

Bennington College
December 4, 1935

Report of the Community Chest Committee as presented to the
Community at the meeting of December 4, 1935

On Wednesday, June 12th 1935, the following amendment
to the Organization of the Bennington College Community was
passed.

G. The Community Chest Committee

1. The Committee shall consist of two members of the Community appointed by the Council during the second week in September.
2. The Functions of the Community Chest Committee shall be:
 - a. To receive and evaluate all appeals for money made to the College Community.
 - b. To manage the Employees' Christmas Fund,
 - c. To draw up in November a budget to cover the appeals, which will be based on voluntary contributions from the members of the Community. The committee shall submit the budget to the Community Council for approval and post it on the bulliten boards.

This amendment grew out of a need for a central organization to receive and evaluate all charitable demands made upon the Community as a whole. Previous to this, money for the Red Cross was raised by having meatless dinners once a week, other demands being met by individual donations.

The Community Chest Budget for this year was based on the appeals received, the worthiness of the request, the amount given in preceeding years and the total fund to be raised by the Community. It was decided to consider only a peals from organizations doing work within the state of Vermont, and preferably within the Bennington area.

To date the Community Chest Committee has received only two requests for contributions. Those have come from the Red Cross and the Vermont Childrens Aid Society both of which received contributions from the Community in previous years. The Committee has set aside \$250.00 for the Red Cross. This is a gift to the local chapter and does not include membership in the National organization. The funds will be used entirely for glasses, dental work and general welfare work in Bennington County. To the Vermont Children's Aid Society, an organization for the care of under-priviledged children, the Committee recommends continued aid. The L935-36 budget allows for a contribution of \$150.00.

In addition to these appeals, the Community Chest is intended to provide for the Employees' Christmas Fund. To do away

with unequal gifts to the College employees, the Chest has provided a sum to be distributed equally. Thus, from the total appropriation of \$270.00, each person on the Buildings and Grounds payroll will receive \$4.00 as a Christmas gift. This means the elimination of individual gifts to the house maids or any other employees.

Finally, to have on hand a reserve for future appeals and emergencies, provision for an \$80.00 surplus fund has been made. To meet the demands of the total budget of \$750.00, an average contribution of \$3.00 from each member of the Community will be needed, and those who are able are urged to give more.