SEVENTEEN COURSES FOR WINTER QUARTER
Elementary and Advanced Political Economy Included; Term Begins December 30

An advanced course in political economy will be added to the courses offered at Commonwealth for the winter quarter beginning December 30.

John Barnett, faculty chairman, announces the curriculum to be as follows:
- Labor Orientation
- Elements of Political Economy
- Advanced Political Economy
- Imperialism and Fascism
- Social Psychology
- Trade Union Problems and Strategy
- History of the American Labor Movement
- Organization and Strategy of the Farmers' Movement
- History of the Farmers' Movement
- Labor Drama
- Proletarian Literature and Creative Writing
- Labor Journalism
- Effective Writing and Composition
- Drawing, Leaflet and Poster Designing
- Public Speaking
- Typing
- Fact-Finding Methods

Further details of curriculum and faculty will be announced in the January 1 issue of the Fortnightly.

Personsf contemplating enrollment for the winter quarter are urged to send applications at once to Charlotte Moskowitz, executive secretary, in order that necessary correspondence may be concluded in time for the student's arrival by December 30.

TEACHER ENTERS ASSOCIATION
Marvin Sanford, instructor, was elected to membership in the Commonwealth College Association at the December meeting of the school's governing body.

LARGE WINTER STUDENT BODY
At least forty students from many branches of industry and agriculture will form the student body which will gather here December 30.

Already enrolled are farmers from North Dakota, share-croppers from Arkansas and Alabama, agricultural workers from Florida, miners from Kentucky, a business man from Wisconsin, unemployed workers from Little Rock and North Carolina, and university students.

SCHOOL PUTS ON DRAMA PROGRAMS
Two Performances Given
For Farmer Neighbors
And Nearby Townspeople

Two plays, "Waiting for Lefty" by Clifford Odets, and "Daughter" from a short story by Erskine Caldwell, were presented to the workers and farmers of Mena in the Commons last Friday and Sunday nights.

Both plays, in both presentations, were well received since they deal concretely with the same problems which confront the members of the audience. Peter Frye, of the New Theater League, who directed the productions, said that the dramas succeed because of their realism and because they do not deal with the illusions of the "Broadway" theater.

WHITTEN SPEAKS IN CHICAGO
To Visit Kansas City
And Topeka on Tour

Rounding out his travels through the East and Middle West for Commonwealth, Richard Whitten, director, is in Chicago now. He will leave on December 19 for Kansas City and Topeka, and then will return to Commonwealth College.

He is lecturing on these subjects:
- Commonwealth College — a Southern Labor School
- Recent Sharecroppers' Struggles
- Workers' Education for Southern Labor
- United Front Against War and Fascism

The Prospects for a Labor Party

Persons living in the cities he is to visit who wish to arrange for lecture dates or personal interviews should get in touch with the key person in their city as given below, or correspond.

Secretary in Co-op Hospital
Teacher's Wife Also Treated

Charlotte Moskowitz, executive secretary, and Smith Sanford, maintenance member, returned a week ago from a ten-day stay for treatment at the Community Hospital in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Both report that they were given excellent medical care and nursing and that their hospitalization was most pleasant.

The hospital is a unique institution organized to keep people well.

It is a farmers' union cooperative which provides its members with complete medical, dental and hospital care.
FINNISH accent about another thrilling experience: the explosion of a ton car of dynamite which was to be used in the tunnel where he among others was awaiting its arrival. Eleven petty bosses who had the honor of enjoying the daylight during the noon interval lost their lives as they stood upon a shaft waiting to descend. This time Mackie thanked his lucky stars that he was merely a common worker and lacked even the privilege of coming up out of the hell hole for air and lunch.

Shortly after this a strike broke out in which was much killing, so little Mackie decided that that neighborhood was much too dangerous and that the Anaconda Copper Company was draining too much of the valuable life blood of the workers who were enslaved under its autocratic rule. He again took to the road with five fellow miners, enjoying and testing the comforts of all kinds of box cars from one state to another. First to Minnesota, then to California, Oregon, Colorado, and Nevada, finding short-time employment in mines as they travelled. Sometimes one of the group would start out by himself or would work in one place longer than the others; so Mackie woke up one fine morning and found himself all alone in the big wide world.

After spending nearly a quarter of a century in work that kept him away from the sun's warming rays he decided that a miner's life was altogether too short but not so sweet and came to the conclusion that the carpenter's trade offered a greater chance for longevity. His opportunity came with the California building boom in 1926. At that time there was much unskilled labor and when many were fired from their jobs, they immediately went up in flames; only Mackie woke up one fine morning and found himself all alone in the big wide world.

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On leaving California he returned once more to Montana, but this time he knew enough to leave mining alone. He busied himself putting up houses and barns.

While occupied there he saw a newspaper article telling of the Llano Cooperative Colony in Louisiana which fired his imagination with its description of communal life and the free and cheerful atmosphere. So on one cool September morning in the year of 1930 a care-free, handsome dusky arrived at the Colony with his face aglow with eagerness. He was promptly put to work tearing down old mill houses and replacing them with neat little bungalows. He also benefited Llano by helping to raise chickens and doing garden work, just a couple of Mackie's pet hobbies, by the way.

