

To Members of the Bennington College Community

The annual spring drive of the Community Chest begins on May 1st. This year the money collected will go to both local and war charities.

We have planned our budget for eight hundred and ten dollars (\$810.00) to be distributed to the following organizations in the amounts designated.

Local:	Vermont Children's Aid Society	\$ 125.
	Y.M.C.A. - Bennington	\$ 50.
	Shaftsbury Public Health Service	\$ 150.
	Red Cross - Local chapter	\$ 75.
War:	Red Cross - International	\$ 150.
	United Service Organizations (U.S.O.)	55.
	Navy Relief Society	55.
	American Friends Service Committee	150.
Total contributions:		810.
Contingency fund:		90.
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The Vermont Children's Aid Society supplements and extends the child welfare services of the State Department of Public Welfare. It is supported solely by private contributions.

The Y.M.C.A. of Bennington affords the only adequate recreational facilities in the district. Its activities include a wide variety of both girl's and boy's clubs. It is considered a necessary and worthwhile addition to the community.

The Shaftsbury Public Health Service was made possible by funds raised in this community. It supplies a nurse and maintains a clinic for the North Bennington as well as the Shaftsbury area. Our financial assistance is absolutely necessary in order for it to continue its work.

The work of the Red Cross (local chapter) is of continued importance, as it affords general public health services to the entire county. This year, as the community's decision was to contribute to war relief as well as local charities, we are planning to ear-mark a part of the total Red Cross contribution for its international work.

The U.S.O. operates recreational and morale-building centers in the army camps, the navy stations, defence production centers and overseas bases. Their program was founded on the principle that the government would build and equip the clubhouses if the public would supply the funds needed to operate them, and to carry on such activities as the Victory book campaign, camp shows, etc.

The Navy Relief Society supports the widows and children of navy men. In the past their slogan has been - "The Navy Takes Care of Its Own", but as the recent losses have been far greater than those during World War I and the Spanish War, they have found it necessary to ask for outside help.

The work of the American Friends Service Committee is carried on on an international scale. As its emphasis is non-belligerency it is able to do war relief work in all parts of the world.

Our calculations have been based on an average contribution of three dollars (\$3.00) from every person in the college community.

The Community Chest Committee