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The University of Missouri has a new division and a new dean at Columbia. The School of Social Work and Community Development is now established as a separate division known as the School of Social and Community Services. Arthur W. Nebel, professor of social work, who has been director of the school, has been appointed Dean of the newly reconstituted division.

Prof. Nebel's appointment brings to eleven the number of schools and colleges on the Columbia campus headed by deans. Until the change, the School had been administered within the University's College of Arts and Science.

In its new status, the School of Social and Community Services is scheduled to develop an expanded program of graduate training, research, and public service. The School will comprise three departments: The School of Social Work, the Department of Regional and Community Affairs, and the Department of Recreation. There is a growing demand for trained personnel in the many areas encompassed in social and community services.

The School will continue to offer a graduate program leading to Master of Science degrees in social work and in community development. The graduate programs in both areas are administered in cooperation with the Graduate School. An undergraduate program with social work as an area of concentration will continue to be offered by the College of Arts and Science through the School.

Chancellor John W. Schwada said the new expansion is the outgrowth of a sharply developing demand for trained personnel by city, state and national government agencies, as well as by private groups working in the areas of social work, community services, and recreation. The grouping of these closely interrelated areas is increasing among educational institutions as the most effective way to further the training of personnel, he said.

Prof. Nebel was selected to head the School, Chancellor Schwada said, "because he is uniquely qualified for the office of Dean on the basis of both his academic and his practical experience. He was director of the School of Social Work from 1954 and then of the

School of Social Work and Community Development from September, 1964, when the School and the former Center for Community Development were integrated into a single unit. He has been with the University, except for short leaves, since 1934. Prof. Nebel's practical experience has paralleled his academic experience. He has, among other offices, served as director of the Department of Public Assistance of the State Social Security Commission; as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Crippled Children's Service; as executive secretary of the State Children's Code Commission; as technical adviser on examinations for the Missouri Merit System Council; and as director of the State Crippled Children's Service from 1948 to 1954."

The Chancellor said the School of Social and Community Services is being established on an already strong curriculum, involving close cooperation with the College of Arts and Science and other divisions. "It has already developed some genuinely unique programs. One is the Experimental Program in Graduate Training in Social Work, set up a year ago in cooperation with the Kansas City Association of Trusts and Foundations and the Missouri Division of Welfare, and additionally supported by a grant from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare." A pilot project, centered in Kansas City, the program is designed to accelerate the training of social workers by providing a complete graduate curriculum leading to the M.S. degree in a single calendar year.

The new dean is a graduate of the University. He received his B.S. in Business Administration degree in 1930, then took graduate work at Washington University. Returning to M.U. he took his Master of Arts degree in 1935, with a major in social work, followed by further graduate work at the University of Chicago. In 1931-34, Prof. Nebel was a social service worker for the St. Louis Children's Society. Upon returning to the University to work toward his master's degree, he was a graduate assistant in rural sociology, becoming an instructor in 1935 and an assistant professor two years later. During World War II, he served more than four years with the U. S. Army while on leave from the University; he was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.