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 (0810.00) to be distributed to the following organizations in the amounts designated.

Local: Vermont Children's Aid Society	\$	125.
Y.M.C.A Bennington	0	50.
- Shaftebury Public Health Service	Ş	150.
Red Cross - Local chapter	9	75.
War: Red Cross - International	()	150.
United Service Organizations (U.S.O.)		55.
Navy Relief Society	213	55.
American Friends Service Committee	- 1	150.
Total contributions:	1	810.
Contingency fund:	1	90.
Total:		900.

The Vermont Children's Aid Society supplements and extends the child welfare services of the State Department of Public Welfare. It is supported soley by private contributions.

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

The Shaftsbury Public Health Service was made possible by funds raised in this community. It supplys a nurse and maintains a clinic for the Bernington 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 Gross (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 Gross contribution for its international work.