned at 12:45.

Attest: O. F. King.

Secretary.