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Hartford, Conn.,

December 17, 1919.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Connecticut Agricultural College was called to order at the Hotel Heublein at 12:00 o'clock.

Mr. Scoville was appointed Chairman, pro tem.

Those also present were Messrs. Henry, Hubbard, President Beach, Treasurer Longley and King.

VOTED: That Mr. Hall be requested to render a report in writing to the Board of the visit of the State Committee appointed to look over Gilbert Farm.

VOTED: To carry out the following recommendation of the Administration Committee:-

"The Administration Committee recommend the adoption of the schedule of rents to yield approximately 7% return on the insurable value of the houses occupied by members of the faculty, and an increase in salary to cover the increase in rent and an additional increase of approximately 10% over present salary. That a detailed copy of the schedule of rents and salaries be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The increase in salaries and rents is summarized as follows:-

S U M M A R Y

A. Proposed increase in Salary and Rent

College, Experiment Station and Extension Division.

Proposed increase in salary	\$11,067
" " " rent	10,979
Total increase in salary to include increase in rent	<u>\$22,046</u>

B. Distribution of the increase in salaries (including increase in rent)

College Staff	\$13,424
Experiment Station Staff	2,058
Extension Division	<u>6,562</u>
	<u>\$22,044</u>

C. College Division

Increase in Salary (including increase in rent)	\$13,424
" " income from rent	

Faculty Cottages	\$10,979	
Farm Tenements	444	
New Cottages	2,430	<u>\$13,843</u>
Net Gain to College Division	\$ 419	"

VOTED: To adopt the recommendation of the Administration Committee of the plans submitted by the faculty regarding the granting of the degree of Master of Science to applicants who meet the necessary requirements.

The President reported that on the solicitation of Charles R. Treat, G. M. Stack, W. H. Baldwin, J. R. Morgan and L. H. Healey the State Board of Control had

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granted an appropriation of \$3650 to the Extension Division of the College for the purpose of continuing the Market News reporting service to July 1, 1920.

VOTED: That the President be requested to extend a vote of thanks to the gentlemen for their interest and help in the above matter.

President Beach rendered the following statement regarding the Town of Mansfield:-

"Connecticut Agri'l. College and Town of Mansfield

The population of the town of Mansfield in 1910 was 1,977 and the grand list (manual 1919 was \$938,254. The indebtedness of the town September 1918 was \$44,986.47, and the rate of taxation 1918 was 24 mills. The town has 200 miles (estimated) of highway of which 20 miles are state-road.

The number of children between 4 and 16 years of age (Sept. 1918) was 583. There are 11 school districts in the town. The annual report for the town of Mansfield for the year 1919 shows a budget of \$39,728.50 of which \$11,000 or 30% is set aside for schools. This does not include \$10,000 voted at the annual meeting to build a new school house at Perkins Corners.

The state has purchased for the college, property valued at \$122,472 (Exhibit A). At the 24 mill rate, the loss of taxes on this property (60% valuation) to the town of Mansfield amounts to \$1763 annually.

The state has built faculty cottages which escape taxation valued at \$243,668 (Exhibit B). At 24 mills the amount of taxes on these cottages (60% valuation) would amount to \$3,509.

The state owns fifty houses and apartments occupied by employees of the college. They have some 60 children under 14 years of age, 37 of whom are under 6 years. More than half of the children attending the Storrs District School are from families on the campus. In not owning their homes, the members of the faculty largely escaped assessment for taxation; and yet they are petitioning for better school facilities than the town provides. The

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school in the Storrs district is a one room school, with one teacher and about forty pupils. On account of the crowded condition a number of the 7th and 8th grade pupils are being transported four miles to Mansfield Center. In 1917 and 1918 a number of the families hired a teacher and conducted a private school.

The voters of Mansfield feel that the college is a burden to the town. On the one hand, the town loses the income from taxes on property purchased by the state, and on the other hand it receives no benefit from taxes from dwelling houses built by the state for occupancy of employees of the college. It is urged therefore that the Trustees should attempt to secure for the town of Mansfield an appropriation for the erection of a school building and for the maintenance of a school in the Storrs School District. "

VOTED: That the Board of Trustees have expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Town of Mansfield in any attempt that they may make to secure funds to aid them in their school problem.

VOTED: That the matter of a storehouse, tool-shed, and lumber storage sheds for the Superintendent of Buildings be referred to the Building Committee with power.

The meeting adjourned.

Attest:

O. F. King,

Secretary.