

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky for Wednesday, March 28, 1923.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met in regular monthly session in the President's office at the University on Wednesday, March 28, 1923, at 11:30 a. m. The following members were present: Judge R. C. Stoll, Superintendent George Colvin, Senator H. M. Froman and Mr. Robert G. Gordon. Frank L. McVey, President of the University, and Wellington Patrick, Secretary of the Committee, were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

1. The O. E. Robinson Foundation. There appeared before the Committee a committee consisting of Mr. O. E. Robinson, C. N. Manning, M. Wirgman and Judge E. C. O'Rear, representing the O. E. Robinson Foundation. President McVey read to the Executive Committee the following communication from Dean Cooper, addressed to Judge E. C. O'Rear:

Lexington, Kentucky  
January 23, 1923

Judge E. C. O'Rear  
Frankfort, Kentucky

My dear Judge O'Rear:

I have been greatly delayed in the preparation of a statement relative to the use of the Robinson lands due to my absence from the office and other pressing work.

Following the conference of last Monday, I offer the following suggestions as to the method of placing this matter before the Board of Trustees and also present a very general plan of the developments that should be initiated on the property in the event it is taken over by the Experiment Station.

Offer to Board of Trustees

The land consisting of the 500 acres located about two miles from Quicksand, the 500 acres on Quicksand Creek

and 10,000 acres on the head waters of Buckhorn Creek and 4,000 acres lying between Buckhorn and Troublesome, should be offered in fee to the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky for the Agricultural Experiment Station, the considerations to be as follows:

(1) That through state appropriation or other sources, the necessary funds will be provided to begin work in the development of this property in such manner as to serve the best interests of mountain agriculture and forestry.

(2) The initial appropriation should be not less than \$12,000 annually and should be increased as circumstances warrant.

(3) In the event of acceptance, it should be provided that three trustees of the Robinson Foundation shall serve with a committee to be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky to advise upon the operation of this property.

(4) In the event that appropriations with which to operate this property should fail or that there should be failure in operating for a period of two years, it shall revert to the Robinson Foundation.

#### Proposed Plan of Operation

The plan of operation submitted herewith is necessarily tentative, subject to change and can only be determined after an effective survey is made of the property and moneys available for experimental work determined. It would appear that the following experimental and demonstration work could be initiated by the Experimental Station to advantage:

FORESTRY. The greater part of the tracts consisting of the 14,000 acres should be devoted to experimental and demonstration work which will indicate the possibilities of the production of timber on cut-over lands. This would comprise lines of work too numerous to detail, the general purpose, however, being to demonstrate the economic development and handling of properties of this character and the possibilities in certain sections at least of combining grazing propositions.

The aid of the federal Department of Agriculture will be sought to further the work in forestry. This work will become an object lesson and demonstration tract for eastern Kentucky. Possibly, later it can be used for the purpose of training students in the profession of forestry. There is at present no other

development of the kind in Kentucky and the influences of sound investigation in this field would eventually mean much to the state.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL WORK. If the two tracts of land of 500 acres each are suitable and sufficient funds are available, it is probable that the following lines of work should be immediately developed:

DEMONSTRATION FARMS. One or more small farms, such as are typical of mountain agriculture, should be established for the purpose of demonstrating the possibilities of mountain agriculture. The necessary numbers of live stock, such as dairy cows, swine and poultry, should be included on these farms and an attempt made to show that a reasonable income and a satisfactory method of living may be obtained from mountain farms if they are properly and carefully operated.

The following investigations and demonstrations should be inaugurated:

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ORCHARDING AND OF HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS. There are many localities in the mountains of Kentucky admirably adapted to the production of fruit. A demonstration orchard should be established on which experiments may be carried on to obtain a better knowledge of the methods of culture, the varieties and other factors which lead to successful fruit production in the mountain area.

In connection with this, an investigation should be initiated also with small fruits such as bush fruits and strawberries with the view of developing the possibilities of the culture of these products.

GRASSES AND FORAGE CROPS. One of the problems of the mountains is the development of grasses and forage crops that fit into the conditions that prevail. There is need for much investigation as well as demonstration of methods of production and introduction of grasses and forage crops which may be more effective than those now grown.

