

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on November 3, 1941.  
Those present were: Mrs. Garrett, Margaret Brush,  
Anna Frothingham, Ann Mills, Teresse Blumberg, and  
Lucile Bloch.

Temporary licenses

The Central Committee suggested that on applying for a college driving license each girl be given a temporary license supplying necessary information about her car. This license will be kept till she has been tested by the Central Committee. In this way there will be college approval of the girl's driving here before she is given her license. The licensing is slow now since the committee must wait for a letter of family approval.

Double licenses

The Committee questioned its policy in granting a college license to one girl to drive another girl's car. This was done in the case of Marion Miller and Nancy Redmond. Nancy has a Junior license and cannot drive after dark, so Marion applied for permission to drive for her. This was a legitimate request, though it will be explained to Marion that she should drive only when Nancy cannot. Marion's license will be revoked when Nancy has her senior license. No girl can be licensed to drive a friend's car unless it is absolutely a necessity. The Committee must discriminate.

Margaret Brush had asked permission to drive Hilda Wheelwright's car in case of emergency. It was felt that an emergency-slip could be used then. However, since Margaret plans to have her own car here soon, the application was accepted with her family's letter of approval, and Margaret will take the test with the other applicants.

#### Phyllis Shields' guests

The nightwatchman reported on October 21, that two Colgate boys came on campus and visited Phyllis Shields' suite off the Wooley living room, using the shower. Phyllis did not know the boys personally but got them a blind date with Mary Isham. Two more of their friends had dates with waitresses in the dining rooms. After a picnic they returned to Phyllis' room and took showers while she was away. The boys obviously misused the college facilities.

The Central Committee decided not to send the boys a letter about this, since the boys had sent written apologies to Phyllis and had come again in person to apologize.

#### Mrs. Stanwood

Mrs. Stanwood wrote a letter to the "President of the Student Council". In it she said that "some girl" had had a boy stay at Overlea Inn, and that the bill had come to \$2.40. The girl had expected the bill to be only \$2.00 and so refused to pay the rest. This reflected on Mrs. Stanwood's honesty in compiling the bill. She asked that the Council suggest to her a means of handling this.

It was decided that Ann Mills should call her, asking for the name of the girl in question. We could then go to the girl. Since the college insists that students pay their bills this girl must be asked to do so too.

#### Ann Benjamin and Emily Dimock

The night watchman reported on November 1, that Ann and Emily were extremely noisy coming to the houses at 1:25 the night before. Mrs. Garrett said that both girls come from Miss Hall's School which is particularly severe



and that they probably have not adjusted themselves to the new freedom of Bennington as yet. It seemed that the two girls should be educated about the system and standards. Ann Mills will approach Ann Benjamin who is in her house, and Teressa Blumberg will go to Emily.

#### Questionnaires

The Central Committee discussed the questionnaires it had compiled and that it wanted to give to each House Chairman. This was apropos of the reports the Chairmen are making to the Central Committee concerning their houses. The questions were drawn up as guides in considering what would be reported to the Committee. However, it was felt that it would be better to read the questions only to the two house chairmen present at the time of discussion. Otherwise the questions might be publicized and considered probing. The first two members of the Council to come to Central Committee to give reports will be Anna Frothingham and Ann Mills, house chairmen of Emily Dimock and Ann Benjamin respectively.

#### Driving licenses

The following girls were given driving tests and were granted licenses;

Margaret Brush  
Grace Ewing

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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