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San Luis Obispo, California.

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Board of Trustees,
California Polytechnic School,
San Luis Obispo, California.

Gentlemen:

The following report is submitted for such action as you may deem proper. This report is not complete as it is believed that a further report is desirable on such matters as are not in definite form for reporting at this time.

I Water System.

The Governor did not sign the appropriation for \$7500 recommended by the State Board of Control budget. The director had advance information that the Board of Control were to intervene with the Governor and defeat the executive approval of this appropriation. Senator Rigdon was sent to Sacramento to intervene, the director guaranteeing his travelling expenses.

All of the mains for the irrigation system are installed and connected with the temporary pumping plant which is now in operation. The installation of the laterals is progressing as rapidly as the shortage of labor will permit. Some water has been placed already but not as much as is desirable as the State Board of Control has continued to disapprove the purchase of a pump for the domestic water supply, necessitating taking a pump from the irrigation system in order to allow the school to proceed with an adequate domestic water supply

II Farm Machinery.

The Board of Control were informed of the Board of Trustees action at the last meeting authorizing purchase of a mower and rake. The Board of Control state that purchase will be allowed after July 1st. There are sufficient funds for these purchases at this time.

A harvester has been purchased and charged on the funds available after July 1st. This harvester is to be used in harvesting sixty acres of grain barley.

III Suit for damages account of bull

The Attorney General has begun suit against E. Dalidio for damages due to his bull breaking into our pasture and breeding immature heifers. A second similar offense has been reported to the Attorney General against Mr. Tartaglia.

IV Closing of this school during epidemics.

The matter of the closing of this school by the County Board of Supervisors during the recent influenza epidemic was in accordance with the finance committee's instructions passed to the Attorney General's office for an opinion as to the legal authority for such an act being vested in the County Board of Supervisors. The Attorney General reports that the closing of this school by the Board of Supervisors under the then prevailing condition is in accordance with a statute already in effect.

V Deficit

The promised additions to the salary and support appropriations by the State Board of Control have been received in two resolutions totaling as reported at the last board meeting. It was assumed that the State Board of Control intended that this money should be expended in buying those items outlined in the budget. This, however, appears not to be their intention as they continue to question each item in the budget as the expenditure is made, in some cases requiring three and four explanations as the the probable need. They have disallowed items already gone over some three times by the board to be approved when this fund should be available. They have stated the desire to curtail all expenditures against this emergency appropriation, transferring the expenditures to the next fiscal year by means of denying the purchase their approval in this fiscal year. This is a tremendous handicap particularly in the case of a pump for the domestic water supply which has been seriously needed during the past year and which is curtailing not only the domestic water supply but that of the irrigation system. Another item of the same order is that of lumber for the repair of bridges and culverts. These two items have already been taken up with the finance committee. In connection with the reverting of the appropriation it might also be well to mention the fact that the Board of Control has stated that they do not intend to allow the expenditure of all of an appropriation even though it has been appropriated for the use of the institution. They state further that it is their intention to have as large a part of the appropriations revert to the treasury at the close of the fiscal year as possible in order to increase the state's surplus for re-appropriation at the next session of the legislature.

VI Printing Appropriation.

The Board of Control have stated their intention of dictating what type, size and number of catalogues, bulletins etc. shall be printed by this school. They have stated a desire to eliminate illustrations and curtail the number of any one edition to 5000. The last pamphlet for circulation among the grammar school graduates was limited to 5000 although 10,000 was requested. There were 30,000 grammar graduates in the state this year. This school is intended to draw its students from the grammar graduates. Due to its location it must reach them by such publications as these bulletins or its student body will not increase to the point which will remove the school from criticism by the State Board of Control for low enrollment. The disapproval of these bulletins is done arbitrarily and is not due to lack of funds as there will revert to the treasury an unexpended balance of some \$600.00. Unless something can be done to change the Board of Control's policy in this matter, the work of placing this school cannot be pursued further with results.

