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## Minutes, July 11, 1919

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Hartford, Connecticut,

July 11, 1919.

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Connecticut Agricultural College was called to order by His Excellency, Governor Holcomb at the Executive Office at 11:15.

Those also present were Messrs. Alsop, Manchester, Brown, President Beach, Treasurer Longley and King.

President Beach rendered the following report:

1. The Dairy Barn was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening, July 6. The probable cause of the fire was spontaneous combustion of sawdust and shavings which were stored in the building for use as bedding and absorbents. The annex or cattle barn was not injured.

2. Grove Cottage, the young woman's dormitory, was destroyed by fire Tuesday, July 8. The fire originated from a blow-torch in use by plumbers repairing the gutter on the roof of the building.

| 3.                      | <u>Building</u> |           | <u>Contents</u> |           |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
|                         | Value           | Insurance | Value           | Insurance |
| Dairy Barn<br>and Annex | \$21,200        | \$19,100  | \$16,720        | \$13,000  |
| Grove Cottage           | 22,000          | 19,800    | 2,810           | 2,200     |

4. The following are the probable amounts that will be paid as losses by the insurance companies:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Dairy Barn, Building    | \$11,500 |
| Dairy Barn, Contents    | 7,000    |
| Grove Cottage, Building | 19,800   |
| Grove Cottage, Contents | 2,200    |
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| Total                   | \$40,500 |

VOTED: To ask the Board of Finance of the State of Connecticut to meet with the Trustees at the College on Tuesday, July 15, and go over the problem of a Woman's Building with a view of securing funds for the same.

VOTED: To ask Mr. Beach to prepare a plan and estimate of expense to replace the Dairy Barn.

VOTED: To adopt the recommendation that the Treasurer's bond be increased from \$35,000 to \$50,000; that M. W. McCracken, assistant in the Treasurer's Office be bonded for \$3,000.

The Canvassing board having supervision of an Alumni Trustee report:

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Total number of votes cast | 161 |
| Necessary for choice       | 81  |
| Received by Olcott F. King | 105 |
| James B. Thwing            | 34  |
| R. J. Averill              | 13  |
| C. B. Pomeroy              | 9   |

VOTED: To adopt the recommendation that Richard C. Fisher be promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor of Dairy Husbandry.

The following report from the President was offered:

1. H. Kriotsky offers to sell a building lot opposite the Storrs Garage for \$700.00
2. The receipt of a letter from H. Hayard commending the services rendered by H. J. Baker as Principal of the Farm School at Beaune, France.
3. The receipt of a gift from the Hon. E. Stevens Henry of a valuable set of the Jersey Herd Registers, volumes 1 to 78 inclusive.
4. The resignation of Guy C. Smith, Professor of Agricultural Economics.
5. The receipt of a letter from I. G. Davis regarding the work of Senator McLean in securing a fund to equalize discrepancies in the allotment of the Smith Lever Funds.

VOTED: That the Secretary write a letter to E. Stevens Henry thanking him for his valuable gift of a set of "Jersey Herd Registers", Vols. 1 - 78 inclusive.

The following communication was received from Mr.

I. G. Davis; -

July 3, 1919.

"The Agricultural Bill has passed Congress, and I think we can assume that it will receive the President's signature. Your Farm Bureau will receive from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, through the Connecticut Agricultural College, and from the Extension funds of the College \$3308.00 for the coming year. These funds will be appropriated as follows:

County Agricultural Agent . . . \$1100.  
 Home Demonstration Agent . . . 1104.  
 County Club Leader . . . . . 1104.

In case of a temporary discontinuance of any department of the Bureau, funds allotted to that department do not accumulate, but are reverted to the general fund of the Department of Agriculture.

The Connecticut Agricultural College is making these funds available to the support of the three lines of work above mentioned, with the understanding that adequate travel facilities and stenographic assistance will be afforded, and with the understanding that the agents employed as cooperative employees will be under the technical supervision of the State Leader of County Agents, and the various other State Leaders, as has been true in the past. A general memorandum of understanding between the College and the Farm Bureau, covering these points, will be formulated at a later date. I am putting forward the appointments of Messrs. Southwick and Brundage and Miss Robinson as federal employees at their present salary with the federal and state contribution noted above.

I feel that every Farm Bureau in Connecticut owes an expression of appreciation to Senator McLean, whose work in securing a fund to equalize discrepancies in the allotment of Smith-Lever funds, is responsible for at least \$1000 of this appropriation to each county.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) I. G. Davis,

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Acting Director."

VOTED: That the Secretary write a letter to Senator George P. McLean thanking him for his valuable assistance in securing our share of the Smith-Lever Fund allotment.

VOTED: To instruct the Treasurer to draw 1/8 of the College Extension and Experiment Station Funds for the two years beginning July 1st, 1919.

VOTED: That the report of the Treasurer be accepted when audited.

VOTED: That the budget of the Extension Service and the College for 1919-1920, as presented by Mr. Longley, be approved.

VOTED: That the salaries of the office employees and Treasurer (\$11,630) be charged 20% to the Extension Division; 10% to the Experiment Station; 5% to Gilbert Farm; 65% to the College and that the Treasurer be authorized to make this division of the overhead expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1919.

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer to collect from the Extension Division and the Experiment Station charges for heat, light, power and water.

VOTED: To authorize Mr. Alsop and Mr. Garrigus to expend any part of the special appropriation for the promotion of sheep husbandry for the rental or purchase of land.

VOTED: To authorize the purchase of two silos for immediate delivery.

VOTED: To authorize the purchase of a truck for the Farm Department whenever funds are available.

VOTED: To instruct the Treasurer to increase the insurance on the College Building twenty per cent.

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer to pay the Willimantic Fire Department for assistance at the Grove Cottage fire not to exceed \$150.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock.

Attest: O. F. King.

Secretary.