We know now why he finds so much pleasure with tobacco plants and the many flowers that spring up so beautifully around his lodge near the entrance gate of the college.

On the 8th of November of 1934 he came to Commonwealth, the reason being that the school was based on the same ideals as the community he was leaving; a place where he would neither exploit nor be exploited; a place whose life he had always wanted to share; in other words it was the fulfillment of his dreams.

His shy disposition, the slow motions of his body and that far away look in his eyes have made him the most mysterious person on the campus. He has never married and says he doesn't expect to.

Since his arrival the college has become a better place in which to live and study. When asked where he would go and what he would do next he answered, "I never think of the future. I always felt fine when I was bouncing around the country but the time comes when a fellow wants to settle down and I like it here better than any place I've ever been in.

The entire campus hopes that he will stick to Commonwealth at least until Charlie Brown quits telling lies about how many wives he has had.

But that's another story!

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WHAT IS COMMONWEALTH COLLEGE?

Commonwealth College is a non-factional labor school which has as its function the training of young men and women for active service in some militant organization in the labor movement.

Its courses, which include economics, history, labor problems, proletarian culture, creative writing, public speaking, journalism, psychology, etc., are taught from a point of view partisan in the working class.

Most of the food consumed at the college is grown on the college farm. The school has its own laundry, canteen, print shop, etc. All work is done communally by members of the group. The school pays no salaries or wages. Teachers receive only their maintenance.

Students pay $50 tuition per quarter term (three months) and receive their board and room in exchange for 28 hours work per week during fall, winter and spring terms, and 15 hours per week during the summer term, on the college farm, in the garden, office, library, etc.

Commonwealth is located near Mena, Arkansas in the Ouachita Mountains, the southernmost range of the Ozarks.
REPORT OF FARM AND GARDEN FOR YEAR
Manager Tells Agricultural Progress and Prospects
BY CLAUDE GOWER
COMMONWEALTH's farming season is over, and plans for next year's crop are already under way, but first let us see what was produced this year by student labor.

There is enough feed for the livestock until grass, and that means some 75 shocks of peanuts, 210 shocks of fodder, 2 tons of cane, 2 tons of cow peas, a half ton of hygria, 2 tons of wheat hay, a ton of oat hay, and 150 bushels of corn. This year we planted sugar Mangels for the cows and, although the drought seems to like them. Anyway, they reported to our dairyman Charlie Rehmer that we tried this year seem to please potatoes have been grown. This is both resident temper, the number of acres of pasture, and this calls for more fence building in the next four months, and also the fact that monwealth's rocks and few inches of top soil. Early this spring the garden was excellent and we looked forward to a summer of swell eats. Cabbages, radishes, onions, etc., grew down in the bottom as Commonwealth had never been able to coax them to grow on the hill garden. And then, bang! came two months of dry weather. Charlie's garden became sick, but Charlie just grinned: there will be rains this fall. And sure enough there were. Now we are eating cabbages, radishes and celery, and Charlie is finding time to go squirrel hunting.

The crop has not been completely planned for the next year as yet, but we will let you know how it turns out.

Campus Notes
GARRIED in fantastic costume according to his many occupations, a composite human, representing the statistical abstract of the student body of the summer quarter, was presented a couple of months ago to Fortnightly readers. Now, stepping high and wide to avoid entangling percent marks, we race past the figures to show how the student body marches off the platform with it's diploma (Master of Axe) tightly clutched, on next December 21.

They who march are a dozen women and two dozen men, and their average age is twenty-three. One sixth of them are married, a much higher proportion than herebefore.

Background: Half of those attending classes come from large cities and half from small towns, no residents of Middletown coming to Commonwealth, evidently. Our students come from areas of farming and of heavy industry. They

Claude Gower, Farm Manager
Linoleum Block by Virginia Donaldson

Workers Must Read
Commonwealth College receives frequent requests for lists of important books, study guides and outlines. As a partial answer, this department will publish frequently short lists of books and articles on important topics, such as the one below. Occasionally more general lists of important books will be printed. Inclusion of an item implies, of course, neither agreement nor disagreement with the author; the attempt is only to include the most important references on each subject.

American
Proletarian Literature

RIGO FONTE TO HERD THE COWS INTO RED BARN IS BEING SURROUNDED BY LINOLEUM BLOCK BY VIRGINIA DONALDSON

Little Magazines
A new left-wing literary quarterly, The New Review, Jackson, Louisiana, is to appear in January, at 25c, $1. yearly. Wendell Tynes, editor, announces: "No payment can be made for stories or articles used—but we are looking for this kind of material as well as some poetry. The prose should not run over 2000 words. Vigor and not polish is wanted; articles should be definitely proletarian as to viewpoint. There are no tabus as to subject matter or treatment."

