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Meeting of State Directors of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects of the Works Progress Administration in Washington, D. C. --- May 4th, 5th & 6th.

Exhibits and actual demonstrations portraying the full range of women's, professional, emergency education and research projects throughout the nation under the Works Progress Administration will be presented at a meeting of directors from the 48 states, New York City and the District of Columbia with the six regional directors of this division in Washington May 4, 5 and 6. Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, will address the opening session of the conference, to be held at the Mayflower Hotel.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins also are included on the list of speakers for the three-day program, with Frank Bane, executive director of the Social Security Board, and Miss Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor.

The meeting has been called by Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, Assistant Administrator in charge of the Women's Division of the Works Progress Administration, to consider plans for a future program after reviewing and evaluating accomplishments to date.

Sewing room projects, which figured prominently in supplying garments of

all kinds to flood and storm victims in recent disasters, will be demonstrated to present the full scope of their instructional and relief values. There will also be a display of handcraft articles produced by men and women who have taken advantage of free instruction from Works Progress Administration teachers on recreation and adult education projects.

The fight of the Works Progress Administration on malaria will be illustrated by microscopic work, slides displaying malarial cultures and other features under the direction of a public health nurse.

Transcription of books into Braille will call attention to another type of Works Progress Administration project. An associated exhibit will include details of a new project in Baltimore, Md., designed to furnish relief maps for the blind. These will outline the thirteen original colonies and other geographical units for schools and institutes for the sightless.

Among other exhibits will be photographs and posters illustrating nursery school, hot school lunch, museum, clerical and survey projects. One booth will present in detail the method of repairing books for public libraries and schools.

Activities in each state will be outlined in reports by the various state directors. Special problems, most of which will be discussed in preliminary meetings of regional directors with the state division heads upon their arrival in Washington, also will be considered at the general conference.

The following regional directors of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects will make reports to the conference on their regions:

Mrs. Lula Martin Scott of Greensboro, N. C., Region I, comprising the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island.

Mrs. Izetta Jewel Miller of Kingwood, West Virginia, Region II, comprising the States of Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky; as well as Region VI, which includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. Blanche M. Ralston of Clarksdale, Mississippi, Region III, comprising the area of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia.

Mrs. Florence S. Kerr of Grinnell, Iowa, Region IV, comprising the States of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Dr. Dorothy B. Nyswander of Salt Lake City, Utah, Region V, comprising the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

The State directors who will take part in the coming conference are:

Miss Mary Weber,
Montgomery, Alabama

Miss Jane Rider,
Phoenix, Arizona

Mrs. Dot Kennan,
Little Rock, Arkansas

Miss Elizabeth Clauss,
San Francisco, California

Mrs. Mary Isham,
Denver, Colorado

Mrs. Mary Hughart
New Haven, Connecticut

Miss Jeanette Eckman,
Wilmington, Delaware

Mrs. Rebecca Barkley,
Wilmington, Delaware

Mrs. Rolla Southworth,
Jacksonville, Florida

Miss Vane Van De Vrede,
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Lela F. Ely,
Boise, Idaho

Mrs. Mary Gillette Moon,
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Edith Keyes, and
Mrs. Letitia H. Carter
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mrs. Jessie Hanthorn,
Des Moines, Iowa

Mrs. Harrison Parkman,
Topeka, Kansas

Miss Elizabeth Fullerton,
Louisville, Kentucky

Miss Edna Brenan,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Miss Agnes P. Mantor
Portland, Maine

Dr. Emma F. Ward,
Baltimore, Maryland

Mrs. Helen G. Talboy and
Mrs. Alice Stritch,
Boston, Massachusetts

Miss Catherine Murray, and
Mrs. Harriet Comstock,
Lansing, Michigan

Mrs. Alma Kerr,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Miss Ethel Payne,
Jackson, Mississippi

Mrs. Anita K. Hynes and
Miss Mayme Ratekin,
Jefferson City, Missouri

Miss Agnes Pauline,
Helena, Montana

Mrs. Ethel M. Sanmann,
Lincoln, Nebraska

Mrs. Harriet G. Spann,
Reno, Nevada

Mrs. Anne S. Tighe,
Manchester, New Hampshire

Mrs. Elizabeth C. D. Vann,
Newark, New Jersey

Mrs. Mildred Andrew,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Miss Anne Garrity,
Albany, New York

Miss Mary Tinney, and
Mrs. Sarah Dennen,
New York City.

Mrs. May E. Campbell,
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mrs. Hazel Falley,
Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. Sarah G. Krusling,
Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Thomas G. Gammie,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Miss Mary Jane Spurlin,
Portland, Oregon

Miss Gertrude Ely, and
Mrs. Anna Lebengood,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Margaret N. Staley,
Providence, Rhode Island

Mrs. Margaret D. Davies,
Columbia, South Carolina

Miss Ethel M. Dowdell,
Pierre, South Dakota

Mrs. Thomas N. Coppedge,
Nashville, Tennessee

Mary K. Taylor,
San Antonio, Texas

Mrs. Ruby S. Garrett,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Miss Mary Jane Simpson,
Montpelier, Vermont

Miss Ella Agnew,
Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Edna E. McClure,
Seattle, Washington

Mrs. Esther Haas,
Madison, Wisconsin

Mrs. Dora Garlitz, and
Mrs. Marie W. Niles,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Miss Margaret Sowers,
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Mrs. Mary S. Funkhouser,
Washington, D. C.