SOILS. Soil demonstrations are needed to bring home the lessons of the best methods of crop production. The nearest soil fields in the mountain area are those located at Berea and London. Similar fields should be established in this area, as the maintenance and building up of the soils are among the important problems.

OTHER INVESTIGATIONS. There is opportunity for many other lines of investigation, more especially those relating to live stock and its possibilities in connection with cut-over and extremely rough lands.

The development of property of this character is dependent upon the funds available and upon its location with respect to its accessibility to the public and the problems of the farmers of that region as they are developed. Consequently, under operation, many additions would undoubtedly be made to the above suggestions. However, they represent problems which we know at the present time to be pressing.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION. It would be advisable to carry on in connection with the Robinson Foundation certain forms of extension work, such as have been developed by the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture.

At the present time, the greatest opportunity lies in the field of Junior Agricultural Extension. This work is developed for the purpose of teaching the boy and the girl under home conditions the possibilities of improved methods of agriculture and better methods of living. This work has been developed to a considerable degree in many of the mountain sections, but it may be developed to a much greater degree. Its results are more or less immediate and its tendency is to bring about a greater vision on the part of the boy and girl as to the possibilities of the locality in which they live.

The Extension Division of the College of Agriculture is prepared to cooperate with the Robinson Foundation in placing men and women in junior extension work in the mountain area and will be especially interested in additions in Breathitt, Perry, Knott, Magoffin, Morgan and Wolfe Counties. There is opportunity for the employment of five or six men and women in this territory to very great advantage. The Extension Division will put up dollar for dollar from the Robinson fund for the carrying on of work of this character. In accordance with federal enactments and rulings, this work would necessarily be under the full direction and control of the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture. If initiated, it would be deemed advisable to request that a committee be appointed from the Robinson Foundation who would advise and cooperate with the director of the Agricultural Extension Division in determining upon the amount, character and areas in which work is to be performed. It would also be advisable to arrange through the Agricultural Extension Division for counties in which work is carried on to supplement with county appropriations the funds provided

by the Robinson Foundation and the Agricultural Extension Division. In the direction of this work, it would be planned to have it carried on in close conjunction with the schools or with the school and other work established at Quicksand or any other place under the Robinson Foundation. In the event, it is deemed advisable, the Agricultural Extension Division is prepared to cooperate immediately with the Robinson Foundation in this particular project and may begin the cooperation by the employment of one man or more, depending upon the funds available. It may also be provided that the cooperative work thus initiated may be discontinued at the close of any year and upon the initiative of either party to the agreement.

#### Educational Work

It is possible that the trustees of the Robinson Foundation may find it desirable to link their educational work with that of the University of Kentucky and if so such suggestions should be made to the President and Board of Trustees.

#### Summary

(1) In summarizing, the above suggestions comprise a basis of an agreement that the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky shall take over certain properties for the use and control of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and a cooperative arrangement between the Robinson Foundation and the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture for the development of Junior Agricultural Extension work.

It is provided that if funds are made available, there shall be established certain work in forestry and in investigations and demonstrations upon the land area. Work of this character should be continuous and should be supported through state appropriations. Its benefits to the agriculture of the region would be very great.

(2) The development of Junior Agricultural work in cooperation with the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture. The purpose of this work is to teach the boys and girls in their homes and on the farms the best use of the opportunities at hand. Under separate cover, circulars are being sent you illustrating certain work now carried on. Such cooperative work is to be under the direction of the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture, but in cooperation with the trustees of the Robinson Foundation.

I trust that after careful study, the trustees of the Robinson Foundation may see fit to take such action in cooperation with the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky, as will make possible the use of this property for the benefit of the State of Kentucky. I shall be glad to give any assistance in my power.

Yours very truly

Thomas P. Cooper

Dean and Director

Whereupon Judge O'Rear stated that a special meeting of the Trustees of the Robinson Foundation would be held immediately for the purpose of taking the necessary action. After the meeting was held, Judge O'Rear presented to the Executive Committee the following extract from the minutes of said meeting.

Meeting of the Trustees of the E. O. Robinson Foundation held in the Administration Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, March 28, 1923.

Present, E. O. Robinson, President; C. N. Manning, M. Wirgman and E. C. O'Rear, quorum being present.

The resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky relative to the utilization by the University of certain lands and funds of the E. O. Robinson Foundation in connection with its Extension and Farm Experimental work in eastern Kentucky was laid before this Board of Trustees. This Board, therefore, resolves:

It appreciates the spirit of the action of the Committee of the University. Thereupon C. N. Manning and E. C. O'Rear of this Board are appointed a committee to collaborate with the committee this day appointed by the University Board to work out the details of the plan in which the said property is to be utilized and report same to an adjourned meeting of this Board to be held in this city, April 13, 1923.

Statements were made by Mr. Robinson, Judge O'Rear and Mr. Manning. These statements indicated that if some plan of cooperation were entered into, such as outlined in Dean Cooper's letter, Mr. Robinson would make available from his funds the sum of \$10,000 annually to assist in carrying out the work.

After discussion, the following resolution was offered by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Senator Froman, and unanimously adopted:

That it is the sense of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees that through the public spirit and generosity of Mr. C. E. Robinson, the University of Kentucky is offered an opportunity to do a piece of constructive work in the Mountain Section of the State, along the lines that it is equipped to do and along the lines that it ought to do for the State; that the Executive Committee approves of the proposition and favorably recommends to the Board of Trustees that such steps as are necessary be taken to establish the proposed cooperative relationships with the O. E. Robinson Foundation; that it is recommended to the Board that arrangements be made to finance the plan to the extent of ten to twelve thousand dollars annually, or to such extent as may be necessary to carry on the work; that the chairman of the Executive Committee appoint a sub-committee which shall cooperate with the Board of Trustees of the Robinson Foundation to work out the details of the plan and present the matter to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on April 13.

The chair thereupon appointed President McVey and Dean Cooper as the University Committee.

2. The Patterson Will. Mr. C. N. Manning, president of the Security Trust Company, appeared before the Executive Committee and discussed various matters pertaining to the Patterson will. He gave as his opinion that it will be thirty-five or forty years before any funds will be available under the Patterson will. He further discussed with the Executive Committee the use of the house on the University campus occupied by the late James K. Patterson. He further stated that he would like very much to see some action taken by the Executive Committee which would connect in some way the name of Dr. James K. Patterson with the house which he occupied on the campus, as suggested in the fourth codicil of the will. The following resolution was offered, seconded and adopted:

That, in accordance with the fourth codicil of the will of the late Dr. James K. Patterson, the house which he occupied is set aside as a depository for the books of President Patterson and for such other purposes as may commemorate his memory; that a tablet be placed on the building bearing a legend to this effect.

3. Report of the Business Agent. The report of the Business Agent was received and filed.

4. Alumni Election for a Member of the Board of Trustees. The attention of the Executive Committee was directed to the fact that biennially it is necessary to hold an alumni election as set forth by the statutes and the regulations of the Board. Attention

was also directed to the fact that the General Assembly of 1920 passed an act requiring that all members of the Board of Trustees shall henceforth be citizens of Kentucky. On motion duly seconded and adopted the Secretary of the Board was directed to have the usual forms prepared on which the election may be held this summer for an alumni member to take the place of Mr. J. I. Lyle, whose term of office expires January, 1924.

5. Consolidated Baptist Church on Winslow Street. A communication was read from the trustees of the Consolidated Baptist Church on Winslow Street requesting that they be allowed to continue to use the church until May 1, 1923 at which time they expect to have it removed. On motion duly seconded the request was granted.

6. Out of State Travel by Members of the Staff. President McVey called the attention of the members of the Executive Committee to the fact that several questions have arisen in connection with out of State travel by members of the staff. A letter was read from Dean Cooper indicating that members of the staff of the College of Agriculture were frequently required by reason of arrangements with the Federal Government to carry on work outside the State, and that the College of Agriculture is being considerably embarrassed by reason of not being able to get permission for travel for the persons involved. The matter was discussed at length and a motion was made by Senator Froman, seconded and adopted asking that the committee previously appointed take these matters up with the Sinking Fund Commission and report to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on April 13.

7. The Athletic Council's Request for a Stadium. A committee from the Athletic Council, consisting of Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, Mr. Henry Curtis, Professor Enoch Grehan and Professor S. A. Boles, accompanied by Superintendent A. O. Whipple, appeared before the Committee to ask for authority to erect a building on the University campus for the conduct of certain athletic activities. Doctor Funkhouser made a statement to the Committee regarding the necessity for such a building and filed the following memorandum for the consideration of the Committee:

MEMORANDUM REGARDING PROPOSED BASKETBALL BUILDING

For The Board of Trustees, University of Kentucky

1. The interest and attendance in basketball has reached the point where the University can no longer accommodate the players or spectators.

