PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

December 20, 1914.

The Board met at 11:00 A. M., in room #619, Jefferson Hotel, Columbia.

The Secretary was instructed to call the roll. The following members were present:- Col. Alan Johnstone, Chairman; Nease, Tillman, Wannamaker, Bradley, Manning, Lever, Timmerman, McKeown, Mauldin, Raul, Burns and Evans.

The Chairman stated that in accordance with a former resolution, copies of the minutes of the July, and September Meetings had been sent to each member of the Board for such corrections or alterations as might be necessary, and called for any such. There being no corrections or alterations offered, the minutes of both Meetings were declared adopted.

Mr. Johnstone stated to the Board that Mr. T. S. Evans, representing the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was on hand and wished to submit an offer of a site for an Experiment Station in the Sand Hill Section of the State near McBee.

Mr. Evans was invited to come before the Board and present his proposition.

After discussion it was agreed that the College was not yet ready to take up the matter of locating the Sand Hill Experiment Station. It being the sense of the Board, that before any action was taken on this matter that due publicity would be given so that all interested would have an opportunity to present their claims.

The Chair extended to Mr. Evans the thanks of the Board for his kind and generous offer.

The President presented his report and upon motion, duly seconded, the same was received as information.

Upon the suggestion of President Riggs it was decided to take up the report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, dealing with applicants for free tuition, at 3 P. M.

The President's recommendations were now taken up in the following order:-
Under the authority of the By-laws, the President requested that his acceptance of the following resignations be approved:


3. R. B. Lowry, Instructor in Agronomy and Farm Machinery, Salary $1,225.00. Effective September 1, 1916.

4. C. E. Littlejohn, Assistant Entomologist, Extension Division. Salary $800.00 Effective October 16, 1916.


6. C. S. Lykes, Assistant Chemist, Fertilizer Analysis. Salary $1200.00 Effective February 1, 1917.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the President's action in accepting the above resignations be approved. Motion adopted.

In order that he might serve with troops on the Border, the President stated that he had granted to Capt. T.P. Duckett, Assistant Commandant, a year's leave of absence, September 1, 1916 to September 1, 1917, without pay, and asked that his action be approved.

Moved by Dr. Timmerman: That the President's action be approved. Motion adopted.

The President stated that under authority of the By-laws, he had made the following one year appointments to fill vacancies, and asked that his action in the following cases be approved:

1. G. S. Eaton to succeed F. R. Sweeney as Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering. Salary $1,300.00. Effective September 1, 1916.


5. R. E. Pennell, (C.A.C. Class 1915), Chemist Fertilizer Analytical work. (Position vacant for past two years.) Salary of position $1200.00, paying $1,000.00. Effective July 1, 1916.


8. L. W. Boykin, Assistant Commandant, to fill one year vacancy caused by leave of absence granted by President to T. P. Duckett. Salary of position $1,270.00, paying $900.00. Effective September 1, 1916.


Motion adopted.

The President recommended that the cadet board be increased $1.00 per month, beginning with the second quarter, February 3, 1917.

Motion adopted.

The President recommended that he be authorized to apply for admission of the College to the "Reserve Officers Training Corps." Moved by Mr. Manning: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted.

The President recommended the establishment of a Weevil Field Laboratory at such place in the border counties as the State Entomologist may from time to time select, and that $1,070.00 already appropriated for "Experimental Field Entomologist", Item 34 of salary budget, and $800.00 for "Field Entomologist", Extension Division, be made available for the use of this Laboratory.

Motion adopted.

The President recommended that the $3.00 per month rent at the hotel and annexes as provided in the rental plan of 1914 be not charged after January 1, 1917.

Motion adopted.

The President presented for the approval of the Board his action in refunding to the father of Cadet Bachman, C.A., out of his $100.00 scholarship the following amounts:

Motion adopted.
(a) Traveling expenses to Clemson and return to Swansea: $11.60
(b) Telegram to father: $0.25
(c) Expenses of C.A. Bachman and son in meeting President Riggs in Columbia for conference at his request - 2 trips: $4.90
(d) Misc. extra expense incurred by C.A. Bachman in equipping son for College: $15.00
(e) One second hand dress coat (Can be resold): $5.00
(f) Two pairs white gloves and 4 standing collars: $1.00

Cadet Bachman was also refunded the $22.05 he had paid in to the Treasurer when he entered College.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the President's action in this matter be approved.

