

College Will Use Coe Estate

Old Westbury—Planting Fields, the Upper Brookville estate of the late William Robertson Coe, will be the temporary home of the administrative offices of the State University College at Old Westbury.

Old Westbury officials announced yesterday that the estate would be used while facilities are being constructed to replace the college's administration building in Old Westbury, the former estate of Singer sewing machine heir F. Ambrose Clark. The building was gutted in a fire last month.

The Coe estate now houses the university's Center for International Studies and World Affairs. The site also served for a time as the temporary quarters for the university's Stony Brook campus. The estate includes Planting Fields Arboretum.

Jerome Ziegler, vice president at the Old Westbury campus, said that the campus facilities would be housed in the Coe estate "for at least two years." He said that the college's board of trustees accepted the offer of the use of the buildings from State University Chancellor Samuel B. Gould. A spokes-

man for Gould said, "We will have something to say in a day or two."

Ziegler said, "We feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to use the facilities of this beautiful estate. In fact, in some ways we will have more facilities than we had planned on. The estate includes a large cafeteria, a gymnasium and several buildings very suitable for classrooms." He said that the cost would be determined as plans develop.

The move of the administration and clerical staff is tentatively scheduled for late spring or early summer, Ziegler said. About 25 administrative and clerical workers and 10 faculty members will make the move. The college, one of the most experimental in the state university system, is scheduled to open in September with about 75 students, Ziegler said.

The 42-room Clark mansion at Old Westbury was being converted to provide offices and classrooms for the college when the 56-year-old structure was swept by fire April 17. The state purchased the 600-acre Clark estate in 1965 for \$3,900,000.