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Hartford, Conn.,

December 21, 1921.

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

Those also present were Messrs. Alsop, Scoville, Stoddard, Meredith, President Beach, Treasurer Longley and the Secretary.

The following report was rendered by President Beach:-

"Nov. 16, 1921.

1. That the Connecticut Editorial Association has accepted the invitation of the Board of Trustees to hold the summer meeting of the association, 1922, at the College.

2. That the State Board of Finance has recommended to the Board of Control that authority be given to the Trustees to increase the salary of John Collins Taylor, extension poultryman, from \$1,600 to \$1,800.

3. That "the last will of E. Stevens Henry late of the town of Vernon in said district deceased, contains a bequest to the Connecticut Agricultural College of \$1,000."

4. That Charles H. Copeland has been in the employ of the Farm Department since May 1897 with the exception of one year. Mr. Copeland is 72 years old. He has been paid during the past five years for services \$3,182.97 or an average of \$636.56 per year.

It is recommended that the Trustees petition the Board of Control for a pension for said Charles H. Copeland in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74, Public Acts of 1921.

5. That the committee, consisting of the President and Mr. Meredith submit the following resolutions covering the services to the College in the death of the late Hon. E. Stevens Henry.

6. That the financial statement for the first four months of the fiscal year shows expenditures under allowance:

College Division	\$ 18,394.47
Extension "	7,177.79
Experiment Station	869.51

7. That the Two Year Course in Agriculture opened November 8th with an enrollment of sixty-four students making a total enrollment of College and School of 420 as compared with 345 of the corresponding date 1920, or an increase of seventy-five students."

IT WAS VOTED: That the Board secure the opinion of the Attorney-General as to what action it should take regarding the bequest to the college of the late E. Stevens Henry, as follows:

"State of Connecticut)	
Probate Court)	Rockville, Nov. 8, 1921.
District of Ellington)	

The last will and testament of E. Stevens Henry late of the town of Vernon, in said district, deceased, contains a bequest to the Connecticut Agricultural College of One Thousand Dollars.

All communications on the subject should be addressed to John E. Fisk of Rockville, Connecticut, an executor of said will.

(Signed) M.W. Leonard Clerk of said Probate Court."

Mr. Beach presented the following resolution touching the late Hon. E. Stevens Henry:-

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

TOUCHING

the late HON. E. STEVENS HENRY.

WHEREAS, The Honorable E. Stevens Henry, for twenty-six years an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College died October 10, 1921, and

WHEREAS, We fully appreciate his keen interest, his diligent and untiring labors on behalf of this institution, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College, especially recognize and greatly appreciate his long, efficient and unselfish service as a member of this Board, and be it further

ORDERED, THAT these resolutions be entered on the records of the Board and a copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

It was approved that President Beach be authorized to act in the matter of the Ecclesiastical Society:

"The Ecclesiastical Society has voted to deed to the Storrs Congregational Church, incorporated, all real estate owned by the Society. The property of the Ecclesiastical Society is described by land marks that no longer exist in deeds given in 1737 or more than 180 years ago. It is suggested that a committee of one be appointed by the Trustees to approve of a new survey and description of property to be made in so far as it affects the boundary of College property, which it adjoins on all sides.

"The Storrs Congregational Church incorporated, beg leave to withdraw their request for permission to connect the church with the Central Heating Plant of the College.

"It was recommended that the services of Professor Kirkpatrick be loaned the officers of the Connecticut Agricultural and Industrial Exposition in connection with the proposed mid-winter fair to be held in 1922."

The following request of the President was approved:

"The President request that for the next College year providing funds are available that the Board of Trustees authorize the employment of two instructors in English, one instructor (assistant) in Zoology, one instructor in physics and one graduate, half time, student in Dairy Husbandry, total additional expenditure for salaries (estimated) not to exceed \$6,750 per annum."

The following report of the President was approved:

That a committee of three, A. W. Farnham, chairman, representing the State Vegetable Growers' Association visited the College recently and in their interview with the President stated that the members of their Association felt that the College was not

doing as much in the line of investigation or furnishing the service to vegetable growers of the state as they might reasonably expect from the State Agricultural College. I pointed out to them that the Trustees had set aside twelve acres of land for the vegetable gardening department and that request had been made to the General Assembly in 1919 for an appropriation for the improvement of this land, that there was need of and plans had been made for a fruit and vegetable storage house. The committee have asked me to submit in writing the needs of the vegetable gardening department. With your approval the accompanying statement will be submitted:

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Vegetable Gardening Department

Present Staff and Equipment

1. Teaching Staff

(a) One full time man employed by College Division for resident teaching. The teaching work has for its purpose the training of persons to take up commercial work and to give students the practical knowledge essential for success in the growing of cash and production crops.

