

Report from the Health Committee
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The Health Committee has just completed its third year. We feel that during the past year we have found out in what way the community can ^{use our case 02103 - 164 collect,} ~~use~~ ^{and} ~~and thereby~~ have established ourselves as ^{important} ~~a~~ major part of the community ^{government.}

Throughout the year there have been a number of routine jobs to which we have attended. Whenever the infirmary asks the community to weigh themselves, take the tuberculin tests, take xrays, physical examinations etc., we have helped them to track down those who have not complied with the Health service notices. When ~~there~~ ^{was} complaint of too many exploding glasses we decided that they were a detriment to Health and therefore our job. The glasses were put away. Several students wanted to know the best way to diet. With the help of Miss Foresman, a student working with diets, and the Health Service we now have a diet menu posted daily with substitute foods offered where the ~~menu~~ ^{is} too high in calories. On request we are having First Aid Kits installed in the houses.

There are many problems, small and large, which we have to discuss in our meetings. ~~There was brought up~~ ^{was brought up,} the question of food being taken from the dining rooms and whether or not that was proving a detriment to health. ^{Another time} ~~We~~ ^{we} discussed whether there might not be milk for everyone, ^{Kitchen, in the middle of the morning,} ~~in the mornings.~~ Our two biggest projects this year were to arrange for various First Aid and other Red Cross courses, and second to make out a plan, within our financial means, ^{for a} ~~to make a~~ better infirmary.

Last Spring we sponsored a 5 weeks advanced First Aid Course, and then provided transportation ^{for} those who wished to follow it up with the Instructors First Aid Course, to Rutland. This fall we gave again

the beginners First Aid course; 22 students completed the course. At the end of that course we ~~had~~^{gave} the instructors rating course. This was attended by people in Bennington, Arlington, and Manchester as well as by ~~the~~ college ^{students,}. We also held ~~to~~ Red Cross Nutrition course this fall. Twenty-one enrolled in this class, and quite a few less completed it. There were two townspeople in it.

We decided that the infirmary was not up to the standard of ^{other} college buildings. Therefore we thought of the various possibilities for a new infirmary or for improvements on the old one. We presented the report to Mr. Jones, who brought the matter up with the trustees. The result has been that we are getting all the improvements we asked for in the old infirmary ^{- including} ~~with the possibility of~~ sound-proofing the kitchen, which will do a lot toward cutting down the noise in the big ward. Several students from Mr. Krobs design class took over the project of re-decorating and making a few other changes for us.

To the next committee we leave one task in particular; ~~that is~~ to achieve an even better understanding in the community of the Health Service. When this is accomplished there should no longer be ^{any} ~~the~~ necessity for checking up on people who do not comply with the Health Service notices, and it should indicate a greater knowledge of the importance of Health.

I want to thank the retiring committee and the Health Service for their cooperation throughout the year. Janet Frisby has been ~~nominated~~ ^{chosen} Head of the Health Committee for the next term.