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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
held at
HOTEL HEUBLEIN,
Hartford, Conn.,
on

Wednesday, July 20, 1927, at 11:30 o'clock D.S.T.

Present: Mr. Green Mr. Hollister President Beach
Mr. Buckingham Mr. Hough Director Ellis
Mrs. Vinton Mr. Wood Comptroller Longley
Mr. Buckley Mr. Platt

Mr. Buckingham elected Chairman.

- 1. The Comptroller submitted the financial report for the year ended June 30th, 1927.

IT WAS VOTED: that the report of the Comptroller be accepted and approved when audited.

- 2. The President reported that House Bill 121, approved and adopted by the General Assembly of 1927, provides that the Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College shall certify as to the amounts to which the several County Farm Bureaux are qualified to receive from the state appropriation.

The bill provides that when the county has raised not less than \$1000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the farm bureau from sources other than under the provisions of said act, the Trustees shall certify thereto. The bill further provides that when this certification has been made the county farm bureaux are entitled to draw not to exceed \$2000 for a county farm bureau agent; \$2000 for a home demonstration agent; and \$2,000 for a boys' and girls' club worker for each county.

There are 21 workers at present. Litchfield County proposes to employ a club agent as soon as a suitable candidate can be found. This would call for an expenditure of \$44,000 per year. The amount included in the appropriation bill for expenses of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1929, was \$72,000 for the promotion of agricultural interests (farm bureau). This would involve a deficit of \$8000 per year. In case the appointment of a club agent for Litchfield County is not approved, the deficit would be \$6000 per annum.

The Farm Bureaux have prepared their budgets for the ensuing year and the counties have obligated themselves to an extent that they would not have done if they had not understood that

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funds would be available in accordance with the wording of the bill.

IT WAS VOTED: that a committee consisting of Messrs. Wood, Buckingham, Platt, and Hough be appointed to consult with the presidents of the several farm bureaux and to confer with Edward F. Hall, Superintendent, and the Board of Control and Finance in regard to the adjustment of this matter.

- 3. Mr. Ellis, Director of the Extension Division, submitted the following form of certification of county farm bureaux to receive state funds:

CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY FARM BUREAUX TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS

As provided in House Bill 121, An Act Amending an Act Concerning the Promotion of Agricultural Interests. Public Acts of 1927.

To the Comptroller of the State of Connecticut:

We, the Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College, do hereby certify that the County Farm Bureaux named below have each qualified to receive the State appropriation as provided in House Bill 121, An Act amending an Act concerning the promotion of Agricultural Interests, Public Acts of 1927.

The respective amounts which each Farm Bureau has received from the Smith-Lever Act, and which have been raised within the County from memberships and contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927, are shown in columns opposite the name of the Farm Bureau. The amount to which each county organization is entitled under this act is indicated in the fourth column.

Name	Fed. Funds Smith-Lever Funds	Memberships & Contributions	No. of Agents	Funds entitled to in 1927-28
Fairfield County Farm Bureau	\$1962.00	\$2273.00	3	\$6000
Hartford County Farm Bureau	1512.00	2264.00	3	6000
Litchfield County Farm Bureau	2208.00	3069.58	3	6000*
Middlesex County Farm Bureau	2208.00	1502.00	2	4000
New Haven County Farm Bureau	1495.20	2934.96	3	6000
New London County Farm Bureau	1821.33	1053.00	3	6000
Tolland County Farm Bureau	1079.11	1153.00	3	6000
Windham County Farmers' Assn.	504.00	1185.00	2	4000**
Totals	\$12789.64	\$15434.54	22	\$44000

SIGNED: TRUSTEES OF THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

By _____ Comptroller

Storrs, Conn.
July 14, 1927.

*Two agents at present, club agent to be employed as soon as a suitable candidate can be found.

**One agent at present, club agent appointment effective Sept. 6, 1927

IT WAS VOTED: to authorize Mr. Longley to sign the above certificate and transmit the same to the Comptroller.

