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Hartford, Conn.,

July 30, 1918.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Connecticut Agricultural College was called to order at the Hotel Heublein at 11:15 A. M. by Vice President Manchester.

Those also present were Messrs. Henry, Alsop, Fanton, Brown, President Beach, Professor Wheeler & King.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading.

The election of officers and committees for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Vice President	Harry G. Manchester
Secretary	Olcott F. King
Treasurer	R.I. Longley

Executive Committee:

J. W. Alsop, Chairman
 Harry G. Manchester
 Charles M. Jarvis
 Iverson C. Fanton

Experiment Station Committee:

Charles M. Jarvis
 E. Stevens Henry
 Everett E. Brown

Extension Committee:

Olcott F. King
Charles E. Lyman
Everett E. Brown

Administration Committee:

Harry G. Manchester
Olcott F. King
E. K. Hubbard

President Beach gave a report of the Attorney General as to whether the property of the Gilbert Farm in the stock of Gilbert-Bennett Manufacturing Company would pay a tax to the government.

VOTED: That a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General relative to the above matter be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be sent to The Gilbert-Bennett Manufacturing Company. A copy of said opinion of the Attorney General is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

VOTED: That the President be instructed to ask the advice of the Attorney General regarding the payment of salaries of Professors who have entered the Service.

VOTED, unanimously, to comply with the request of the Secretary of War providing Military Instruction for college students during the present emergency in accordance with a comprehensive plan to be put into effect by the War Department beginning with the next college year.

The President is instructed to make application to the War Department for the establishment of a Students' Army Training Unit at the Connecticut Agricultural College and in case the application is granted to modify the curriculum of the college to accord with the proposed plan."

President Beach presented the following, regarding Colonel Parke:-

"Colonel J. S. Parke, Commandant, has made a request that the College furnish him with suitable quarters for himself and family free of expense.

The house has been assigned to Colonel Parke for the coming College year at a rental of \$240.

Colonel J. S. Parke retired, but detailed as Professor of Military Science at the Connecticut Agricultural College receives the same salary and allowance received by a retired major, viz., \$4,000 salary and \$720 allowance for rent.

The compensation and allowance of a retired Major in the Army is \$1,500 more than the salary, without perquisites, of a full Professor at the College. Under the circumstances, the Trustees feel that they cannot comply with the request of Colonel Parke without making a corresponding increase in the salaries of members of the Faculty which they are unable to do at the present time on account of the lack of funds.

It was voted that President Beach be instructed to confer with Colonel Parke regarding the above matter.

VOTED: That Mr. Baker's letter with enclosures to be referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Lyman came in at this time.

Memorandum presented by President Beach regarding Farm Practice was approved as follows:-

"Farm experience and familiarity with farm operations is an essential part of the training of Agricultural College students and should be co-ordinated with theoretical instruction.

1. The Trustees approve of the present practice of employing students at paid labor during the College year in every way possible, preference being given to those in need of financial assistance.

2. The Trustees approve of the present practice of the Faculty requiring a successful farm experience for at least one summer on the college farm or on an approved farm as a pre-requisite for graduation.

3. The Trustees recommend:

(a) That the requirement for a successful farm experience for one season in the case of 4-year college students as a pre-requisite for graduation be extended to two summers' work if practicable.

(b) That the Faculty prepare a list of selected farms to which boys may be assigned for the summer and that assistance be given students in securing an opportunity to acquire farm experience.

(c) That students assigned to selected farms for the purpose of meeting the requirements of graduation be supervised by a representative of the Faculty."

It was voted that in the opinion of the Trustees, military discipline is an essential part of military instruction. The President is instructed to request the Committee on Education and Special Training of the War Department to provide for the care of the armory and dormitories at the Connecticut Agricultural College by students under the supervision of the Commandant as a part of the military instruction.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Attest:

O. F. King,

Secretary.