

On the 27th of September 1947 at
the 27th Annual Meeting of the Board
of Directors of the American
Society of Civil Engineers

At the Hotel Statler, New York City
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September 27, 1947

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San Antonio, Texas, September 27, 1947

The Board of Directors of Texas Technological College met on Mezzanine A of the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, September 27, 1947. Members present were:

Charles C. Thompson, Chairman
Mark McGee, Vice Chairman
Chanslor E. Weymouth, Treasurer
Robert B. Price

O. B. Ratliff
Leon Ince
Chas. W. Wooldridge

W. M. Whyburn, President of the College, was also present. In the absence of W. T. Gaston, Secretary of the Board, Director Wooldridge took the notes covering the minutes of the meeting. Members absent were A. G. (Pat) Mayse and Kyle Spiller.

The meeting was convened by Chairman Thompson at 10:15 A. M. Invocation was by Director Wooldridge.

Visiting the meeting were President Gibb Gilchrist of Texas A. & M. College and five members of the A. & M. College Board of Directors. Chairman Thompson introduced President Gilchrist who in turn introduced members of the A. & M. Board. Chairman Thompson then introduced President Whyburn and members of the Tech Board. After an exchange of felicitations the group from A. & M. College retired and Chairman Thompson officially called the Board meeting to order.

Chairman Thompson explained that College Secretary W. T. Gaston would not be in attendance due to some pressing matters at Lubbock and appointed Director Wooldridge to serve as Acting Secretary for this Board meeting.

The following items of business were taken up in the order listed:

Item No. 1: President Whyburn reviewed a schedule of out-of-state travel for members of the faculty and administrative staff. On motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Ratliff, the Board approved expense allowances covering out-of-state travel as follows:

N. C. Fine, to Newton, Kansas, August 19-21, 1947, to inspect a Holstein bull with view to purchase for the College Department of Animal Husbandry.

John H. Baumgardner, to accompany a Senior Dairy Cattle Judging Team to Waterloo, Iowa, for the Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest September 29, 1947.

R. C. Mowery, to accompany Livestock and Wool Judging Teams to the National College Livestock Judging Contest at the American Royal, Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-22, 1947.

R. C. Mowery, to accompany the Livestock Judging Team to the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, November 23 to December 3, 1947.

Cecil Ayers, to accompany a judging team to the Intercollegiate Crop Judging Contests in Kansas City, Missouri, November 24, 1947, and the International Crop Judging Contests in Chicago, Illinois, November 28, 1947.

R. C. Goodwin, to attend a meeting of the American Chemical Society in New York City, September 12-20, 1947, and to interview prospective staff members for Petroleum, Chemical and Textile Engineering.

W. M. Whyburn, to Louisville, Kentucky, December 1-3, 1947, to represent the college at a meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

W. M. Whyburn, to attend a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago, Illinois, December 26-31, 1947.

W. M. Whyburn, to attend a meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Athens, Georgia, December 29-31, 1947.

W. C. Holden, to New Orleans, Louisiana, to represent the College at a meeting of the Conference of Deans of Southern Graduate Schools to be held October 31 to November 7, 1947.

Item No. 2: President Whyburn advised the Board of the death of Mr. K. M. Renner, a faculty member, read a letter which he had mailed to Mrs. Renner on behalf of the Board, and asked for a concurring resolution. On motion by Mr. Weymouth and seconded by Mr. Ince, the Board approved the following resolution:

"The Board of Directors of Texas Technological College records its deep sense of loss in the untimely passing on September 2nd of Professor Kenneth M. Renner. It expresses deep sympathy to all members of Mr. Renner's family and to his widely distributed host of friends.

"By every standard, Mr. Renner was an outstanding member of the College faculty. Through his high character, sincere and friendly attitude, outstanding professional ability and service, he built a reputation for the Dairy Manufactures Department of such excellence that it is known throughout the world. This great work which he did will remain forever as a living monument to a man who personified the principle, 'Service above Self.'"