2. This results in a financial loss each year amounting to several thousand dollars and discourages the support which the University should receive.



3. The present gymnasium is unsafe for the crowds which attend the games and can not be used as an adjunct to field sports.

4. The University has built up a fine organization in Interscholastic Basketball; this year 154 teams of various parts of the State competed for the high school championship. The final tournament is held at the University and brings large numbers of high school boys and girls to the campus. Conditions, however, are so discouraging to these teams that an effort is now being made to take the tournament away from the University and hold it in Louisville. We feel that this would be most unfortunate but believe that this brings the basketball situation to a crisis.

5. The present undefeated basketball team (the Interscholastic champions of the United States last year) will be the Varsity team next year and has a very strong local following. Since the interest in our team will therefore be unusually great, it seems that now is the logical time to provide a suitable building for games and tournaments.

6. The Athletic Council therefore begs the Board of Trustees to consider the proposition of borrowing enough money to build a building costing from \$15,000 to \$20,000, for this purpose, the money to be repaid by the Athletic Council in installments from the proceeds from basketball games. We believe that the increased profits in the sport would pay for the building in ten years.

7. The type of building suggested is a stucco-covered frame and steel building of the style of which a plan is herewith submitted.

After discussion the Executive Committee informed the members of the Athletic Council that it was powerless to borrow money for purposes of this kind and suggested to them that the matter be deferred until the question of a Memorial Building and its use has been finally decided.

8. Publication of Manuscript by Doctor Wiest. President McVey stated to the Executive Committee that Doctor Wiest, head of the Department of Economics, had prepared for publication a manuscript entitled "Agricultural Organizations." He stated that the University should publish the manuscript. On account of the heavy expense of printing Doctor Wiest would meet the cost of publication. Any receipts in excess of the cost of printing and selling are to be paid to Doctor Wiest. On motion duly seconded it was authorized that the manuscript be published by the University in accordance with the statement made above. This monograph is to be published as part of the Economics series issued by the University.

9. Contract with the Aetna Life Insurance Company. President McVey presented to the Executive Committee a policy prepared by the

Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, proposing to carry health and accident insurance for all employees of the University of Kentucky including professors, clerical and other employees, for an annual premium of \$740.02. On motion duly seconded the President was authorized to take out for the Institution the insurance policy.

10. Leave of Absence. Sabbatical leave of absence was granted to Professor J. C. Jones for the second semester 1923-24 on half pay for purposes of study.

11. Appointments. The following appointments were recommended by President McVey and on motion duly seconded, approved:

Continuation of employment of W. C. Johnston as county agent, Taylor County, from March 1, 1923 to February 28, 1924, at a salary of \$166  $\frac{2}{3}$  a month.

Appointment of Paul R. Record as assistant county agent, Pularski County, from March 14, 1923 to June 30, 1923, at a salary of \$100 a month.

Continuation of employment of Homer G. Cress as county agent, Christian County, from January 1 to December 31, 1923, at a salary of \$200 a month.

Appointment of O. L. Corum<sup>nn</sup> as assistant county agent, Laurel County, from March 9, to June 30, 1923, at a salary of \$100 a month.

Continuation of employment of Harry Cottrell as county agent, Marshall County, from April 15, 1923 to April 14, 1924, at a salary of \$166  $\frac{2}{3}$  a month.

Appointment of Kimber J. Bowles as assistant county agent, Breathitt County, from March 19 to June 30, 1923, at a salary of \$100 a month.

Continuation of employment of Miss Orie S. Whitaker as home demonstration agent, Woodford County, from March 1, 1923 to February 29, 1924, at a salary of \$141  $\frac{2}{3}$  a month.

Continuation of employment of L. H. Woodhouse as county agent, Hart County, from January 1, 1923 to December 21, 1923, at a salary of \$166  $\frac{2}{3}$  a month.

12. Resignation. On recommendation of President McVey the following resignation was accepted:

Resignation of H. P. Fling, Principal of Model High School, effective at the end of this semester.

Respectfully submitted

Wellington Patrick

Secretary of the Board

**Missing report(s)**