BUSY SCHEDULE FOR DIRECTOR

Colleges and Labor Groups Ask for Dates. Prospective Students Will Be Interviewed.

An exceptionally busy speaking schedule for Dr. William E. Zeuch is indicated by the number of requests to hear him lecture on The Story of Commonwealth, Problems of Co- operative Living and Power Economics, which are being received from cities along his scheduled route through the North and East during the winter quarter.

Though nearly one month remains before he is to leave, a number of colleges and labor groups have already been definitely assigned dates. Included thus far are Antioch College, Brookwood Labor College, Cornell University, Cosmopolitan Club of Syracuse, New York, Graduate School of Education of Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University Liberal Club, and a labor group in Louisville, Ky.

The Mohagen Colony, Peekskill, N. Y., Mt. Holyoke College, a Montreal labor group, the Rand School, Smith College, Syracuse University, where Dr. Zeuch will speak at the Faculty Club and the Noon Convocation, the Twentieth Century Club of Boston, a labor group in Warren, Ohio, and the Washington Open Forum, Washington, D. C., are also included. A number of others are being considered.

In addition to his lectures Dr.

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Thanks, Friends

Cash.
L. A. Meek, Tulsa, Okla. $5
Prof. Harry F. Ward, Palisade, N. J. $10
Anonyme $5

Books and Magazines.
Louis D. Brandeis, Washington, D. C. $5
Harry Gunnison Brown, Columbia, Mo. $5
Charles Nagel, St. Louis, Mo. $5
E. N. Durland Chicago, Ill. $1.00

ZEUCH ON CONVENTION COMMITTEE FOR ORGANIZATION OF SOUTH

Arkansas Federation Plans to Increase Interest in Organization and Strengthen Ranks Through Building Up Stronger Labor Press and "Organizing the Organized."

William E. Zeuch, delegate, and Raymond J. Koch, alternate, represented Commonwealth Local No. 194, American Federation of Teachers, at the twenty-third annual convention of the Arkansas State Federation of Labor, held at Paris, Ark., December 2 to 4. Zeuch was appointed a member of a special committee on organizing the South which, in accordance with the program of the national organization, drew up a plan for its carrying out. Koch, student-teacher, drove Zeuch to and from the convention, took copious notes and punched a typewriter for the various committees whenever his services were demanded.

Zeuch has attended several of the state conventions as a delegate and was welcomed back as an old-timer. Last year the convention unanimously passed a resolution endorsing Commonwealth and its educational program. Both Zeuch and Koch reported keen interest in Commonwealth among the delegates.

Four Main Objectives.

In its program for the coming year the State Federation has four main objectives. In the words of Jack Adams, president, "We must launch a campaign not only to organize the unorganized of this state but we must do all in our power to organize the organized."

Efforts will be made to vitalize the existing unions. An attempt will be made to inaugurate a state labor press and to widen the influence and circulation of the existing labor papers, and so prepare for further organization. A statewide Labor Day celebration, to be held at Little Rock, is being planned with much enthusiasm. The legislative committee of the Federation will continue its scrap to get new legislation favorable to labor placed on the statute books of Arkansas and to keep those which they have.

The problems of the Arkansas Federation, as expressed by the speakers, are similar to those of labor in other sections of the country. President Adams stated, "Our main accomplishment since the loss of the miners union which was destroyed four years ago has been that of keeping an organization in the state, and in keeping the laws we have upon the statute books. We need not only an organization to back us in getting legislation now needed across but a wide awake organization that will rally to the legislative committee on a particular issue."

Legislative Committee Directed.

The convention was also grappling with other widespread problems such as the machine displacement of men, competition arising from farm labor entering industry, old age limit for employment, unsafe conditions of work, the injunction, and a lack of funds with which to deal with these problems. Resolutions were passed to direct the activity of the legislative committee, having for their purpose old age pensions, workmen's compensation, the favoring of Arkansas citizens on public works, legislation to aid crippled children, and the prevention of industrial accidents.

The state Federation has greater hopes for the coming year than for some time past. The members believe that the national body's plan for organizing the South will be a stimulus and help. In looking back they point out definite landmarks of accomplishment since the organization of their group twenty-five years ago. Most of these are written on the statute books, as the nine hour law for women, a child labor law, laws fixing responsibility for accidents, mothers' pension, laws concerning the payment of laborers, full crew laws, laws in reference to coal mining: for safety, against child

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The Good Old Days
By Raymond J. Koch.

