

Farm School Head Quits, Ending Four Years of Criticism

Administration of Albert A. Johnson Resulted in Stu- dents Going on Strike; Subject Twice Probed

Albert A. Johnson, director of the State Institute of Applied Agriculture at Farmingdale, L. I., who has been under fire intermittently for more than four years, resigned yesterday, and his resignation was accepted by the board of trustees.

Mr. Johnson's resignation is to be effective March 1, 1923, but he is to receive his pay until June 1, 1923.

The administration of Director Johnson was the subject of two investigations by Governor Miller this year, one in the spring and the second in September. The Governor at the second hearing condemned the trustees for granting Mr. Johnson a salary increase from Federal funds for vocational training. In November 103 students went on strike against the director and were out several days. The first inquiry into his administration of the school was ordered by the Legislature in April, 1918.

The trustees yesterday, meeting in the office of the president, William M. Baldwin, 17 Battery Place, considered Mr. Johnson's resignation for more than an hour in executive session. In the open meeting which followed it was decided on a motion by Winthrop Taylor, a new trustee, to audit the Federal funds now in the school's treasury and remit them to the state.

President Baldwin read a resolution passed by the Long Island Press Association on December 11 commending Director Johnson and his administration of the school. Thanks of the board was voted to State Senator George L. Thompson and Assemblyman Thomas A. McWhinney and Trubee Davison, of Nassau County, for their support of the school.

Director Johnson reported that cattle of the institute had won eleven first and eight second prizes at the Mineola fair.