MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

President's Office

March 28th, 1917

11 o'clock A. M.

Present, President Kedzie, Messrs. Graham, Woodman, Doherty, Waterbury and Wallace.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been in the hands of the members, were approved without reading.

Mr. William Leighton appeared before the Board requesting assistance in building a road on the east side of the original experiment station farm at Chatham.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the following recommendation of Director Baldwin approved by Dean Shaw, was concurred in, namely, that Mr. Ezra Levin be employed as Specialist in Muck Crop Diseases and his time to be divided between research chargeable to Experiment Station State, and Extension under Smith-Lever funds.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the recommendation of Director Baldwin that hereafter there be a committee in charge of Farmers Week, and that the committee be composed of the following persons, was approved: Director Baldwin, Prof. Eustace, Prof. Anderson, Dean Shaw, Dr. McCool and Prof. Taft.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of Director Baldwin that Mr. R. N. Kebler be appointed as Assistant in Boys Club Work in the Upper Peninsula at a salary of $1500.00 beginning July 1st, $900.00 to be paid by the College and $600.00 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, Director Baldwin was authorized to employ an assistant in Potato and Vegetable extension work beginning July 1st at a salary not to exceed $1600.00 per annum.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the President was given authority to approve the appointment of county agents for Tuscola, Presque Isle and Wayne Counties previous to the meeting of the Board in April, it being understood that there be no expense to the College before July 1st.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of Director Baldwin that Mr. H. L. Barnum be appointed County Agent for Missaukee County at a salary of $1700.00 beginning July 1st, $1200.00 to be paid by the College and the Department of Agriculture, and $500.00 by the County, was approved. It is the understanding in connection with this appointment, that Missaukee County will take care of the entire expense previous to July 1st and that after that date, the question of extending his services to Clare County in connection with Missaukee County may be considered.
The President presented a recommendation from Director Baldwin in relation to increasing the salary of Mr. Lindemann which, on motion of Mr. Waterbury, was referred to the committee on employees for report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the introduction of a course in Highway Engineering was approved and the President was requested to report a detailed plan at the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the resignations of Mr. H. L. Lewis, Graduate Assistant in Botany and of Mr. H. E. Dennison, Assistant Professor of Dairy Husbandry, were accepted, the former to take effect March 24th and the latter May 1st.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the employment of Mr. H. D. Hootman as Foreman of the Orchards at $900.00 per annum beginning March 10th, as reported by Prof. Eustace, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the request of Dr. Bessey for permission to attend the dedicatory exercises of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden April 20th and 21st, was denied on account of the shortage of College funds.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the request of Dr. Glitner for the employment of Mr. L. R. Jones as Graduate Assistant to succeed himself, Mr. Robert L. Tweed to succeed Mr. Berry, and Mr. G. Dickman to succeed Mr. Stafseth, was granted, the salaries to be $200.00 each for one-fourth time.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the following recommendation made by Prof. Eustace, R. S. Hudson, and L. F. Newell in regard to employees, was approved.

March 26, 1917.

President F. S. Kedzie,
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear President Kedzie:-

At a conference with Messrs. Newell, Hudson and Eustace regarding the labor situation at the College, we have come to the following agreement:

That it is to the advantage of the College to hire all new laboring men on the per diem basis. The wages are to be the ruling local wage. Mr. Newell states that for his mechanics it will be quite necessary for him to pay $4.00 per day for a ten hour day. This is considerably lower than the ruling wage in Lansing for a nine hour day.

Laboring men on the farm and in the Hort. department it will be necessary to pay $3.00 per day and later on, if these men prove that they are the right type and it is thought desirable to retain them, they may be put on the monthly basis.

It is the sense of all these interests represented that extraordinary efforts and precautions should be taken to get laboring men of the right type of manhood. We all are keenly alive to the fact that these laboring men are continually mingling with the students of the institution and we regard it as worth something that these men be the right type of manhood and make a continual effort to select men of this type.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) R. S. Hudson
R. J. Eustace
L. F. Newell
On motion of Mr. Doherty, the salary of Miss Tesch was made $650.00 per year beginning April 1st.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendations of Dr. Lyman that Judge Collingwood be secured for a course of lectures to the students, and that Dr. Handley be paid his salary for the first half of the month of January as originally agreed, were approved.

On motion of Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hendrick and Prof. R. C. Huston were permitted to be absent during the first week of the spring term.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the resignation of Mr. Ray Nelson as Graduate Assistant was accepted to take effect April 1st.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, Mr. C. W. Bennett and Mr. David Friedman were appointed Graduate Assistants at $400.00 per year for half time to succeed Mr. F. C. Kitchen and Mr. W. K. Makemson in the department of Botany.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the recommendation of Dean Shaw that Mr. A. M. Berridge be employed as Director of Short Courses at a salary of $200.00 per month for not less than five months nor more than six months each year, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the recommendation of Dean Shaw that Assistant Professor Cox be made Acting Head of the Department of Farm Crops until September 1st, was approved, and for that period Mr. Cox's title was made Associate Professor.

Upon the presentation of the resignation of Prof. V. M. Shoesmith, which was accepted to take effect April 1st, the following resolution was on motion of Mr. Doherty, adopted:

RESOLVED, That in accepting the resignation of Prof. Shoesmith, we desire to express our appreciation of his earnest and faithful service and of his loyalty to the interests of the College, while at the same time wishing him unstinted success in his new undertaking.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Secretary was authorized to lease the Dickson house, known as the College Cottage, for another year.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the Secretary was authorized to install a soft water system in the house occupied by Mr. Gunson.

The President presented the matter of employing a publicity man in connection with College advertising. This matter was on motion of Mr. Woodman, referred to the committee on employees.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the President was authorized to employ a temporary assistant in place of Sergt. Cross.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, it was decided that the College should come under the act of Congress of June 3rd, 1916, more specifically covered by General Order No. 49 of 1916 making provision for a reserve officers corps.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, Mr. Woodman was authorized to sign the vouchers for January and February and Mr. Graham thereafter.
On motion of Mr. Woodman, the Secretary was authorized to refund to Roswell A. Mulkins his $5.00 room deposit based upon the fact that Mr. Mulkins was taken sick after September 15th and was unable to attend school.

The Secretary reported the employment of Miss Caroline Phelps as bookkeeper at a salary of $1000.00 per year.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the expense accounts of the Board Members were approved.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the per diem of nursery inspectors was increased to $5.00 per day.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, Mr. Schepers & Brown to attend meeting.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the Board the College will not be benefited by the introduction of Greek letter fraternities.

On motion adjourned.

Secretary.

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The minutes of the previous meeting having been in the hands of the members were approved without reading.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, Mr. Fred Hagadorn was employed in the Dairy Department from April 1st to September 1st at the rate of $1200 per annum.

The President presented the resignation of Mr. J. Allen Petrie as Extension Horticulturist which was on motion of Mr. Waterbury, accepted.

The President presented a request from the Escanaba Commercial Club for the establishment of headquarters for the Extension Division in the Upper Peninsula, at Escanaba.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, this was referred to Director Baldwin for report and recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the request of Prof. French for the full time of a stenographer, was referred to the President and Secretary with power...