I.
Five years: and Clara, good old Clara, is coming back for a visit. A rush of recollections which associate themselves about an old Commoner come to me.

The time comes every so often, it seems, when we all bring up the past from our storehouse of memories. sweep away the cobwebs, and parade the chief stage settings and leading actors before our minds. Consciously or unconsciously we compare the stage and actors of the time past with the stage and actors of the hour. In and doing so, is it not an excusable weakness that we allow the mellowing influence of time to delude us? That because hardship has faded into the past we allude to those days as the good old days, and (vivify the pleasures of that period?)

II.
That is just what I find myself doing when I think of the Commonwealth of Clara's day and now. There were few buildings then, nor was there much that could be called a campus. Forest and brush crept up to the very door of a sway-back log cabin, old and weather-beaten, but even so dominating the clearing. Near this old-farmhouse stood a long, plain building, newly built of rough pine boards, without doors or windows. It might have been an open air dance hall. When completed it was to be called the Commons.

Five other buildings, all in a similar unfinished state, were scattered among the pines—two dormitories, a library, an office, and a cottage. And we must not forget the two tents, a medium-sized camping tent for Schmitty and John Mars, and the army tent for Dr. Zeuch.

The room in which I lived and studied then was typical of all other rooms in the dormitories. It had neither windows, doors, nor ceiling, and there were cracks in the wall and floor. “At Commonwealth,” I remember Erik the Swede to have said, “we have no difficulty in putting the cat out. We just throw him at the wall.” And I believe that would have solved the problem.

Two students lived in a room then as now. Each had a kerosene lamp, a basin, a pail, a rough bench to sit on. There was one stove in a room with which to fight the cold rushing in from all sides. A glimpse through the window of an evening in December five years ago would have revealed a pale light, and heavily-wrapped figures, leaning, book in hand, toward a tin stove, red with futile heat.

III.
Today there are twenty buildings. Most of them are painted and have stone foundations. All have doors, windows, double floors and ceilings. Nearly all are paved. Today students study, in light attire, during all seasons, regardless of outside cold. Castiron stoves, or fireplaces are coming into vogue. Here and there an improved kerosene or gasoline lamp appears to take the place of the humble wick-burners. Leather upholstered chairs and rockers shame the few remaining old benches.

Five years ago we gathered all our fuel with ax and saw. Our muscles were hard. We ate like Trojans and lived the legend of that great woodsman, Paul Bunyan. Nowadays most of the wood is cut into stove lengths with the aid of a power saw.

When I first came to Commonwealth I helped to do the wash, Puri­tan fashion, down by the creek. Later the laundry was moved nearer the campus and we washed clothes in a tent. Always we used a scrubbing board and our knuckles. The clothes were boiled over bonfires, washed and wrung by hand—Today a power washer is in use.

In the good old days we dipped water from the spring and carried it to the kitchen and to our rooms. Later we pumped it by hand to the kitchen. Nowadays when John Mars sets it going, a gas engine does the pumping. We even have hot and cold showers now in place of the washtubs which served the same purpose then.

Once we ate meals that cost seventeen cents a day, now the budget allows thirty cents. Butter, milk, eggs or meat rarely appeared on the table. All these things are now taken as a matter of course and the students even expect ice cream occasionally.

IV.
The Commoners of yesterday created their own culture by group singing, group drama, and folk dances. Today someone tunes in on Amos and Andy, the latest jazz, Pepsi­dant Tooth Paste, or Planters' Salted Peanuts.

About the middle of winter in days

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

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gone by, after we were well acquaint­
ed, the students used to hold meet­
ings and tell one another that we
wanted more say-so in the affairs of
the school or, at least, jump on the
management. This year there has not
been one gripe meeting. True, the stu­
dents of today have representatives
in the Association, on the Board of
Trustees and the Relationship Com­
mittee, but this seeming lethargy of
late does not seem normal to one who
has weathered all the strife which
accompanied the forging of the pre­
sent framework of Commonwealth.

V.

Clara, who is to visit soon, was an
actor during a time when the stage
setting was elementary and crude.
And that sets me to wondering
whether, when she steps upon the
new stage, she will be able to rec­
ognize it.

For the Commonwealth stage has
changed. Many actors have come
and gone, many living, colorful per­
sonalities have tarried and passed.
Each has left a little of himself, each
has added to Commonwealth tradi­
tion. And as I think back I wonder
whether the modern Commonwealth
stage has not lost some of its color,
a certain rusticity and ruggedness
which characterized its pioneer days:
whether the actors five years ago
were not of a hardier grain, with
bigger emotions, a greater intensity.