Motion adopted.

The President advised the Board that later on he would present to the Board for its consideration copy of the letter to Mr. C.A. Bachman bearing on his son's case.

The President recommended the adoption of the following resolution in regard to hazing:

"RESOLVED:
That the Board of Trustees heartily reafirms its disapproval and strong condemnation of the practice known as hazing, and having determined upon its complete eradication, authorizes the President of the College, in his discretion, to exercise the following additional powers; to wit:
(a) To require of every applicant for admission into the College for the Session 1917-18 and thereafter the following pledge which pledge shall be duly witnessed by the parent or legal guardian of the applicant.

'I hereby make application to enter the Clemson Agricultural College as a student for the Session 19-.
In consideration of the advantages consequent thereon, I solemnly promise on my honor that should I become a student of the said College during the said session,

(1) That I will not strike, or otherwise inflict pain or injury on any first year student in said College, or by physical force compel any such student to perform any service or do any act incompatible with the conduct of a cadet and a gentleman.

(2) That I will promptly and of my own initiative, withdraw from said College should I find myself unable or unwilling to keep the above promises."

Signed in presence of

Parent or Guardian.

Moved by Mr. Wannamaker: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted by unanimous rising vote.
5.

"To locate in barracks extra military officers or men charged with the special duty of preventing and reporting all hazing coming under their observation or to their knowledge."

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That the recommendation be adopted. Motion adopted.

"To approve of withholding all privileges and concessions from any Class refusing to cooperate with the College authorities to suppress hazing by its own members."

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That the recommendation be adopted. Motion adopted.

The President recommended that the Cherry Loan Fund be accepted by the Board, the rules for the administration of this fund be submitted for approval at the next April meeting of the Board.

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That the recommendation be adopted. Motion adopted.

The President recommended that an additional position as "Fourth Assistant Chemist" in Fertilizer Analysis at the salary of $1,000.00 be created, the special duty of this officer to be the preparation of fertilizer samples for analysis.

Moved by Dr. Timmerman: That the recommendation be adopted. Motion adopted on roll call vote.

The President recommended that Mr. C.F. Sheffield of the Mississippi A. & M. College be elected to the above position of Fourth Assistant Chemist in Fertilizer Analysis, at an ultimate salary of $1000.00.

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That the recommendation be adopted. Motion adopted on roll call vote.

"With sincere regret and a feeling of distinct loss, I present the following letter of resignation from J.N. Harper, Dean of the Agricultural Department and Director of the Experiment Station, and regretfully recommend that it be accepted."

Dec. 8, 1916.

Dr. W. J. Riggs, Pres.,
Clemson College, S.C.

Dear Sir:

It is with reluctance that I submit this my resignation as Dean of the Department of Agriculture of Clemson Agricultural College and Director of the South Carolina Experiment Station, to take effect Jan. 1st, 1917.

I have been connected with this Institution for more than eleven years, and my relations with all officers during this time have
been most cordial. I hate to think of leaving the College to which I am so devoted, and I would not think of doing so but for the fact that I am offered a much better salary by the Southern Fertilizer Association than I can hope to receive here.

I will have my headquarters in Atlanta, and the Association has given me free hand in planning my work, which will be along the lines of soil building and improvement. I assured the Association that I would not consider the proposition for a moment unless I were allowed to advocate the same methods of soil building and improvement that I have always advised our farmers.

I wish to thank you for your warm friendship and for the hearty support you have always given me. I also take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the many kind favors shown me by each member of the Board of Trustees. I am sincerely devoted to a number of these gentlemen who have honored me with their friendship.

Yours most respectfully,

(Signed) J.N. Harper,
Dean and Director.

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Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That the resignation of Prof. Harper be accepted with regret and that Senator Tillman, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee be requested to write Mr. Harper expressing to him the Board's sincere appreciation of his faithful and loyal services to the Board and College.

At the request of Dr. Riggs, the Chairman of the Board was authorized to co-operate with him in finding a suitable man to fill the position made vacant by Prof. Harper's resignation.

The President recommended that permission be granted to use the appropriation of $250.00, Item No. 32, made to the Electrical Division for the purchase of an oscillograph for the purchase of small electrical apparatus needed for the increased Junior Classes in Electrical Engineering.

