

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

President's Office.

December 21, 1921.

8 o'clock P. M.

Present, President Shaw, Mrs. Stockman, Messrs. Watkins, Brody and Woodman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from President elect Friday requesting that he be permitted to defer assuming the duties of the presidency until April 1.

The following motion by Mr. Watkins, was adopted:

In view of the national importance of the work Professor Friday is engaged in with the Congressional Commission of Agricultural Inquiry, and in view of the valuable training of this work for the future executive of the College, I move that Professor Friday's request for permission to continue his work at Washington until April 1 be granted; and that the Board request Professor Friday to come to the College during Farmers Week to confer with the Acting President relative to the finance and organization of the institution.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, Acting President Shaw was requested to continue in the same position until April 1.

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Acting President and a committee of two members of the Board, be requested to make an examination of the financial status of contracts and budgets.

On motion of Mr. Brody, the next meeting of the Board is to be held on January 13th at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Secretary presented the following communication to the Board

which, on motion of Mr. Brody, was received and made a part of the record:
To the State Board of Agriculture:

May I be permitted on this, the last time in which it will be my pleasure to sit officially in your midst, to briefly summarize my connection with your honorable body and the College, covering a period of nearly twenty years.

I came to the position without solicitation on my part of any kind, but at the invitation of the Board, the President, members of the College staff and friends about the State. At the time, I was conducting the farm where I was born and where my entire life had thus far been spent. You will realize that it was a pretty radical change to go from a very active life on the farm to the vastly different atmosphere of an office. However, the people were kind and patient with my shortcomings and I very soon got into the swing of things and found myself intensely interested in the growth and progress of the College, and especially in the lives and accomplishments of the young people for whom the institution exists.

During the somewhat long period of my official connection with the College, which in retrospect seems much briefer, I have had the responsibility of the construction of considerably more than a million dollars' worth of buildings and improvements - about two-thirds of the entire plant - from preparing and signing the contracts to making the final payment. The record of this work is an open book and will bear your inspection to the minutest detail.

I should be unappreciative if I did not make acknowledgment of the kindly and courteous treatment I have uniformly received at the hands of the faculty and officers of the College, and I have often been invited to participate in deliberations entirely apart from the functions of my office. It has been a great gratification to see the institution grow and develop many fold, during this period, and to feel that in my humble way, I have had a part, needful if inglorious, in aiding its onward march. No one, I am sure, knowing the affairs of the College intimately, will doubt that it has received in service the full value of the investment in my office, and I step aside with no twinges of conscience for unfulfilled obligations or neglected responsibilities.

Friday granted extension of time to April 1.

Com. to investigate contracts and budgets

Communication from the retiring Secretary.

In leaving my official position, after this somewhat long period, I do so without bitterness of spirit, assuming that in so summarily dismissing me, you have exercised your conscientious judgment for the welfare of the institution, but while material separation is easily accomplished, I want to assure you that one does not put wholehearted effort into such an undertaking for so many years without finding the tendrils of his life and affections too deeply intertwined with its growth and development to admit of sudden and unpremeditated separation. The physical evolution of the College, the many people who have shared in its educational and administrative work, and the hundreds of students, scattered from ocean to ocean, all constitute ties of affection and subjects for happy memories, that will go on down with me through the years to come, be they many or few.

May he who takes up the work where I leave it, be blessed with as pleasant a retrospect, when he shall have rendered his last account.

(Signed) A. M. Brown.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the following resolution regarding scholarships, was adopted:

RESOLVED, That Four Thousand Dollars derived from interest on daily balances of the Michigan Agricultural College trust funds in the hands of the Secretary and from exchange charges collected at his office, be set over into the account of E. F. Davis, Treasurer, to be invested in suitable securities and to constitute two scholarships, one for men and one for women students in the four year courses, to be known as the M.A.C. Scholarship Funds. The income of these funds shall, at the close of each school year, be given to that man and that woman student respectively, who, at the close of the junior year, shall have shown the best scholastic record considered in its broadest sense, regardless of the course pursued. The decision shall rest with a committee consisting of the President, the Registrar, and the Deans of all resident educational divisions.

Two scholarships established.

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, the following resolution regarding the Memorial Building, was adopted:

REVOLVED, That Fifteen Hundred Dollars, now invested in Liberty Bonds, together with the accumulated interest, representing the surplus earnings of one or more of the boarding clubs during the existence of the S.A.T.C., be presented to the Union Memorial Building Committee, being the Executive Committee of the M.A.C. Alumni Association, when the building is completed, to be used exclusively to aid in equipping the kitchen, dining hall and cafeteria of the Union Memorial Building when it shall be ready for use.

Contribution to Memorial Building

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, the recommendation of Prof. French that a special certificate under the provisions of Act 165, P.A. 1909, be granted to G. H. Fisher of the class of 1915, was approved.

Teacher's Certificate to Fisher.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Department of Conservation regarding the sale of dead and down timber on certain college lands.

Dead & down timber referred to Watkins.

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, the matter of College Land Grant lands was referred to Mr. Watkins with a view to having them placed under state protection.

On motion of Mr. Brody, the resignation of Mr. A. L. Bibbins of the Farm Crops Department, was accepted effective December 31.

Bibbins resigns.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, Mr. Newlon's resignation as Assistant Professor of Poultry Husbandry, was accepted effective December 31.

Newlon resigns.

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, the matter of the employment of Miss Edith Butler as Instructor in Drawing, was laid upon the table until the committee upon budgets takes action.

Miss Butler as Instr. in Draw. - laid on table.