Item No. 3: President Whyburn reported that the College had been offered, for museum purposes, the Sherman tank which first entered Manila when the Japs were driven out. The War Department had given the tank to a veteran in New Mexico who was the driver of the tank. The matter was discussed briefly with no action being taken, it being the sense of the Board that additional information should be secured and the tank accepted only if a close connection between its donor or user and the College exists.

Item No. 4: On motion by Mr. Weymouth, seconded by Mr. McGee, the Board voted to approve the Pantex Wheat Project and authorized the expenditure of whatever

funds are deemed necessary in connection with the operation of the project, such funds to be repaid out of profits accruing from the operation of the farm. It was explained by President Whyburn that Texas A. & M. College was appropriating a sum of money for the salaries of research staff but that A. & M. College would not share in profits from the operation. The following resolution was adopted:

"The Board of Directors of Texas Technological College accepts the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement of June 1, 1947 between the United States of America and the College covering 8,500 acres of agricultural and grazing land, Pantex Ordnance Works, Amarillo, Texas."

Item No. 5: President Whyburn made a report to the Board relative to the Recreation Hall project on the campus at the College, stating that a group of Lubbock citizens had contributed \$17,500.00 to a fund for the purpose of equipping the Recreation Hall. On motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Ince, the Board passed a resolution of appreciation to those who had made cash contributions, also to Deans Allen and Langford and to the sub-committee of the Board who had assisted in the development of the project. The following resolution was adopted:

"The Board of Directors of Texas Technological College expresses its deep sense of appreciation to the fine individuals and business organizations which contributed so generously of their time and means to the Student Recreation Hall project on the College campus. Through the constructive foresight, interest in community and college welfare, and generosity thus shown, an activity has come into full operation on the campus which will reflect untold benefits in the behavior of our students as college and community citizens."

Item No. 6: On motion by Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Mr. Price, the Board voted to instruct President Whyburn to draw appropriate resolutions in appreciation of the cooperation received by the College in securing surplus property buildings and forward such resolutions to the proper party or parties. The full text of the resolution is listed below:

"The Board of Directors of Texas Technological College expresses its deep appreciation to all agencies and individuals who have been instrumental in providing classroom, laboratory, office and other buildings for use by the College in its veterans' educational program. Through the foresight, understanding and cooperation of these agencies and individuals, our College is now taking care of nearly one hundred per cent more students than could be comfortably accommodated without these surplus buildings. The Board realizes that many individuals have given special attention to the project on our campus and have done much to expedite it in all of its phases. Among these people are Mr. W. R. Skipping, Mr. W. H. Sindt, Mr. D. F. McCauley, Dr. George C. Docker, and Mr. B. A. Schmidt. It expresses its appreciation to the above-named people and to the others who were always alert to do the things which would place the facilities on our campus in a position which would give them maximum usefulness and in keeping with a very close time schedule."

Item No. 7: President Whyburn reported progress on the Medical Service Program, stating that a Medical Director had been employed and would report for duty in February, that in the meantime a local medic would be used on a part-

time basis.

Item No. 8: On motion by Mr. Weymouth, seconded by Mr. McGee, the Board passed a resolution thanking Mr. John W. Carpenter for his action in providing one page of newspaper space and preparing advertising copy for the special educational edition of the DALLAS MORNING NEWS at an expense in excess of \$1,000.00--such resolution to be prepared by President Whyburn, signed for the Board, and forwarded to Mr. Carpenter by Chairman Thompson. Full text of resolution is as follows:

"The Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. John W. Carpenter for his generosity in providing a full page of information about Texas Technological College in the special educational edition of the DALLAS MORNING NEWS on August 10, 1947. Through completely financing this project and making available the expert assistance of the advertising staff and facilities of the Texas Power and Light Company, Mr. Carpenter made possible a most effective presentation of the College to the thousands of readers of the DALLAS MORNING NEWS. The Board records its appreciation to its own member, Mr. Charles W. Wooldridge, for bringing this matter to the attention of Mr. Carpenter and College administrative officers, for his personal efforts in organizing and directing the preparation of the copy, and for the many other things which he did to make the project an outstanding success. The Board also expresses its appreciation to each other member of the Texas Power and Light Company staff and to all others who assisted in the preparation of the excellent copy material."