4. The President reported:

- (a) Approval of the purchase of the parsonage by the Board of Control and Finance, meeting of June 23, 1927:

"An expression of opinion was asked regarding the purchase from the Trustees of the Second Congregational Church of Mansfield of the parsonage property, so-called, and the transfer to the Trustees of a building lot for a new parsonage. It was the sense of the meeting that the Board go on record as tentatively approving this project and that formal approval would be made at the July meeting."

Meeting of the Board of Control and Finance, July 7, 1927:

"IT WAS VOTED: by virtue of the provisions of statute 86 of the Public Acts of 1927, that the Trustees of The Connecticut Agricultural College are authorized to purchase from the Trustees of the Second Congregational Church of Mansfield the parsonage property, so-called, and to pay therefor the sum of \$3000 in addition to a conveyance to said Trustees of the Second Congregational Church of a building lot not to exceed one acre in area in accordance with maps filed with the Commissioner, as provided by Special Act 54 of 1925."

- (b) Approval by the Board of Control and Finance of increases in maximum salary of deans and full professors, meeting of June 23, 1927:

"IT WAS VOTED: to approve the following amendment to the salary schedule for Connecticut Agricultural College, authorized by the Board of Control July 11, 1923, said amendment to become effective July 1, 1927:

"Maximum salary for all deans and full professors on an 11-month service basis, \$5,000 instead of \$4500;

"Maximum salary for all deans and full professors on 9-month service basis, \$4,500 per year instead of \$4,000."

- (c) Approval by the Board of Control and Finance of the increases in the salaries of the following employees of the College, said employees not being classified under the salary schedule, meeting of June 23, 1927:

"IT WAS VOTED: to authorize the following salary increases for employees of the Connecticut Agricultural College, effective July 1, 1927, said employees not being classified under the salary schedule for the College approved by the Board of Control on July 11, 1923:

- G. Athoe, office manager, Extension Department, from \$150 to \$160 per month;
- A. Blanchette, Elliott-Fischer Operator, from \$125 to \$130 per month;
- Ethel Carr, Manager of Dining Hall, from \$220.83 to \$230 per month;
- W. M. Chapman, Manager of Bookstore, from \$166.67 to \$184 per month;
- Ruth Morse, Assistant Office Manager, Extension Department, from \$116.66 to \$122 per month;
- M. E. Snow, Accountant, from \$270.83 to \$280 per month;
- B. Stearns, Chief Clerk, from \$175 to \$185 per month;
- L. B. Tenney, Superintendent of Buildings Department, from \$333.33 to \$350 per month."

- (d) That, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a half-yard steam shovel, manufactured by the Meade and Morrison Company, has been purchased for \$7,655.
- (e) The receipt of the formal letter of acceptance of appointment as architect of the classroom building from Delbert K. Perry. Mr. Perry in this letter confirmed the proposal to furnish without charge plans and specifications for the pathological laboratory for the Experiment Station.
- (f) That Mr. Wilkins, Deputy Comptroller, in a letter advises the Trustees that the State Board of Control and Finance requests that plans for the classroom building be submitted to them for approval before advertising for bids for construction.
- (g) That 350 applications have been received for admission to the freshman class. Not more than 180 can be accepted. The total of applications will probably run to over 400 before the opening of College.
- (h) That the students and Alumni of the College had raised a fund of approximately \$7,000 to be used in grading of the present athletic field and for the construction of a new baseball diamond and tennis courts.

- (i) That George H. Hollister, Class of 1902, was elected in June, 1927, as a Trustee to take the place of Olcott F. King.
- (j) That on the advice of the Attorney General the request had been withdrawn asking for an opinion as to whether the income from the Dunham Trust Fund could be used to pay a part of the premiums of group insurance for members of the staff.
- (k) That the Attorney General had been requested to advise whether in his opinion the College, on petition to the Teachers Retirement Board, could withdraw from the provisions of the Teachers Retirement System, and to inquire further, in case the petition should be granted, what would be the status of the members of the teaching staff in regard to the benefits of the State Employees Pension System.
- 5(a) IT WAS VOTED: that rental charges for houses and apartments occupied by members of the staff be increased to yield approximately 8.8% of the sound values of buildings as appraised May 1927;
- (b) That the salary of members of the staff occupying said houses and apartments be increased in amount equal to the increase in the charges for rent.
6. IT WAS VOTED: to approve of the adoption of a schedule as to periods of service for full professors and deans and the approval of increases in cash salary of full professors and deans as follows:

<u>Deans:</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Salary</u>	<u>Increase in Rent</u>	<u>Increase in Cash Salary</u>
Sinnott	\$4500	\$5000	\$192	\$308
Gentry	4750	5000	132	118
Mrs. Hendrickson	3250	3500	0	250
Fitts	3750	4000	0	250
White	4500	4800	192	108
Dodge	4000	4230	228	2
<u>Professors - 11 months:</u>				
Longley	4500	5000	180	320
Garrigus	4500	4750	132	118
Manchester	4250	4500	0	250
Hollister	4200	4400	192	8
Kirkpatrick	4500	4750	0	250
Lamson	4500	5000	192	308
Davis	4500	5000	192	308
Stevens	3750	3850	0	100
Crandall	3500	3622	122	0

<u>Professor - 10 months</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Salary</u>	<u>Increase in Rent</u>	<u>Increase in Cash Salary</u>
Wheeler	\$4000	\$4750	\$390	\$360
<u>Professors - 9 months:</u>				
Newton	4000	4400	192	208
Esten	4000	4100	0	100
Dorsey	3750	4000	108	142
Sockerson	4000	4350	192	158
Ferguson	3500	3692	192	0
Guyer	3500	3750	108	142
Denlinger	3500	3500	0	0
Miss Lundberg	3000	3200	0	200
	\$96,300	\$103,144	\$2,936	\$4,008

7. IT WAS VOTED: to approve of the appointment of Gladys E. Stratton as Home Management Specialist on the Extension Staff at a salary of \$3,000, effective August 1st, 1927.
8. IT WAS VOTED: to approve of the appointment of Miss Florence E. Collins, Instructor in Design, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Wilma B. Keyes, at a salary of \$2,000 effective September 15th, 1927; Miss Nellie Gard, Instructor in Home Economics, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Putnam, at a salary of \$2,400 per year, effective September 15, 1927.
9. IT WAS VOTED: that the College undertake the construction of the filter beds without competitive bids.
10. IT WAS VOTED: that the Board of Trustees petition the Board of Control and Finance for permission to sell building lots to members of the staff in the section situated east of the Willimantic Highway and South of the Gurleyville Road.
11. IT WAS VOTED: That Dr. Wood and Mr. Longley be appointed to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company to be held in the office of the corporation at Georgetown, Conn., on Tuesday July 26th at 11 o'clock daylight saving time.
12. IT WAS VOTED : that Mr. Longley be authorized to terminate the lease for the rental of the Osborn Farm at Georgetown.
13. The President reported the receipt from Lyman A. Mills of Middlefield, Conn., of a gift of an oil painting, Gilbert Munger, artist, entitled "Carnival at Nice". Sir Gilbert Munger was born in 1836 in North Madison and died in Washington, D. C., 1903. He lived abroad some twenty years where he received many distinctions conferred upon him by governments and sovereigns of Europe.

The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Mills and acknowledge the receipt of the painting and express the appreciation of the members of the Board for the gift.

14. The President reported that a meeting of the Joint-Purnell Committee was held at the Graduate Club, New Haven, on June 27th, 1927. Director Slate submitted the following report of progress for the year 1926-27 and a statement as to the program for the year 1927-28:

MEETING OF JOINT PURNELL COMMITTEE

June 27, 1927.

A - Report of Progress for the year 1926-27.

The program of the year as adopted at the last meeting (June 14, 1926) was as follows -

General Project - THE AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES OF CONNECTICUT AND THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THEIR UTILIZATION.

1- Assigned to the New Haven Station:

- a- A STUDY OF THE SOILS OF CONNECTICUT AND THEIR PROPERTIES.
- b- THE COMPOSITION AND RATE OF GROWTH OF THE FOREST AS INFLUENCED BY SOIL TYPE.