On motion of Mr. Brody, the matters contained in a communication from Prof. Patten to the Board, were referred to the President with power to act.

Patten's letter referred to Shaw.

On motion of Mr. Brody, Mr. G. W. Putnam was appointed Assistant Professor in Farm Crops to succeed Mr. Bibbins, at a salary of \$3200 per annum.

Putnam made Asst. Prof. of F. Crops

beginning January 1 — $\frac{1}{3}$ time College, and $\frac{2}{3}$ time as Extension Specialist.

Lochry apptd
Asst.Prof.
of Dairy
Husb.

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, Mr. H. R. Lochry was appointed Assistant

Professor of Dairy Husbandry at a salary of \$3000 per annum beginning January 1.

Lola Yerkes
apptd.in
H.Economics
Dept.

On motion of Mr. Brody, Miss Lola Yerkes was appointed to a position

in the Home Economics Department beginning January 1, to cooperate with the

Merrill-Palmer School — the question of her title to be determined by Dean

Sweeny and President Shaw.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the recommendations contained in the follow-

ing communication from Director Baldwin, were approved:

Dec. 14, 1921.

Dean R. S. Shaw,
East Lansing, Mich.

Dear Dean Shaw:

The following items are submitted for consideration by the Board of Agriculture.

Cavanagh
transferred

The transfer of Mr. D. C. Cavanagh from the position of County Club Leader for Sanilac to County Agricultural Agent for Emmet.

Clayton Cook
resigns.

Mr. Clayton Cook has presented his resignation as County Agricultural Agent for Gratiot, effective Nov. 30th.

C.W.Wing
resigns.

Mr. C. W. Wing has presented his resignation as County Agricultural Agent for Charlevoix, effective Dec. 31.

Dorothy
Curtz re-
signs.

Miss Dorothy Curtz has presented her resignation as Home Demonstration Agent for Saginaw, effective Nov. 30.

C.M.Ferguson
apptd.
Ext.Spec.
in Poultry

We wish to recommend the appointment of C.M.Ferguson as Extension Specialist in Poultry Husbandry at \$2500, effective January 1, 1922. Mr. Foreman has just returned from Ontario Agricultural College where Mr. Ferguson is at present occupying a similar position. Mr. Foreman has associated with him personally and feels that he is unusually well qualified for the work to be done here. Prof. Graham also gives him an unqualified recommendation.

\$300 addi-
tional given
Kalkaska Co.
for Agt.

The appointment of L.L.Drake was previously confirmed as District Agent for Antrim and Kalkaska Counties at the usual County Agent rate of \$1200 from Extension funds. A representative of Kalkaska County was sent to me to make the request that this amount be increased to \$1500. This county feels that they have made a strenuous effort to retain a high class man for the work and should not lose all of the \$1200 previously paid to their agent. Their request is reasonable and I would recommend that this be done.

Waldron to
have 3 Mos.
Leave of
Absence.

Mr. Waldron has been advised to take a period of rest for three months. Because of Mr. Waldron's constant and strenuous service for a long period I would like to have Mr. Waldron granted a leave of absence with pay from January 1st to April 1st. In order that the work may be continued we wish to recommend that Mr. H. E. Dennison be appointed as Extension Specialist in Dairying for the same period at \$3000 per year.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) R.J.Baldwin,
Extension Director.

Pres.to con-
fer with
Olmsted
Bros.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the President was requested to confer with Olmsted Brothers, giving all the facts in relation to proposed new buildings, and request their recommendation as to the location of them.

Womens
League fee-
to be paid
by all girls

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, the request that the collection of fee for the work of the Womens League be extended to all women students of the College in whatever department, was approved.

Fee establish-
ed for Agrl.
Mathematics.

On motion of Mr. Brody, a fee of \$1.00 was authorized for the course in Agricultural Mathematics.

Alterations
Botany Bldg.

On motion of Mr. Brody, the matter of alterations in the Botanical building for the purpose of giving increased room, as presented by Dr. Bessey,

was referred to the College Architect, Mr. Bowd.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the request of Prof. Cox for the appointment of an expert in beet sugar production, was referred to the Director of the Experiment Station and Prof. Cox for further recommendation.

Beet sugar expert

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Brody were appointed a committee to confer with the Administrative Board regarding the matter of the college appropriations.

Com. of Bd. to confer with Adm. Board.

On motion of Mr. Brody, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three to consult with Olmsted Brothers as to the location of buildings.

Olmsted Bros. to be consulted

On motion of Mr. Brody, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three to report at the next meeting regarding the matter of an additional power unit at the Power House.

Additional Power unit

On motion of Mr. Watkins, Mr. McKibbin's salary is to be paid for the month of December, and after that Mr. Hasselman is requested to take charge of the publication of the alumni Record if agreeable to the alumni committee, until an Alumni Secretary is appointed.

Hasselman to edit the Record until Alum. Secy. is appointed.

On motion of Mrs. Stockman, Mrs. Christopher is to be continued in her present position until July 1.

Mrs. Christopher to remain.

On motion of Mr. Watkins, Mr. Schepers was appointed Acting Secretary from January 1 until a permanent Secretary is appointed.

Mr. Schepers Acting Secy

The president made the following appointments of committees:

Contracts and budgets - Mrs. Stockman, Mr. Brody.

To confer with Olmsted Bros.- Mr. Woodman, Mrs. Stockman and Mr. Watkins.

Lighting Plant - Mr. Doelle, Mr. Brody, Mr. Watkins.

Committees appointed.

On motion adjourned.

All Brown
Secretary.