Or is the explanation of this seem­
ing change in the fact that a pioneer
venture always attracts at first the
unadjusted, sometimes erratic per­
sons and later is composed of the
emotionally stable who remain and
those who are attracted for educa­
tional purposes rather than the un­
conventionality of the school?

We should not, I suppose, wish to
hail material progress or reject the
gifts of science. But regardless of
an intellectual conviction, a yearning
now and then rises for the good old
days. Perhaps it is for the cultural
aspects of the past that grew out of
doing all things for ourselves with
our hands—of an affinity with na­
ture even closer than now.

ZEUCH ON COMMITTEE.

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labor, for honest weighing, as well as
other legislation beneficial to labor.

Both Zeuch and Koch reported a
fine and smooth-running convention
and hospitable treatment by the peo­
ple of Paris.

COURSES FOR NEW
QUARTER

The course of study, as arranged
for the second quarter, will include
Power Economics, Law, History of
Law, American History, History of
Workers to the Industrial Revolu­
tion, Europe from 1500 to 1815,
Modern Drama, Mathematics, Amer­
ican Literature, Introductory Jour­
nalism and the Campus Bluff,
Scribbler and Modern Poetry.

English for Foreign Born, World
Classics, Economic History, Modern
Psychological Approaches, Educa­
tional Psychology, Contemporary
Social Thinkers, Principles of So­
ciology, Social Problems, Principles
of Economics, German, French and
Chemistry. The quarter begins on
December 30.

Students wishing to enter should apply
at once. Tuition for instruction
is $40 a quarter (12 weeks).

Board, lodging, and laundry are
earned by 24 hours work each week
at communal tasks.

ILLUSSIONS OF S’PRISE
Party

John Mars has consistently re­
 fused to divulge his years or the date
of his birth to the Commoners be­
 yond a statement that he was born
on April 1.

“If he won’t tell us,” said Papa
Zeuch, “we’ll have to manufacture a
definite birthday and age and give
him a surprise party.” Sunday, De­
 cember 8, was agreed upon, and his
age placed at fifty years.

On the appointed day Mars failed
to appear for dinner. Two fair
young ladies were appointed to find
him, charm him if necessary, but
bring him to the Commons.

Zeuch acted as chairman. He told
of his friendship with Mars, from
the beginning of Commonwealth at Llano
Colony, through the rough pioneering
days when timber and brush
covered the present campus and
those who were here lived in tents.

The other Commoners were called
upon for their opinions and it was
just one blush after another for
Mars until he finally managed to
escape.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Students Remember. Word comes
to us from California that Wallace
Russell, former Commoner, is giving
talks on Commonwealth before labor
groups in and about Los Angeles. He
reports real interest among the Cali­
ifornians. Wallace and Mrs. Russell, nee Wanda Stewart, first met at
Commonwealth. Their romance de­
veloped into the first campus wed­
ing. They are now living in Pas­
adena

Good Taste. Gustavo C. Costo, smil­
ing, mustachioed Cuban, refused to
be stumped when called upon to de­
vil a an extemporaneous speech one
Sunday evening. He told of his re­
action toward Commonwealth, espe­
cially his disappointment when he
learned that chicken is not served
three times daily.

Delicacies. Pork sausage, guaran­
teed pure and home-made, is the lat­
est delicacy for Commoners. When
it became known recently that a hog
was to be butchered, Fritz Hoffman
and Ray Kirvin asked to do the job,
with the understanding that they
would make sausage later. To date
the demand has exceeded the supply.

Page Dan'l Boone. Gene Showalter
and Ray Kirvin procured hunting
licenses with the avowed intention
of bagging at least one deer. Armed
with their trusty Remingtons they
paced the woodland paths and bagged
—nothing. Fred Hanover is no hunts­
man, has neither gun nor license, yet
he succeeded in bagging a ferocious
rabbit, while out hiking. Poor Bun
was thoroughly frozen.

Experimental Attitude. “Adopt the
experimental attitude,” all Common­
ers are advised. The college itself
follows this policy. Several years ago
a building was erected midway be­tween the Library and ‘Ymen ‘All.
The experiment proved unpopular.
Last year, as a temporary expedient,
it was moved to a point overlooking
the bluff. More recently it has been
moved to what is expected to be its
permanent location, behind the office.

Additions to Property. Only Rose,
the tender porcine flower, named for
Rose Lipton because it so matches
her complexion, remains of the for­
mer tenants of the pig house. The
four others have been transformed
into sausage, pork chops and bacon.
PEGSASUS UNSHOD
As Ridden by Commonwealth Versifiers

ETYREAL LOVE.
By Harriet Habbert.

