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Hartford, Conn.,

March 12, 1918.

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

Mr. Jarvis was appointed Chairman.

Those also present were Messrs. Henry, Alsop, Lyman, Fanton, Hubbard and Brown of the Trustees, Mr. Longley, Professors Garrigus, Slate and Eaton of the College, and Dr. Jenkins of the Experiment Station.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without reading.

Voted: To authorize Mr. Beach to fill the position of Professor Judkins whose resignation we have accepted.

Voted: That President and Treasurer be authorized to fix the rent of the new tenements.

Voted: To authorize Mr. Beach to rent for the use of the College for farm help the Chadwick house on as long time lease as possible.

Voted: That on the matter of the purchase of coal and canned goods, we refer the same to the Treasurer with authority to buy after consideration with the Executive Committee.

Voted: That the matter of a laboratory equipment at the college for Mr. Edmund be left with the Executive Committee with power.

Voted: To authorize the Treasurer to pay the bill of Alexis Cassey for cottage No. 10 in the amount of \$1036.

The following estimate of cost of grading of the lawns was offered by Mr. Beach:

*Nov. 26th 1917.

Estimate of cost of Grading for lawns, also making service road to Garage and cottages (14 - 17) and proposed new cottage for Mrs. Whitney, also the Grading and building of cement sidewalk for same.

<u>Service road</u>	1200 ft. long 12 ft. wide 500 ft. of which is thru swamp and requires stone bottom, and the removal of several large tree stumps.	\$700.00
<u>Lawns</u>	To finish grading round cottages (14 - 17) also new one.	300.00
	Lawn grass seed	25.00
		1,025.00
<u>Sidewalk</u>	1600 ft. long 4 ft. wide 5" thick.	
<u>Cement</u>	4" grouting 1-9 will take 237 bags of cement 1" top 1-2 will take 178 bags of cement 415 @ .80	= 332.00
<u>Sand</u>	85 yds @ 1.25 per yd	106.25
<u>Grading</u>	the land, and hauling ashes for bottom.	225.00
<u>Blasting</u>	ledge & rocks, removing same	75.00
<u>Labor</u>	4 men 18 days @ 3.50 (laying cement)	252.00
<u>Equipment</u>		50.00
		1,040.25
* Drainage of swamp Southwest of cottages 1000 ft. open ditch average depth 2½ ft. 2 ft. wide at bottom.		400.00
* This ditch is necessary to drain the swamp at rear of the cottages (14 - 17) as well as the land for the future new cottages.		
	Grading & road	\$1,025.00
	Sidewalk	1,040.25
	Drainage	400.00
	T O T A L	\$2,465.25 "

Voted: To pay the cost of the above which was not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Voted: That Mr. Brown be elected a member of the Extension Committee in place of Mr. Stoddard.

The following letter was received from Director Baker:

"February 27, 1918.

Dear President Beach:

You will be interested in knowing that I have received from Washington the name of a man for our emergency poultry work, Mr. George P. Coffin. I have wired them to send him on. Mr. Coffin is a married man. I am wondering if there are any houses on the campus or near here that this man could get when he arrives.

You will also be interested in knowing that the Dairy Division of the Department of Agriculture have funds to put on workers to demonstrate making cottage cheese. They have agreed to finance such a worker in this State. We have told them that we could use such a worker to advantage and have recommended the appointment of Miss Eleanor Moss. They will pay both salary and expense.

I have also received information from Washington that the Bureau of Entomology will place a man in this State beginning March 1 on insect control work. This man is financed entirely by the Department of Agriculture.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. J. Baker (P.C)

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Director."

The following communication was received from the Eastern States Industrial League:

"Co-operative Relations of the Extension
Division of the College
and the
Eastern States Industrial League.

The Eastern States Industrial League Exposition Company have organized as a subsidiary 'The Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial League.' The objects of this League, as stated in the Constitution, shall be to promote agriculture in the Eastern States by certain activities among which are the following.

1. To establish closer relationship between agricultural and industrial interests and the consuming public.
2. To encourage and apply improved business methods in agriculture relative to co-operative buying, marketing and farm financing.
3. To encourage the utilization of undeveloped farm lands.
4. To work for the general advancement of the Boy and Girl activities.
5. To encourage the best economic conditions in the Eastern States and to reduce the high cost of living.
6. To develop proper channels of publicity in the prosecution of the above objects.

To accomplish these objects the League will co-operate with existing Federal, State and other agencies.

As it appears from these statements, the proposed activities of the Industrial League are very similar to the activities of the Extension Departments of Agricultural Colleges. In order that there might be no conflict of activities or duplication of efforts, two conferences have been held at Springfield, attended by the Presidents of the New England Agricultural Colleges, Dr. True of the States Relations Service, United States Department of Agriculture, and the members of the Executive Committee of the Eastern States Exposition Company.

Unless instructed otherwise by the Board of Trustees, I shall be guided in our co-operative relations with the Eastern States Industrial League by the advice given by Dr. True, Director of the States Relations Service, as expressed in the following letter:

'February 9, 1918.

President C. L. Beach,
Agricultural College,
Storrs, Conn.

Dear President Beach:

I have received your letter of February 2, regarding the conference of the Presidents of the New England Agricultural Colleges and our Mr. Lloyd with the Directors of the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition in Springfield, on January 22, and the tentative memorandum of understanding between each agricultural college and the Field Department of the Eastern States Exposition Company.

The Department is more and more inclined to take the position that the Co-operative Extension organization in the several States should not enter into any agreements with outside organizations and especially with interstate organizations on any other basis than that they will assist in carrying out the plan of work which we have mutually agreed upon. The Co-operative Extension system is a public organization. It is inexpedient for it to mix its affairs with those of private organizations however laudable the objects of these organizations may be.

We are responsible to Congress and the State Legislatures, as representing all the people, to have a carefully considered and full program of work in conformity with Federal and State Legislation. If private parties have funds which they are willing to commit to public county or state organizations for carrying on our work we may accept these from sources within the several States. Or if private parties want to assist in certain lines of work and are willing to conform to our plan of operations, arrangements may be made with them on this basis.

On the other hand, if private organizations have plans of their own we may, if they desire, give them some advice regarding these, but we are not in a position to co-operate with them in carrying out or even formally endorsing them. One difficulty in dealing with such organizations to any extent is that they almost always go further than we intended in using us to back up their projects.

I doubt very much whether it would be expedient for the agricultural colleges in New England, collectively or individually, to enter into any general formal agreement

with the Eastern States Exposition Company or any of its subsidiary branches, or for the officers of the colleges to accept office or membership in any of these organizations.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) A. C. True

Director.' "

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, duly seconded, it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to send to the President, Mr. C. L. Beach, their sincere regrets at his enforced illness and the hope that he may shortly be restored to his usual health and usefulness to the College.

It was also unanimously voted that the President be granted an immediate leave of absence and that the duration be limited only to his entire pleasure.

Voted: That the matter of Gilbert Farm Insurance as presented by Mr. Longley be left with him, with power to revise the figures as instructed.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard, duly seconded, it was voted that the Committee on the Gilbert Farm be discharged and that Mr. C. E. Lyman be appointed the sole representative of the Board of Trustees; that Mr. Lyman be requested to operate said Gilbert Farm along the lines that he had started, and that on July 1, 1918 the question be decided by the Board of Trustees as to the advisability of continuing the Gilbert Farm under the present policy.

It was also voted that a meeting of the Board of Trustees be held at the Gilbert Farm between now and the first of July at the request of Mr. Lyman.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Attest:

O. F. King

Secretary.