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Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee
Of the
Board of Trustees
Of the
Connecticut Agricultural College
Held at
Hotel Heublein, Hartford, Thursday, March 8, 1928, at 3:30 P.M.

Present: Dr. Wood Mr. Meredith Mr. Buckingham
Mr. Longley President Beach

1. Mr. Charles Copeland, Engineer for the State Water Commission, was present and reported in regard to the progress of the work on the sewage beds, the expenditures to date and the amount necessary to complete the plant:

   a. Original appropriation $47,000
      Expenditures to date 42,000
      Balance on hand 5,000.

   b. Mr. Copeland stated that Mr. Wadhams, Commissioner, was of the opinion that it would be for the best interests of the college and the state to complete the plant at this date, and that a request should be made to the State Board of Finance and Control for an extra allowance of $10,000:

      | Item                        | Amount  |
      |------------------------------|---------|
      | Sewage line                  | 4,000   |
      | Pumping Station              | 5,835   |
      | Sand and gravel for filter beds | 1,260 |
      | Slush beds                   | 1,000   |
      | Total                        | 14,895  |
      | Balance on hand              | 5,000   |
      | Additional amount needed     | 9,895   |

   c. Mr. Copeland reported that the extra cost of the sewage plant over the first estimate was due to:

      Difficulty and extra expense in getting sand and gravel.
      Enlargement of the settling tank, dosing tank and pumping station.
      Ledge encountered, 425 yards at $7.50, 63187.50.
      Expense of building road not in estimate $673.32.
      Expense of installing water main, not in estimate 1682.26

2. It was moved to accept the report of Mr. Copeland and the recommendations of the Water Commission, and present the matter to Mr. Hall and the Board of Finance and Control.

3. The President presented an Associated Press Dispatch as it appeared in the Norwich Bulletin of March 8, 1928:
"Manchester Conn., March 7th - (AP) - The Connecticut Agricultural College at Storrs, will probably receive $300,000 from the estate of Batcliffe Hicks in 1931, it developed today when an accounting of the trust fund created by Mr. Hicks some years ago showed that it has grown from $100,923 to $244,312.

The fund was left in trust for Tolland County to establish a farm school, but, inasmuch as the agricultural college has been founded since the trust terms were drawn up, it is expected that the money will go to Storrs.

Mr. Hicks was an attorney and well known throughout the country."

4. The following bids were received for furnishing hardware to the Classroom Building:

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<th>Company</th>
<th>Bid Price</th>
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<tr>
<td>Russel &amp; Erwin</td>
<td>$4,114.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>P. &amp; F. Corbin</td>
<td>$3,990.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sergeant</td>
<td>$3,275.00</td>
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The bidders requested permission to furnish samples.

IT WAS VOTED to defer action until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held Monday, March 19th, at the Heublein Hotel, at twelve o'clock.

5. Mr. Longley was instructed to carry $20,000 insurance on the Classroom Building.

6. It was recommended that Mr. Perry be instructed to authorize the contractor, Charles Smith & Sons, to receive ninety-five radiators in the Classroom Building at an expense of seven dollars per radiator.

7. It was recommended that Mr. Perry be instructed to authorize the contractor, Charles Smith & Sons, to install forty-five extra outlets for electricity, at an expense of $728.00.

8. The following bids have been received for the installation of clocks and bell system in the Classroom Building:

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<th>Company</th>
<th>Estimate of Cost of</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Connecticut Clock Co.</td>
<td>$299.00</td>
<td>$1749.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard Electric Time Co.</td>
<td>$960.00</td>
<td>1710.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Telechron) Elec. Time Co.</td>
<td>750.00 (est.)</td>
<td>2260.00</td>
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IT WAS VOTED: to adopt the Standard Electric Time Company clock system, cost of clocks and bells $960.00. Mr. Perry was requested to secure a definite estimate of the cost of wiring for this system.
9. The President submitted the following extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Finance and Control, held on February 23, 1928:

"A report was read from President Charles B. Beach, of the Connecticut Agricultural College, on the cost of installing sprinkler system and fireproofing the roof of the new building at the College.

It was the sense of the meeting that this work should not be entered into as it was apparent that the saving on fire insurance premiums would not warrant the additional outlay of money to do this work."

