MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
Friday, December 19, 1919, Office of Mr. A. A. Sedillo.

Present: - Messrs. Reidy, Sedillo, Montoya, and Hill.
Nature of Meeting: - At this meeting four matters were disposed of as follows:

Gift of Mr. George Kaseman

President Hill delivered from Mr. George A. Kaseman the following letter which is self explanatory:

"Albuquerque, New Mexico,
December 17, 1919.

President David S. Hill,
The University of New Mexico.

Dear President Hill:

I am enclosing my check payable to the University of New Mexico, for the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) to be used for the improvement of the Department of Home Economics in the University at Albuquerque. I am giving this money without reservation except that it shall be used for the purpose above indicated.

I am impelled to this action because I believe that scientific and practical training for home-making is essential to the welfare of our people. If we fail in maintaining the American Home in an atmosphere of good health, thrift, and happiness, we shall fail utterly in laying the essential foundation for formal education by the schools and colleges and shall undermine citizenship based upon intelligence and virtue.

A department of home economics giving instruction in the science and art of home-making to students in our State University is an essential factor for progress in New Mexico. So far the State has failed to provide adequately for the Department of Home Economics in the State University, with reference both to equipment and to needed building.

It is my earnest desire that this small contribution to this great cause will be only the first of many contributions by our citizenship, and I trust that you may succeed in interesting other persons in this work to the end that additional contributions may be made for this cause, which is for the direct benefit of all the children and women of the State.

I am,

Cordially yours,

G. A. Kaseman.
President Hill also delivered to the Secretary, Dr. J. A. Reidy, Mr. Kaseman's check for $2,000, which it was agreed to deposit as a beginning of a separate fund to be called the "Home Economics Fund".

The Executive Committee sent the following letter to Mr. Kaseman:

"December 19, 1919.

Honorable G. A. Kaseman,
State Senator,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My dear Mr. Kaseman:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico note with deep appreciation your stimulating letter of December 17th, concerning the Department of Home Economics at the University of New Mexico and also the practical evidence of the sincerity of your desire to help the State University as it ministers to all of the citizens throughout the State.

This practical evidence is in the form of your check for two thousand dollars, which will be used by this Board to advance the cause of education for home-making through the development of the Department of Home Economics in the University of New Mexico. We join with you in the hope that this first, generous contribution of yours will be the first of many others to be made to the State University for we feel that our citizens should realize more and more that the State University is ministering to all of the people of our State and Nation and is a fit recipient of gifts and acts of benevolence.

Assuring you again of our gratitude for this gift, in behalf of the Board of Regents, of the Faculty, and of the Students of the University of New Mexico,

We are,
Cordially yours,
A.A. Sedillo,
J. A. Reidy,
Nestor Montoya.

It was further agreed that President Hill should proceed with his plan for attempting to raise $12,000 for the Home Economics Department.
A communication from the Business Director was read concerning the disposal of material and junk not needed by the University. President Hill was authorized to secure an appraisal of this material and refer the same again to the Executive Committee.

Communications of Business Director under dates of December 12, and 16, were read as concerns the securing of adequate coal supply for fuel. Also a letter from Hahn and Company under date of December 16, and signed by Mr. O. Huber, offering to supply Cerillos Egg Coal for $9.85 and Cerillos Egg Coal (Straight Shovel) at $9.35 delivered at the University Power Plant. The above price guaranteed a tonnage not exceeding two hundred tons, above two hundred tons to be furnished at price in effect at that time. President Hill was authorized to permit Mr. Williams to make the best contract possible for the spring supply of coal and to the close the matter at once.

Attention was called to the necessity of protecting the trees on the Campus from a scale which is attacking them. A memorandum from Mr. Williams was read concerning the proposed use of an old spraying machine owned by the City which would cost $100 for repairs. The solution, labor and the machine estimated by Mr. Williams would cost from $300 to $500. President Hill was asked to confer with Dr. Long of the United States Bureau of Plant Industry and to take up the matter again with the Executive Committee.

Date December 19, 1919

Signed:

(covy) J. A. Reidy
Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Regents.