

The University Faculty met in the Assembly Room of Lafferty Hall Monday, March 13, at 4:00 p.m. President Dickey presided. Thirty-nine members were absent.

The minutes of February 13 were approved. The Secretary called attention to a correction: instead of President Dickey asking the Committee on Committees to study the physical education requirement, he asked that this committee appoint a special committee to make the study.

Dean Wall presented a resolution from the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics concerning Prof. J. B. Kelley who died December 23. The Chairman requested the Faculty to stand for moment in silence to signify approval of the resolution, which is to be included in the minutes, with a copy being sent to Prof. Kelley's family.

Resolution on the death of
Professor James Byron Kelley

James Byron Kelley, Professor of Agricultural Engineering from 1919 to 1959, died December 23, 1960 in his seventy-first year. A native of Iowa, he was born at Fayley, Iowa July 4, 1889. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State College in 1912 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from the same institution in 1913. He was an instructor at Iowa State College from 1913 to 1917 and an assistant professor from 1917 to 1919 except for six months military leave in 1918 as automotive instructor in the army.

In August, 1919, he joined the faculty of the University of Kentucky as Professor and Head of the Agricultural Engineering Section of the Agronomy Department. He was in charge of all teaching, research and agricultural extension work in Agricultural Engineering in Kentucky for 37 years. During this period he also served as consultant to the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station Farms at Lexington, Princeton and Quicksand in the design and construction of major buildings, and roads, and drainage, water and sewage systems. He also was consultant for most of the state's 4-H club camps. From 1919 to 1955 he was supervisor of maintenance work on structures and water systems of the Experiment Station farm at Lexington.

Professor Kelley had a major part in the design of the present Agricultural Engineering Building on the University campus, erected in 1931. In 1959 the building was named Kelley Hall in his honor. He was placed on change-of-work status September 1, 1959.

During his tenure at the University, Professor Kelley was a consultant to the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and a member of the advisory Committee in Soil Erosion Investigations; a collaborator with the U. S. Bureaus of Home Economics and Agricultural Engineering in making a Rural Housing Survey

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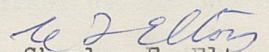
in 1934; a member of the Midwest Farm Building Plan Committee from 1934 to 1938; a director of the In-Service Training Program for Kentucky's 29 rural electric cooperatives from 1947 to 1958 and founder of the Kentucky Inter-Industry Farm Electrification Council in 1955.

Professor Kelley was long active in the American Society of Agricultural Engineers and was elected a life member in 1949 and a Fellow of the Society in 1959. He was secretary-treasurer of the Southern Section of the society in 1920 and vice-president in 1921. He was a member of the American Association of University Professors, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Alpha Zeta. He was an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington since 1936.

Professor Kelley was conscientious in all his many duties. He was friendly to students, considerate of his staff and always put the good of the university above his own. The university has lost a pioneer in Agricultural Engineering who prepared well the way for those who follow.

President Dickey called for recommendations from the colleges, but none were presented. He then made two brief announcements; (1) that a research conference would be held at the University on Thursday, March 16; and (2) that Dr. Chamberlain and Dean White would leave March 17 for an inspection trip to Indonesia where the University has contract teams at Bandung and Bogor.

On motion by Dean White, the Faculty adjourned at 4:10 p.m.


Charles F. Elton
Secretary