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Report of the Community Chest Committee

The committee submits the following budget proposal to the Community Council for its approval.

To date the Community Chest Committee has received only two requests for contributions. These have come from the Red Cross and from the Vermont Children's Aid Society, both of which received contributions from the community in previous years. In addition to these appeals, the chest fund is intended to provide the Employees' Christmas Fund. An emergency fund is also necessary to provide for meritorious demands that may come later in the year.

The committee feels that, due to the fact that contributions are to be on a voluntary basis, the amount to be donated by each individual should be well within the means of students and faculty. It is felt that one annual contribution of \$2.50 as a minimum and \$5.00 as a maximum from each member will amply provide for all charitable demands made upon the community. The sum to be given each organization was decided on the basis of this and other factors, namely - the amount requested by the organization, the amount given in previous years and the worthiness of the organization and its work insofar as this could be determined.

The employees this year number sixty-seven. Last year a gift amounting to \$3.25 was provided for each member of the staff. This year, it has been requested that the gift be raised to \$4.00 each. The total contribution for this purpose would thus be \$268.00.

The 1934-35 contribution to the Children's Aid Society was \$120.00, voluntarily subscribed by members of the community. This may be roughly estimated as equivalent to fifty cents from each individual. Believing this organization worthy of our continued aid the committee has provided for an increase on the total contribution in proportion to the increase in the size of the community. A \$150.00 appropriation would serve this purpose..

Until this year, savings on meatless dinners have afforded a liberal fund for the benefit of the Red Cross. Relying on voluntary contributions as we are this year, the chest can not be expected to raise an equally generous sum. Thus, the committee has set aside \$250.00 for the local branch.

Finally, to have on hand a reserve for future appeals and emergencies, provision for a \$75.00 surplus fund has been made.

\$743.00 is the total to be raised according to the specifications just described. Any contribution above the minimum goal may be applied to the emergency fund which, in the absence of previous demands, can be applied to the next year's Chest.

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