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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 November 24th, 1926 at 11 A.M.

Present: Mrs. Vinton Mr. Green Mr. Alsop
 Mr. Meredith Mr. Manchester President Beach
 Mr. King Mr. Wood Comptroller Longley
 Mr. Buckingham

1. IT WAS VOTED: to appoint Messrs. Wood, Buckingham, and Meredith as a Legislative Committee.
2. IT WAS VOTED: to instruct the Legislative Committee to prepare bills and resolutions for the consideration of the General Assembly:

- (a) Request for Appropriation for Maintenance for 2 years:

College Division\$550,573.
Extension Division175,000.
Experiment Station 80,000.

- (b) Request for Appropriation for Buildings & Improvements:

Class Room Building 435,720.
Equipment for Fruit Storage Building ... 19,920.
Enlargement of Filter Beds 47,622.
Four single faculty cottages 32,000.

Pathological Laboratory 28,000.

- ✓ (c) For permission to deed to the town of Mansfield four acres or less of land for school purposes, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.
- (d) For permission to lease to members of the staff building sites for cottages.
- (e) To request that the provision of the retirement system for employes of the State be extended to include members of the college staff.
3. The President presented a brief regarding the Gilbert Farm Endowment and raised the question whether it would be expedient to attempt to secure the assent of the heirs to an exchange or disposal of the Gilbert Farm at Georgetown.

IT WAS VOTED: that President Beach and Mr. Wood be appointed a committee to negotiate with the heirs of the Edwin Gilbert

Estate regarding the transfer of the equity of Gilbert Farm and Gilbert Manufacturing stock now owned by the College.

4. The President reported that the Chairman of the Commission on State Institutions asked the question whether the Trustees should plan a classroom building to accommodate 800 students when the enrolment is limited to 500 students at any one time. This raised the question whether the action of the Legislature limiting enrolment to 500 students is temporary or permanent.

IT WAS VOTED: that the Board of Education, through the Commissioner of Education, be requested to assist this Board, if possible, in the preparation of a plan for a classroom and laboratory building in accordance with a schedule of courses and activities to be furnished by the President of the college.

5. IT WAS VOTED: to accept the gift from Professor Richard E. Dodge to the Library of about 700 volumes, principally on Geography and Geology. Mr. Dodge states: "If the Trustees approve, I would be glad if it could be made a matter of record that I could at any future time withdraw any individual volumes in case any of my children should express a desire for them."

The following is a statement of Edwina Whitney, Librarian, regarding this gift:

"The most valuable gift which the library of Connecticut Agricultural College has ever received came to it last week through the generosity of one of our faculty, Mr. Richard E. Dodge.

"Mr. Dodge has donated to us from his own personal library, over seven hundred volumes, all usable, some rare, and the major part of them of great scientific value.

"The most important of these is a large and select number of works on geography and geology. Next to them would probably rank those on travel and education. Quite a collection of books of fiction and general literature of the better class is also included.

"These books will be accessible to the public as soon as necessary conditions can be complied with.

"It is a rare gift which Mr. Dodge has presented to us, and all who use the library, which is one hundred per cent of a college community, have reason to thank him with all their hearts."

6. IT WAS VOTED: that Miss Marie G. Lundberg be promoted from Assistant Professor to Professor of Home Economics.

The meeting then adjourned.

WALTER C. WOOD - Secretary.