10. The President presented the following communication from His Excellency, Governor Trumbull:

"March 2, 1928.

Mr. C. L. Beach, President,
Connecticut Agricultural College,
Storrs, Connecticut.

My dear Mr. Beach:

In your letter of February 20th you reminded me that at a meeting of the Board of Finance and Control I requested you to ask the Trustees to consider the advisability of disposing of dwelling houses owned by the College. I stated at that time that I believed it was in the best interests of the State to do this.

However, I have discussed the matter with Commissioner Hall and the Attorney General. While the Attorney General admits that under the Statutes your Board has the right to make such a recommendation and the Board of Finance and Control the right to approve it, he is rather of the opinion that perhaps it would be best to refer the matter to the next Legislature for authority to dispose of these houses.

The law reads that property may be disposed of by the Trustees upon approval by the Board of Finance and Control when it appears to be for the best interest of the State or as an economy, although the Statute is not very definite.

Unless there is some reason for immediate action perhaps it would be just as well to have this matter brought before the next Legislature and let them pass upon it.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John H. Trumbull."
11. IT WAS VOTED: to authorize Mr. Longley to transfer the funds indicated below from contingent to Department accounts, as follows: (1 to 11) and from Agricultural Mathematics to Poultry the amount indicated in item 12:

1. From Contingent to Farm
   - Adjustment salary of H. L. Garrigus
   - $350.00

2. From Contingent to Grounds
   - Purchase of snow plow
   - $240.00

3. From Contingent to English
   - Allowance for student labor
   - $100.00

4. From Contingent to Pew Rent
   - Increase in pew rent from $800 to $1200
   - $400.00

5. From Contingent to Furniture
   - Purchase of furniture to date $981.65 plus
     - 6 Englander cots and 25 straight back chairs
   - $1200.00

6. Registrar's Office
   - Student labor
   - $500.00

7. Insurance
   - Addition to schedule
   - $4950.00

8. Military Dept.
   - Band equipment, shofing and instruction
   - $400.00

   - Raising manure shed and labor on litter carrier track
   - $650.00

    - Replacement of furniture in large living room
    - $800.00

11. Furniture - 150 Armory seats
    - 25 Student desks
    - $1200.00

12. From Agricultural Mathematics to Poultry
    - For salary of W. S. Moreland
    - $1000.00

12. IT WAS VOTED: to request Mr. Longley to confer with Dr. Edward F. Hall in regard to the proposed plan for the sale of building lots to members of the College staff, particularly regarding the proposed conditions of sale as outlined in the report made to the Board at the meeting held February 15, 1928.

13. The President submitted the following communication from E. H. Wilkins, Deputy Comptroller, regarding the transfer of the scholarship fund from the "Trust Fund Account" as at present, to the State Proprietary Fund Account:
February 23, 1928.

Mr. H. E. Snow
Connecticut Agricultural College
Storrs, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Snow:

In setting up the Fees Reserve Fund and the Scholarship Loan Fund, as distinct and separate funds within the general group of State Proprietary Funds, it is not intended to change their present status in any way. The Scholarship Loan Fund will be continued as a revolving fund, and will not be treated as a lapsing appropriation.

The State Treasurer has been authorized to transfer the balances of these two funds from the Connecticut Agricultural College Fund to separate accounts.

In scheduling invoices for transmission to the office, all invoices payable from the Scholarship Loan Fund (26-7301) should be included under the head of "Proprietary Funds" and not under Trust and Private Funds as heretofore.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. H. Wilkins
Deputy Comptroller

Approved:
E. F. Hall
Commissioner of Finance and Control.

14. The President submitted the following report of receipts and expenditures for Gilbert Farm for the month of January:

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<th>Department</th>
<th>Receipts</th>
<th>Expenditures</th>
<th>Net Expenditures</th>
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<tr>
<td>Farm Dept.</td>
<td>450.08</td>
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<td>1105.93</td>
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<td>Poultry Dept.</td>
<td>733.62</td>
<td>787.16</td>
<td>452.12</td>
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15. The President submitted the following report regarding vaccination for smallpox:

- Students: 100% vaccinated
- Faculty & employees: 87.4%

The meeting was then adjourned.

WALTER C. WOOD,
Chairman.