Moved by Mr. Wannamaker: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted.

The President recommended that $700.00, representing half of the salary of the position of Agricultural Publicist, not yet filled, be diverted to the payment of other extension expenses.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted.
Under Section 59a of the By-laws, the President stated that he had approved of Mr. G. M. Crum, an Instructor in the English Division, writing Fire Insurance at such times as does not interfere with his College duties, and asked the Board's approval of his action.

Moved by Dr. Timmerman: That this action be approved.

Motion adopted.

At the request of the faculty, the President recommended that the degree of Bachelor of Science be conferred upon G. M. Burnett of the class of 1915. He has now fully completed the prescribed course.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted.

The President recommended that the Board approve of patenting, copyrighting or otherwise protecting the "Palmetto State" brand used by the Clemson College Creamery and other cooperative creameries approved by our Extension Division, and that the President of the Board be authorized to execute in behalf of the Board any papers necessary to this end.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted.

The President recommended that the salary of R. E. Currin, Superintendent of the Pee Dee Station, be increased from $1700.00 to $2000.00, effective January 1, 1917.

Moved by Mr. Wannamaker: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted on roll call vote.

The President recommended that Assistant Professor of Chemistry, G. F. Lipscomb be promoted to Associate Professor of Chemistry, and his salary increased $200.00, effective January 1, 1917.

Moved by Mr. Manning: That the recommendation be adopted.

Motion adopted on roll call vote.

The President presented the request of certain residents in the vicinity asking permission to make connection to the water mains that serve the property of the Fort Hill Land Co. In view of Prof. Earle's adverse recommendation, the President recommended that granting this petition be deferred until we have a more economical and
satisfactory water supply.

Moved by Mr. Bradley: That action in the matter be deferred.

Motion adopted.

The President recommended that the following appropriations be made:

Appropriations:
(1) For school building bulletin and plans ................. $530.00
(2) Traveling Expenses, Agricultural Department ............. 150.00
(3) Postage and Stationery, Agricultural Dept. ............... 150.00
(4) Repairs to roof of Superintendent's residence at Coast Station ........................................ 35.00
(5) Ninety feet 16" tile, Coast Station ......................... 50.00
(6) To refund C.S. Lykes for plumbing and lighting fixtures ......................................................... 62.00
(7) Refund T.W. Keitt for plumbing and lighting fixtures ................................................................. 62.00
(8) Expenses of Entomologist (Crop Pest Com.) ............... 200.00
(9) For purchase of Hotel Equipment .......................... 390.11

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That the appropriations be made.

Motion adopted on roll call vote.

The President presented by title for the Board's approval the attached budget of the Extension Division revised to comply with the requirements and suggestions of the States Relations Service.

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That this be approved.

Motion adopted.

In recommending certain increases of salary at the July meeting the President stated that there was a slight contradiction in figures and recommended that in all cases the actual specified amounts of increase be added to the previous salary in arriving at the salary for this session. (The Treasurer is following this rule.)

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That this be approved.

Motion adopted.

Sale of Rock Crusher

The President stated that he had sold the old rock crusher for $150.00, and requested the Board's approval of this transaction.

Moved by Mr. Mauldin: That this be approved.

Motion adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board adjourned at 2 P.M., to re-convene at 3 P.M.
The Board re-convened at 3:25 P.M.

The following members were present: Col. Alan Johnstone, Chairman; Messrs. Tillman, Wannamaker, Bradley, Manning, Lever, Timmerman, McKeown, Evans, Mauldin, Rawl and Burns.

Mr. A. S. Johnstone, Secretary of the State Board of Charities and Corrections being present, the report made by this body on the financial status of parents and guardians of applicants for free tuition at Clemson College was now taken up.

President Riggs first read the following special report:

"Columbia, S.C.
Dec. 18, 1916.

Senator Alan Johnstone, Chairman,
Board of Trustees,
Clemson Agricultural College,
Clemson College, S.C.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to make the following special report:-

The parents of the applicants for free tuition in Clemson College attached hereto were considered financially able to pay tuition, but the applicants themselves had attained the age of twenty-one, and according to the following opinion of Attorney General Thomas H. Peeples rendered to us their parents are not liable for payment of their expenses.