(b) One full time man employed by Extension Service. The Extension work has for its purpose the dissemination of information and advice to commercial growers and others in matters of seed selection, cultivation, use of fertilizers, harvesting and marketing.

2. Equipment

(a) One greenhouse, 18 x 70'

(b) Tools and supplies, inventoried at \$1,233. Includes half interest in two-horse team.

(c) Land, acres improved, six.
Land, acres unimproved, six.

Needs of Department.

1. Experimental Work

No provision has been made for experimental work in Vegetable Gardening at the Storrs Station. This is not due to lack of appreciation of the importance of the Vegetable Gardening industry but to lack of funds. It is recognized that sound teaching, both on the part of the College to resident students and on the part of the Extension Service to practical farmers, is based on the results of investigation and research. Connecticut is dependent at present upon the work of experiment stations of other states for the latest scientific information concerning Vegetable Gardening. The Storrs Experiment Station should be prepared to carry on original research and equipped to test out and demonstrate, as applicable to Connecticut, the discoveries made elsewhere.

2. Land

It may be urged that the College should be self-supporting in so far as is possible. To this end land suitable in character and sufficient in area should be provided to enable the Vegetable Gardening department to grow vegetables (a) to supply the student boarding club and families connected with the institution; (b) to provide the opportunity for students to obtain practical experience to supplement the theoretical instruction of the classroom; (c) to furnish employment to students in need of financial assistance. The Trustees have set aside twelve acres of land for this purpose. Funds are needed for drainage and improvement.

Estimate of cost:

Clearing, six acres	\$2,400
Draining, twelve acres	<u>3,600</u>

\$6,000

3. Storage House:

To be used jointly by the Pomological and Vegetable Gardening departments. There is need for a building for the preservation of products for out-of-season study and for the storage of fruits and vegetables which would permit of their distribution over a longer season than at present. This building should be equipped with artificial refrigeration.

Estimate of cost:

Storage bldg. for fruits & vegetables	\$20,000
Refrigeration and equipment	<u>5,000</u>
	\$25,000

4. Tool House

The Pomological, Vegetable Gardening and Landscape departments are in need of a store house for tools, implements and supplies.

Estimate of cost:

Tool house \$2,500

Summary of Needs

A.

Buildings and Improvements

- 1. Clearing and draining of land \$ 6,000
- 2. Storage bldg, refrigeration, etc. 25,000
- 3. Tool House 2,500

B.

For investigation in vegetable gardening 7,000 \$40,500

The following report of the Farm and Animal Husbandry Department was approved:

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

FARM AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT.

Statement as to the needs of the Farm and Live Stock department to enable it to render such service to the farmers and live live stock breeders as may reasonably be expected by them from the State Agricultural College:-

The farm connected with an agricultural college is essentially an out-of-door laboratory. Various types and breeds of live stock are used for practice in judging and the latest improved machinery for class room instruction and field demonstration. The farm is in need of a building for the storage of tools and the housing of farm machinery. A tractor and light motor truck should be added to the farm equipment. The housing problem for farm laborers is urgent. Present accommodations are unsatisfactory and inadequate adding to the difficulty of engaging and keeping satisfactory employees. Several cottages of tenements are needed to house the families of men employed on the farm and other departments of the college.

Stock judging is a required subject in the Freshman year and advanced courses are elective in the Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. Two hundred and seventy-nine were enrolled in stock judging courses last year. In the early fall and late spring it is possible to conduct classes in stock judging out of doors. In cold and inclement weather, however, out-of-door classes are held at a disadvantage and loss of efficiency. A stock judging pavillion is needed for use of classes during the college year and accommodate audiences during Farmers' week and other summer meetings.

Summary of needs of Department.

1. Storage building, for farm tools and implements	\$12,000
2. Tractor & tools	2,600
One ton truck	1,800
3. Four cottages for Farm Laborers	14,000
4. Live stock judging pavillion.	20,000
5. Repairs & renovation of Rosebrooks barn	7,000
6. Purebred stock	2,400
	\$ 80,000

The following recommendation was approved:

That the President be authorized to engage Henry Daley as instructor in Physical Education to begin work February 1, 1922 at a salary of \$600 for the remainder of the school year with the understanding that the Athletic Association will contribute \$400 of this amount.

IT WAS VOTED: That the College participate in the Agricultural exposition at the Armory in January with the understanding that the college expenses be not over \$250.

In the opinion of the Board the present arrangement with the State Board of Control of Experiment Stations and the College regarding the Connecticut Experiment Station is to be continued.

VOTED: To appoint Messrs. Alsop, Beach and King,
a Committee to confer with the Board of Control regarding a
new director.

Meeting adjourned at one o'clock.

Attest:

O. F. King,

Secretary.