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The eight meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bennington College Cooperative Store for the year 1941 was held Thursday, November 13, 1941, in room 75 of the Barn at 3:30 p.m. Those present were: Frances Berna, chairman, Eloise Bishop, Irene Crosby, Judith Knapp, Anne Whiteley, Miss Jones, Miss Steven, Mr. Brockway, and Mr. Smith. Dorothy Coffin and Mrs. Woodlock were absent.

Balance Sheets: The balance sheets for September and October were read and are attached. There was a lessened increase of ~~income~~ over expense during these months because the Store is buying more so that we will have a stock on hand when things become harder to get. In this connection the problem of people who will not pay their bills is a very pressing one because the Store needs all the money it can get to meet its debts.

Publicity: Three articles were written and sent to the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, and the Christian Science Monitor. None of them have appeared as yet.

Membership: Since the last meeting two new members have joined, paying ten dollars, and three on the installment plan. The members of the Board reported that everyone was thoroughly nice about wanting to join, but most people seemed to be lazy about doing so. A list of non-members is to be posted on the cash register so that store assistants can speak to them as they come to pay their bills.

Christmas Cards: Marion Colt has requested that she be allowed to sell Christmas Cards for "Young America

Wants to Help." The Board decided that it was all right by us, but was a matter that should be passed by the Community ~~Council~~. *Christ*

Policy: Miss Steven reported that she had read an article in the New York Times on profiteering, and that she thought the Board should make some sort of statement to the community on the policy of the Store as regards rising prices, i.e. that our prices are not raised until it actually costs us more to buy the article. The Board agreed that a statement in the College Week would be a good idea. It decided too that the statement should explain how the excise tax on cosmetics works. We keep an inventory of the goods sold and report to the government on that

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Knapp, Secretary