

Bennington Studies War, Peace Problems

Begins Afternoon, Evening Meetings on Issues

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The study of pressing issues on which Bennington College will center its program of afternoon and evening meetings began with a discussion of economic problems in war in peace by Geoffrey Crowther, editor of the London journal, *The Economist*.

Designed to relate directly to the curriculum and to represent all interests, the calendar for the opening weeks of college has included also lectures on religion, science and the arts, informal evenings sponsored by the Recreation Council, and has carried forward the college's plan of showing important non-commercial films. All events are open without charge to the public as well as the college. A discussion period follows each lecture, with questions being further pursued in class work and conferences.

Advantage is being taken this week of the arrival of Dr. Stuart C. Dodd, sociologist in the American University at Beirut, Syria, until its recent closing, who has traveled from the war zone via India, Capetown and Trinidad. Dr. Dodd will lecture on the war in the Near East.

Miss Dorothy Thompson will visit the college to discuss with students the responsibilities of educated American youth in the war situation.

Lecturers on public health, nutrition and first aid are being scheduled as an extension of the instruction in science and its application to the defense effort.

The college avoids having any extra-curricular activities and the General Meetings Committee of faculty and students observes this rule. It draws proposals from all sources in the college, balances the program to serve a variety of interests within the curriculum, and is subject to the check of public opinion.