The stars are lovers
that show on a curtain
of time. Some are fickle
and flames
discreet
and
The is the curtain
with Io, l'.

Yon blue star is a lover,
discreet and secretive.
The orange-red light is
a lover whose desire flares
and flames.
Clear, pale constant lover
is a golden star.

The moon is too changing
in love, yet is the lover
of lovers. These are all
in the eternal sky which
reflects from below for
all lovers the beauty
of their love.

THOUGHTS
By Rose L. Cohen.

My soul has burst through
its wrinkled case, and is stepping
forth,
New and warm and moist,
Treading softly on tiptoe
Among the wonders about it.

Barbers Unpopular

Last year several male students
had their hair clipped to prove their
hardihood and masculine determina-
tion to do as they pleased. This year
beards have been the vogue. Charles
Berlincut has been attempting for
two months to raise one, with ques-
tionable success. Fritz Hoffman is
developing one like Mephisto, red and
fiery. Ray Kirvin has one which
inclines toward blackness. Harry Sil-
verstein tried hard for some weeks
but gave up in disgust when he dis-
covered that while the beard itself
was dark enough to be noticed, the
mustache insisted upon developing a
colorlessness which made it almost
invisible. So he trimmed the beard
and is concentrating on the musta-
tache, determined to grow one that
is visible if it takes him the rest of
the year.

World Classics

Led by David Kaplan they went
back to ancient Greece and its splen-
did civilization. They traced its de-
velopment from the earliest known
myths and legends and finally came
into the "golden age." The philoso-
phers received some attention; the
peas came to life again in the writ-
ings of Homer and Hesiod; the
drama became real through the
works of Sophocles, Euripides,
Aeschylus and Aristophanes, as they
were reported upon by members of
the group studying "World Classics."
At the present time the class is
delving into the literature of the
Bible, giving special attention to
Psalms, Lamentations, Job, Samuel,
Proverbs, Prophets, and The Songs
of Solomon.

For the remainder of the quarter
the group will study the Niebelun-
genlied, the Song of Roland, Beowulf,
The Arthurian Cycle and the Kale-
vala.

The work in the second quarter
will start with Dante. In addition it
will touch on Rabelais, Cervantes,
Chaucer, Machiavelli, Montaigne,
Racine, Corneille and Moliere,
and the third quarter the classic litera-
ture of the time since the great
Aryanian, right up to the present day,
will be taken.

BUSY SCHEDULE.
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Zeuch plans to interview prospective
students in the various cities along
his route. It is suggested that those
who plan to register as students at
Commonwealth and wish to talk with
Dr. Zeuch, get in touch with him at
once, as the quarter ends December
29, and he will leave shortly after,
to be away during the entire second
quarter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Mr. Fulks:
I have just read your article in the
current issue of the Commonwealth
College Fortnightly, captioned "The
Southern Scene," with a great deal of
interest.
Your article convinces me that you
have a keen insight into the under-
lying causes of the years of industrial
oppression in the South which was
bound to come to a head sooner or
later. I am filing your article for fu-
ture reference and use.

Yours very truly,
L. A. MEEK,
Secy-Treas, Oklahoma State Council
of Carpenters.

Holiday Spirit

"The best community dance we've
ever had," remarked one student
who has been a Commoner for sev-
eral years, as tired but well satisfied
he left the Commons Thanksgiving
to the conclusion of the first
neighborhood social of the year.
There was a holiday spirit in the air.
There was an acceptance of
Commonwealth as a friend and neigh-
bor, more noticeable than ever before.
It was an evening of good fun, free
from the restraint which was so
marked in similar affairs of past
years.

Square dances and round, Virginia
reels and jigs, all had their turn.
Commoners entered the squares as
though they had been accustomed to
doing them always. The Cubans
proved most adaptable. And the
neighbors participated in the "round
dances" as well. Then, there was
popcorn and salted peanuts between
numbers and Jim House, who knows
his fiddling, gave several original
numbers and even jigged some.

The next scheduled neighborhood
social is the annual Christmas Eve
program, with its tree and goodies
for the youngsters of the neighbor-
hood. This affair is open to all
neighbors.

Four more dances are to be given.
The next one will be on New Year's
Eve; then will come the Midwinter
celebration, Saturday, January 28,
"Our America," Saturday, February
22 and Foundation Day, Tuesday,
April 2.