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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 Houblein, Hartford, Wednesday, March 21, 1929 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 J. 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 us 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.