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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Held at
Hotel Heublein, Hartford, Wednesday, March 21, 1928 at 11 A.M.

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

- 1. The committee which was appointed at the meeting of the Executive Committee March 19th, to interview Mr. Whittlesey in regard to the identification or branding of "reactors" to the abortion test, made a report. The substance of the agreement is outlined in the following letter.

"Mr. Clifford E. Hough
Member of Executive Committee of Directors
of the Connecticut Agricultural College
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Agreeable to conversation with you and Dr. Wood last evening regarding the experiments and research of Contagious and Infectious Abortion among cattle, carried on by the College Experiment Station, it seems to me wise, desirable and necessary that by written agreement with the owner the reactors to test for this disease be identified by a permanent and prominent brand to be applied by the representatives of the College connected with the test of such animals.

It might be noted that the brand applied on the left jaw of reactors to tuberculin test is a letter "T" two by three inches in size, the burning edge of the branding iron being one-quarter inch thick.

If these reacting cattle are so marked that they will carry prominently evidence of their status to prospective purchasers, and until this test is applied to much greater numbers of cattle than are required to properly carry on this desirable research and experiment, or until a scientific knowledge of this disease and its control are better known, I do not believe it necessary that these reactors be reported to the Commissioner on Domestic Animals for quarantine, or that he should be required by law to quarantine same.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. M. Whittlesey,
Commissioner.

- 2. IT WAS VOTED: to rescind the resolution in item one of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of March 19th, and to substitute therefore the following:

"In the future all tests on new herds for abortion shall be made only after a written agreement with the owner that all positive reactors shall be branded by the Experiment Station with a hot iron, as indicated in the letter from the Commissioner, J. H. Whittlesey, dated March 20, 1928."

Walter C. Wood, Chairman.