VII Service Memorial

The matter of the erection of a memorial to those students who have served their country during the past year and returned as well as those who have not is suggested, and referred to this board for consideration. Samples of tablets are presented for inspection.

VIII Grammar School Track Meet

The Grammar School Track Meet was given this year as in the past with a deficit of \$35.00. This deficit it would seem should be made up by appropriation from the schools funds.

IX School Athletics

The director requests information as to what the policy of the Board is to be in respect to the purchasing of equipment and supplies for the carrying on of physical training in athletic games and class work. In the past all funds for this work have been solicited from the local merchants. The Merchants' Association forbids at present such solicitation. Other schools are supporting this work from their funds and it would seem reasonable that this school should do likewise. The Board of Control appears adverse to allowing expenditures for anything of this nature. The instructions of the trustees are requested.

X Ford Truck

The present school truck is entirely unsuited for its present duties. It is costing the school about \$40.00 per month to operate and wasting at least \$60.00 per month of the farm men's time in doing hauling which the truck operator could handle with an adequate truck. We have reached the place where it is a question of purchasing a new truck or going back to a couple of horse drawn vehicles and an extra driver. The State Board of Control appears adverse to the purchase of a truck stating its use is not necessary. Your instructions are requested.

XI Purchase of Trees

It is desired to purchase trees and shrubbery during the coming year to fill in certain blank spaces in the grounds plan. Your consideration is requested in this matter.

XII D.W. Schlosser.

The matter of D.W. Schlosser which was presented at the last board meeting will be further continued orally.

XIII Jersey Bull

The Jersey bull St. Mawes will not be returned to this school which makes it necessary that the school provide a Jersey bull for its herd. What is the Board's desire in this matter?

XIV Reports etc.

The reports of the Board of Control's farm expert Lathrop, the school's financial reports and other statistics will be mailed to the board following July 1st, as soon as the office force can compile them. The stress of work in connection with the closing of the school, the farmers' picnic and the compilation of the annual inventory has made it impossible to get this work out at this time.

XV Transportation.

The director requests that some provision be made whereby the state shall furnish him transportation in connection with the carrying on of the school's work throughout this and the adjoining counties. This matter has been taken up with the State Board of Control who suggest that the director operate his car for this purpose at six cents per mile. This is a financial impossibility and furthermore the director does not care to use his car in this work as the strain, due to the nature of the country travelled and the condition of the roads in the outlying districts is very severe on a car at best. The director has during the past four months donated the services of his car to the state but believes that after July 1st¹⁹¹⁸ the state should take care of this matter by the furnishing of a car.

XVI Gas Rates

The local gas companies have been requested to furnish statements of all local rates prevailing at present. The Midland Counties Public Service Corporation have furnished such a statement. The Santa Maria Gas & Power Company have promised the statement but as yet it has not been received.

XVII Horse Barns

Sketch plans have been presented to the State Department of Engineering on the proposed horse barn. They have replied as per communication which will be read.

XVIII Salaries

Communications are presented from instructors M.H. Chase and W.E. St. John who request a re-adjustment of their salaries. The State Board of Control has not as yet furnished an auditor and it has not therefore been possible to present the desired data to the finance committee for it to determine what the war allowance will be.

There is recommended for appointment Mr. L.O. Livernash at \$1400.00 per year plus war allowance, \$30.00 mess hall allowance per month during the operation of the dining hall and quarters at the dormitory with house laundry.

There is recommended for appointment Mr. A.P. Reese who succeeds Mr. W.L. Brown at a salary of \$1550.00 per year plus war allowance.

XIX Dormitory Addition.

It is recommended that there be constructed an addition to the boys dormitory to be used as a study hall and that a complete set of two bed units be purchased for each room in order to allow the dormitory to accommodate double the present number of students. This arrangement will accommodate ninety boys or one hundred in an emergency. Unless this suggestion is followed it will be impossible to accommodate a large number of applicants for the coming year. The cost of this work to come from the repairs and equipment appropriation.