Claude Gower, Farm Manager
WEEKLY WALL PAPER
PART OF SCHOOL LIFE

'The Campus Bluff' Works to Smooth Functioning of School By Collective Self-Criticism

BY REX PITKIN

Why a wall paper? Commonwealth's students this quarter revived the Campus Bluff so that "he who runs from class to table to till may read not a racy sheet, nor a racing sheet, but a running commentary on our activities—reports and digests of Commonwealth news, true reflections of the group sentiment, self-criticism in the collective spirit. The wall newspaper is a true instrument for social advance."

Thus wrote Stanley White in the first issue. And the editors have attempted to hold firmly to that policy. They have not always succeeded; the paper has sometimes merely chronicled events and has not reflected life on the campus. This is because the students themselves have not yet developed a collective spirit of self-criticism. For the paper is truly representative of the students: almost all of us have at one time or another contributed to it.

The Campus Bluff plans to run only articles which are pertinent to college activity, articles which point to ways of improving methods of work and study. The editors feel that the paper can not assume such a character at once. Getting students to write criticism and thorough-going articles about their problems of work and study is not easy. But the paper is beginning to shape up. Student letters are contributed regularly; the cartoons are pertinent not merely funny; and the social items have been cut down. Articles describing various phases of college activity now form the nucleus of the paper. The latest issue begins to reflect our life; the first issue did not.

The Campus Bluff is on its way toward really becoming an active agent in the life of Commonwealth College.

Whitten Speaks in Chicago

with Charlotte Moskowitz, executive secretary of the school. The remainder of his schedule follows:

Dec. 10-18 Chicago (Harold Hall, Suite 905, 123 W. Madison St. Telephone Dearborn 2-311).
Dec. 19 Kansas City, Jean Sherry, 422 West 17th Street, VA 1454.
Dec. 22 Topeka, Kansas (J. Walter Mills, 627 Madison Street).

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are all native born, and nearly all of the parents are native born.

Although the parents are divided equally between the middle and working classes, all of the group are wage workers, with the exception of five students. Ten are skilled, twelve are semi-skilled and eight unskilled.

The degree of skill is here determined by the amount of labor necessary to raise, train and sustain a worker doing a certain kind of work. If this isn't quite clear, enroll for the political economy course when the winter quarter opens on December 30 (adv).

Twenty-seven of the thirty-six belong to working-class political parties.

The average formal schooling of the group went through the first year of college, although this school requires no previous academic record of its students. With more workers and less women in it, this student body ranks well with that of the summer session both in pre-Commonwealth education and in value to the labor movement.

You have seen the figure slipping between the many thin trees, gliding along erect on the wagon, the tall slim fellow with the big red rubber boots below seemingly weighing him down to the jolting bed; and with the black beret on top. You have seen him if you have been at Commonwealth.

The only farmer in the whole wide world, maybe, who wears a beret.

About all you see of Claude Gower on the campus is him with the tram. The rest of his time is spent down on the farm and in his room writing.

Since he began writing a year ago, our 24-year-old farm manager has done 21 short stories, some of which he has submitted for publication. Besides the "little magazine" acceptances, Claude will appear twice in the unique anthology edited by Kay Boyle.

Right now he is letting himself become involved in a novel, 'Cross Section', based on the Terre Haute general strike, its background and aftermath. Soon he will make a visit to that city, located in his old stamping ground, to gather fresh material.

So Mr. Beret talks of growths other than mere folder.

A Claude, a farmer, and with a beret—this is a sissy for sure. But when Claude twitches the reins the mules step right out, over the knoll, winding down into the gentle canyon that leads to the ford and the barnyard.

PLAN INDEX TO LABOR PAPERS

Project Includes 25 Labor Periodicals Containing Valuable Economic Data

An index to 25 labor and radical periodicals is the project being initiated by Commonwealth under the direction of Henry Black, librarian.

A survey is now being made of the contents of the magazines and papers to be indexed, and inquiries are being made to ascertain whether other organizations have begun such work. The task will require the cooperation of other institutions, as Commonwealth would not be able to carry it on unaided.

Similar to the periodical Readers' Guide, the new index will cover publications not included in the former, such as the New Masses, Socialist Call, American Socialist Quarterly, Common Sense, Labour Monthly, International Press Correspondence.

The 25 periodicals similar to those listed above contain valuable information on labor problems, American and foreign politics, international relations, minority groups, fascism, and other current problems. It is difficult to make proper and efficient use of this material without the aid of an index.

Tentatively, the index will cover 1934 and 1935 in one volume, continuing thereafter as a quarterly publication. It will be most useful in universities and the larger public libraries.

The survey now being carried on will furnish an outline of the work to be done, give an idea of the cost, and solve technical and administrative problems involved.

The whole project, says Henry Black, offers an opportunity for an effective united front in the bibliographical field.

Secretary in Cooperative Hospital

for an annual dues fee of twenty-five dollars per family. The services given include examinations; medical treatment; room, board and general nursing, special nurses; surgical operation; confinement; and dental care.

The Community Hospital was founded by Dr. M. Shadid, who has been active for many years in the labor and cooperative movement, to reduce the cost of medical care for the farmers of western Oklahoma.

Copies of the revised edition of the Commonwealth catalog are available upon request. This 12-page booklet lists and describes courses, teachers, methods, and activities.