The opinion of the Attorney General follows:

Nov. 24, 1916.

Hon. Albert S. Johnstone, Secretary,
State Board of Charities and Corrections,
Columbia, S.C.

Deart Sir:-

Answering your letter of the 21st. inst. I beg to advise that parents are not liable in law for the debts or necessary expenses of their children after the latter attain the age of twenty-one years. Where the students are over the age of twenty-one years you need only examine into their circumstances and not that of their parents. This is all the law requires, but the Legislature may like information as to the ability of parents, relatives and others for the purpose of knowing all circumstances surrounding beneficiaries.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) THOS. H. PEEPLES,
Attorney General.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Albert S. Johnstone,
Secretary.
Mr. Johnstone vacated the Chair and requested Mr. Manning to preside over the meeting.

After full discussion of this special report by the Board.

Mr. Johnstone resumed the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Wannamaker: That the names incorporated in this special list be allowed free tuition under the Attorney General's ruling, but that the matter be laid before the Legislature in order that the defects in the law might be remedied.

Motion adopted.

The following report on applicants for free tuition was now presented by President Riggers:


Senator Alan Johnstone, Chairman,
Board of Trustees,
Clemson Agricultural College,
Clemson College, S.C.

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the State Board of Charities & Corrections I submit herewith its report on the financial status of parents and guardians of applicants for free tuition at Clemson College.

We return to you the original affidavits filed by parents and guardians of the applicants. We used these affidavits as the basis for our investigation into the financial status of the parents and guardians. The recommendation of the Board on each case has been indicated by stamping "Free" or "Pay" after the name of each applicant in the attached report. The Board is of the opinion that the financial status of the parent or guardian of each applicant after whose name is stamped "Free" is such that he should not be required to pay tuition, and so recommends. On the other hand the Board is of the opinion that the parents or guardians of each applicant after whose name is stamped "Pay" should be required to pay tuition, and it so recommends.

We have no affidavits as to their financial worth from parents or guardians and of the applicants listed below, but we will investigate their financial status as soon as possible after affidavits are sent to us. These applicants on whom we cannot report now are:

1. J.E. Parker, Aiken County
2. E.U. Campbell, Anderson County
3. G.W. McGee, Greenville County
4. G.E. Copeland, Laurens County
5. J.B. Copeland,
6. J.C. Owen,
7. J.W. Wofford,
8. D.F. Parkins, Pickens County.

We have received a property statement from Cadet T.W. Jervay of Oconee County, but it was received too late to include.
our recommendation in this report. We will investigate this case also as soon as possible.

I call your attention to the special report on certain applicants, which accompanies this general report.

The State Board of Charities and Corrections appreciates the cooperation given it by Clemson College in the matter of making its investigation into the financial status of parents and guardians of applicants for free tuition in that college.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Albert S. Johnstone, Secretary.

Note. See list on file in Treasurer's Office.

Moved by Mr. Wannamaker: That we adopt the report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections as presented by Dr. Riggs.

Motion adopted.

The President advised the Board that it would be necessary to make a further report to the Board of Charities and Corrections regarding applicants for free tuition after Christmas.

The President requested the Board's consideration and instruction as to whether we shall ask the Legislature to extend the time for paying the $40,888.58, balance due on loan of $82,400.00 from the State, or make arrangements with private banks.

The President also requested the Board's advice as to our position with reference to the act passed at the last Session of the Legislature, urging upon the 1917 Legislature an appropriation to supplement our fertilizer tax receipts up to the amounts of $202,000.00.

Moved by Dr. Timmerman: That Dr. Riggs and Col. Johnstone take such action in these matters as in their judgement seem best.

Motion adopted.

The President requested consideration of the question of asking the Legislature to appoint a Commission to define the public activities of the College and the State Department of Education.

No action.

The President presented the report of the Board of Visitors, and upon motion, duly seconded, the same was received as information.
Move by Mr. Manning: That the President's letter to Mr. Bachman be adopted as representing the unqualified opinion of the Board.

Motion adopted.

Mr. Manning made a statement having reference to the President's attitude in regard to scholarship appeals to the State Board of Education. He stated that the President had made no recommendations to the State Board as had been reported in the newspapers.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Approved: Correct:

Chairman: [Signature]

Secretary: [Signature]