

Bennington College
March 31, 1941

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 25th 1941

The community Council met in the Committee dining room on Tuesday, March 25. Present were: Ann Mills, chairman; Lucille Bloch; Teressa Blumberg; Theodora Boothby; Peggy Brush; Nancy Cole; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Nancy Hamell; Eleanor Metcalf; Pricilla Sherman; Edith Stevens; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Chapman; Mr. Truman.

MEMORIAL FOR DR. McCULLOUGH

Peg Stein told the Council that there was going to be a memorial in the form of a health clinic erected in Shaftsbury in memory of Dr. McCullough and that it had been suggested that if there were any students interested in doing anything in this line they might be informed of this project so they could contribute to it if they wanted. Another suggestion was that a fund be formed by student contribution to help students pay infirmary bills. Both of these ideas were to be presented in house meetings and any other suggestions brought back to council.

Good House Keeping
QUESTIONNAIRE

The Council was presented with a questionnaire sent out by Good Housekeeping magazine but because the Council did not know whether the name Bennington College would appear in the results it was sent back for more information.

COMMUNITY MEETING

It was decided that there should be a Community Meeting this week to go over and revise if necessary the rules pertaining to men late at night in the living rooms. The meeting was to be held in the theatre Wednesday, March 26. Afterwards there were to be house meetings for further discussion of the rules and their interpretation. It was also to be stressed at house meetings to the community that everyone should feel free to call the policeman any time in the evening and ask him to remove some unwanted guest. That was defined as the policeman's job and the students were asked to call on him instead of trying to manage the situation themselves.

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RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S HOUSE MEETINGS

After a canvas of the Community to try to find out why students were so restless the following results were compiled.

There was a feeling in six houses for some sort of defense work. It was suggested that there be some course in Social Studies that would count a quarter and that would endeavor to satisfy this need. Mr. Truman, however, reminded the Council that the Social Studies division was attempting to solve this problem through 5:10 meetings specialized in this field. There also was a slight demand for courses in mechanics. They suggested that the Red Cross course be enlarged and be made into an eighth. Peggy Brush as chairman of the Health Committee told the Council that an elementary and an advance Red Cross course were being offered to the college beginning next week. She also said that the 5:10 meeting on Monday afternoon would be devoted to subjects in which students were interested rather than a Human Reproduction series this year. It was also suggested that the college donate clothes to some worthy organization rather than have a rummage sale this year.

Six houses had the general feeling that there was not enough purpose in their work at college but they had no specific answer to this problem.

Three houses felt that there was too much theorizing and not enough facts in their courses. This applied particularly to Art majors and Art courses.

Two houses felt that it was too hard for freshman to do the required research work and that the freshman were thrown into a position in which they were at a loss due to their former education. The freshmen feel they want more guidance in the opening months in college and this is something to be remembered for next fall. They felt that E.P.C. meetings of each division might help to clear up some difficulties students were having in their own fields, and that they could profit by the old students' experience.

The above problems relating to the E.P.C. have been referred to that committee for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Stevens