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DEFICIT AND GENERAL EQUIPMENT COVERED BY NEW GRANT

A grant covering current operating deficit and general industrial equipment, such as a truck, cannery, and gas engine, was made by the trustees of the American Fund for Public Service (Garland Fund) to Commonwealth College at their January meeting.

This is the second time in recent weeks that the trustees have extended financial aid to Commonwealth. This assistance will make possible the steady industrial upbuilding of the school community for the next few months and is sincerely appreciated by every Commoner.

FORMER STUDENTS RETURN AND JOIN COMMONWEALTH MAINTENANCE GROUP

The resident maintenance group of Commonwealth College gained two members when Chester and Betty Potts, former Commoners, returned to the school from Bemidji, Minn., where they have been living for several months.

Chester and Betty, who were "charter students," expect to make Commonwealth their permanent home. Chester, journeyman baker and household engineer, has assumed the duties of domestic manager. Betty is rehabilitating frayed socks. She is a sister of Ross and Irene Brown, who have been students of Commonwealth since its organization.

STUDY METHODS AND CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSED BY COMMONERS

"How to Study" was the topic which F. M. Goodhue, instructor in science and statistics, chose for a Sunday evening lecture on January 10 at the request of some of the students.

Mr. Goodhue based his remarks on a treatise on study methods by Prof. George P. Swain. Professor Swain's work emphasizes the necessity of an inquiring and questioning mind in study. "By this means we may obtain power through our education."

Get the dictionary habit, advised Mr. Goodhue. He suggested beginning this habit at once and for this purpose passed out papers on which words might be jotted down for investigation.

Proceeding the lecture Ernest Koch, student, presented a summary of current events. His topics included the rubber situation as occasioned by the British monopoly and the condition of political prisoners in Soviet Russia. Weekly reports by students on world happenings will be a feature of the Sunday evening meetings henceforth.
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SOCIETY NOTES

Commoners spent New Year's day according to their lights. Some hiked to a nearby 2700-foot-high peak of the Rich Mountains. Others went for a swim in Mill Creek. All were on hand in the evening for a helping of roast pork prepared from a campus-reared pig -- all, that is, except two boys who went for a week-end camping trip and spent the night in the rain.

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The index of sneezing activity showed a pronounced slump during the first two weeks of January as the building crew finished laying the floors in the boys' and girls' dormitories. When school began in September the campus buildings lacked doors, windows, battens, flooring, or weather-resisting roofs. Teachers and students hung burlap at the apertures and started the race against winter. The job is done. It is fitting to reflect that its completion marks a milepost.

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Commonwealth students will present a modern Japanese drama, "The Razor," at the next Sunday evening student program. This play by Kichizo Nakamura shows clear traces of the influence of Ibsen and Strindberg. It has been very popular in Japan.

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FRIENDS OF COMMONWEALTH FOSTER PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

In a recent issue of the Fortnightly an appeal was made for a set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica for Commonwealth College. A few days ago a set came, the gift of generous friends.

As the Fortnightly has no advertising space for sale it declines to point out the obvious advantage of placing your message in its columns. Instead it expresses the gratitude of the Commonwealth group to its well-wishers.

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PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT OFFERS GENERAL HISTORY COURSE

An elementary course in general history with H. G. Wells' "Outline" as a text is being offered the second semester of the present academic year at Commonwealth College.

The course is a rapid survey one and is designed to give the preparatory student a background which will aid him in his other studies. Next year the course will be given throughout the year and will go into historical trends with more detail.