Item No. 9: President Whyburn reported that plans were going forward toward the employment of an additional staff man by the Cotton Research Committee for the work which the committee is endeavoring to do at the College. President Whyburn indicated that an arrangement would probably be worked out whereby the person employed would also be on the College payroll as a part-time teacher of Chemistry.

Item No. 10: President Whyburn reported to the Board that little progress had been made toward securing the services of a Petroleum Engineer to head up the proposed petroleum engineering project at the College. He stated that the principal difficulty in this regard would be salary. Men of the caliber needed for this type of work show little interest in any salary under \$12,000.00 per annum, President Whyburn reported.

Item No. 11: President Whyburn brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence from Mr. H. L. Vanderwilt of Grand Prairie, Texas, who was endeavoring to secure a rebate of \$15.00 which he had paid on an extension course. No action was taken.

Item No. 12: President Whyburn made a report on a form letter from the National Economic Council, Inc., relative to a textbook, "The Elements of Economics," which is being used at the College. Dr. Whyburn reviewed a file of correspondence on the subject and read a report of an investigation which had been made by Dean T. C. Root, the sense of which was that criticism leveled at the textbook by the National Economic Council was in-

accurate and unfair. No action was taken, but it was agreed that the matter would be looked into further and discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

Item No. 12: President Whyburn made a report to the Board relative to several significant ways in which the College has been recognized during the past several months: establishment of a chapter of a national professional fraternity for business administration students; an invitation to the College to join an association of boards of governors of state institutions; President Whyburn selected as one of two representatives from a national mathematics association to an international association for the advancement of science, et cetera.

Item No. 13: On motion by Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Mr. Ince, the Board voted to grant a leave of absence to E. L. Mader, Assistant-Professor of Plant Industry, as recommended by President Whyburn.

Item No. 14: On motion by Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Mr. Price, the Board voted to grant a leave of absence to Mrs. Hulda Marshall, Associate Professor of Chemistry, for the first semester of 1947-48, as recommended by President Whyburn.

Item No. 15: The resignation of Mr. Elroy Shoppa, Instructor in Economics, was accepted effective September 30, 1947.

Item No. 16: On motion by Mr. Weymouth, seconded by Mr. McGee, the Board voted to appropriate \$10,963.00 for the purpose of remodeling, etc., in the old Agriculture Building to make 4,500 sq. ft. of classroom space available.

Item No. 17: On motion by Mr. Ince, seconded by Mr. Ratliff, the Board voted to join the Association of Governing Boards of State Supported Colleges and Universities and to pay an annual membership fee of \$60.00.

Item No. 18: On motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Ince, the Board voted to award a contract to the Otis Elevator Company for the installation of an elevator in the Library Building at a cost of approximately \$7,300.00.

Item No. 19: Dr. Whyburn presented some problems in connection with the College's Dairy Program and on motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Ince, the Board voted to refer the matter to the Agricultural Committee and Dr. Whyburn with power to act.

Item No. 20: President Whyburn called attention of the Board to need for Board consideration of radio broadcasting arrangements of home football games. On motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge, Chairman Thompson was authorized to appoint a sub-committee of the Board to investigate the matter and make such recommendations to the Board as they deem advisable; whereupon Chairman Thompson appointed Directors McGee, Weymouth and Wooldridge.

Item No. 21: President Whyburn reviewed with the Board a file of correspondence relative to completion of the Museum Building on the campus. After discussing the matter quite at length and upon motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Ince, the Board voted to authorize Mr. McGee to appoint a committee to work with Dr. Whyburn and with Mr. C. E. Maedgen, President of the West Texas Museum Society, in an effort to map out some long-range program which will be satisfactory both to the College and to those people of West Texas who are interested in the

Museum--whereupon Director McGee appointed Chairman Thompson and Director Ratliff.

On motion by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Ratliff, the Board adjourned at approximately 3:45 P. M., subject to call of the Chairman.

(Sgd) Charles W. Wooldridge

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Acting Secretary,
Board of Directors
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