

Bennington College
October 24th, 1941

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1941

The Community Council met in the Committee Dining room on Tuesday, October 17th. Present were: Ann Mills, chairman; Lucille Bloch; Teresa Blumberg; Theodora Boothby; Margaret Brush; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Anna Frothingham; Nancy Hamill; Eleanor Metcalf; Priscilla Sherman; Edith Stevens; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. McGamy; and Mr. Tucker.

COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Ann Mills opened the meeting by asking the members of the Council what they had to report on the reactions of the houses to the question of the Committee reorganization that was brought up last week at the house meetings. The only reaction was that some members of the Community did not know that there was a problem in the present organization of the student committees. This seemed to be the only comment sent in by the houses. The report of the E.P.C. was then presented which stated that it thought that the Council should not put up the slate for the E.P.C. Instead, in order to have a central planning body, they suggested a super cabinet. However the feeling was that this cabinet would just be another committee and that instead of this the Council should be the policy planning body of the Community and that the house secretaries should take over the job that the Council and the Central Committee now hold. Namely that of seeing that everything is going well in the house, being the go-between between the Community and policy making board, and taking over the job of seeing to infractions of the standards. The E.P.C. then suggested that they as a committee be more concerned with policy and let their sub-committees do the job that they now do. In further discussing the super-cabinet or central Planning Committee, its function seemed to be one of delegating questions and problems to the correct committees for more efficient working. However on further thought it was decided that one person who was very well informed on the function of all the student committees might be able to handle this delegation of problems better than a committee could. It was then suggested that the committee already formed should meet and outline a plan which will be presented to the Community on November 12th after Mr. Jones' meeting November 5th when he will present the curriculum changes.

HOCKEY PLAY DAY

The Council was reminded that the Hockey Play Day is this Saturday and they were asked to remind their houses that each student is a hostess and to dress and act accordingly. It was suggested that the Council met together with the Recreation Council and Hockey Committee Members of their houses and see how they can make the day a success.

THURSDAY

Ann Mills announced there would be a meeting of everyone interested in doing work such as is being done at Thurbridge. The meeting will take place this week and the time and place will be announced in the dining rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Stevens