2- Assigned to the Storrs Station:

- c- THE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF SOIL TYPE.
- d- AN ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE AGRICULTURE OF THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY.
- e- SURVEY OF THE CONNECTICUT APPLE INDUSTRY .
(Part of the New England Apple Survey).
- f- THE ORIGIN AND CHARACTER OF THE RURAL POPULATION.
- g- STANDARDS OF LIVING IN FARM HOMES AS INFLUENCED BY SOIL TYPE.

Progress to date may be summarized as follows:

- a- Soils- Twelve typical areas have now been carefully mapped, thus giving a complete sample of Connecticut soils. A preliminary soil map of the State has been prepared.

We are now engaged in a study of the properties of these soils to determine their value for plant production. (Chemical and physical studies in laboratory; pot and plot tests in greenhouse and field.

Two valuable contributions have already been published: "The Relation of Soil Acidity to Tobacco Root Rot" and "The Supply of Phosphorous in Old Tobacco Soils."

- b- Forestry- Our work on the relation of soils to forests is opening a large field for useful research. In this country, foresters have heretofore devoted all their attention to existing stands; they must now consider the growing of trees as a crop.

Our work in 1926 showed that two soils, heretofore considered identical, may vary as much as 30% in capacity to produce trees. We are now engaged in learning how to measure these differences and how to correlate them with forestry practice.

The present technique is as follows: Plots of 80 acres are laid out in a forest; a detailed soil map is then made and every tree and shrub on each soil is listed and measured. the data for each soil are then assembled for statistical analysis.

- c- Economic Social and Home Studies.

At Storrs we have set up a group as follows:

Socio-Economics - Mr. Davis, Chairman

Agr. Economics - Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Davis

Rural Sociology - Dr. Hypes

Home Economics - Miss Clapp

In agr. Economics we have already made several useful contributions:

"Supply and Demand of Connecticut Tobacco"

"Market Demand for Vegetables"

"Apple Survey" - In press

"Analysis of the 1925 Census" - In Press

The study of Connecticut Valley Agriculture based on the Soil Surveys in Suffield and East Windsor is going forward now. Several hundred farms are being tabulated.

The major problem is the "Economic Significance of Soil Type". One bulletin has been published. Mr. Davis is planning to extend this at once.

The first step in the Rural Social work is to learn who are on our farms. Dr. Hypos has now covered several of the soil areas and is tabulating the data. These data include origin and race, previous education and experience and similar facts for each family. Rural teachers, ministers and extension workers will find the results of this first phase very useful.

The Home Studies tie up with all the others. We have finally found a well trained woman who has begun to make plans and study the local situation.

B- Program for 1927-28.

We now have our organization complete and no change is recommended for next year. The projects have the approval of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Budget proposed:

Soils	-	\$12,000.
Forestry	-	8,000.
Agr. Economics	-	12,000.
Rural Sociology	-	4,000.
Home Economics	-	<u>4,000.</u>
		\$40,000.

- 15. IT WAS VOTED: to request the Secretary to send a letter of appreciation to Olectt F. King and Everett E. Brown and express appreciation of the members of the Board for their services as Trustees.
- 16. There was some discussion by members of the Board regarding admission of out-of-state students and the the tuition charge for out-of-state students. The President was requested to make an inquiry regarding the tuition charge made by other Land Grant Colleges for out-of-state students and report to the Board at a later meeting.

17. The following officers were elected for the year 1927-28:

Vice-President - Harry G. Manchester

Secretary - Walter C. Wood

Standing Committees of the Board:

Executive Committee - Messrs. Wood, Meredith, Hough,
Buckley, Buckingham, ~~and Hollister.~~

Experiment Station - Messrs. Buckingham, Hollister, and
Mrs. Vinton.

Extension Service - Messrs. Wood, Platt, and Buckingham

Home Economics - Mrs. Vinton.

The meeting then adjourned.

Walter C. Wood - Secretary.

