

SOCIAL WORKERS TO OPEN MEETING TODAY

Welfare Problems Will Be Discussed at Confer- ence in Middlebury.

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MIDDLEBURY, Oct. 2.—The 19th annual meeting of the Vermont Conference of Social Work will be held here tomorrow and Wednesday with W. I. Mayo, jr., of Westminster as the presiding officer. The theme of this year's conference is to be "The Family in a Time of Change." Three phases of the topic, family welfare, family health and family morale, will be considered.

The conference will open at noon tomorrow with the following persons scheduled to speak: Dr. C. C. Adams, Middlebury; Rev. M. S. Czatt, Brattleboro; G. B. Clarke, Montreal; Miss Josephine Webster, Burlington; Professor Russell Sholes, Middlebury college; Lewis Jones, Bennington college; Dr. Carl E. Buck, field director of the American Public Health association; J. H. Blodgett, Bellows Falls; H. W. Slocum, Burlington, and Dr. Valeria Parker, New York.

The committee in charge of the program is composed of Miss Florence Maddock of Burlington, chairman; Miss Katherine Kidder of Woodstock and Rev. Stanley Cummings of Bennington. Arrangements are in charge of Professor Russell Sholes and Mrs. William Burrage.

This afternoon at 1.30, an institute will open at the Community house on "New Skills in the Art of Helping," which will continue through Tuesday morning. Miss Etta Hamilton, case supervisor of the Family society of New Haven, Conn., will be in charge of the study course. Miss Josephine Webster, field supervisor of the state unemployment relief work, and W. H. Dyer, commissioner of public welfare in Vermont, will assist. Miss Elin Anderson, secretary of the eugenic survey office in Burlington, is in charge of registrations.

The institute is being held primarily for lay social workers, including members of boards of social agencies, church welfare workers, overseers of the poor, and all other community workers who are desirous of discussing problems with a trained social worker, and learning new skills in the art of helping people in need.

At the close of the Social Work conference on Wednesday there will be a meeting of the Vermont Commission on Country Life at the Middlebury Inn.