

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RELATIONS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Fourth Annual Meeting will be held in New York, December 29-31, 1941 on the general topic of "Family Preparedness." Papers will be given by outstanding leaders in the field of family relations. All members are invited to participate.

Conference committees are organized on the following special subjects: Economic Basis of the Family, Education for Marriage and the Family: 1) on the High School Level, 2) on the College Level and 3) in the Community, Eugenics and the Family, Marriage and Family Counseling, Marriage and Family Law, Marriage and Family Research, Problems of Youth, Religion and the Family and The Family and National Defense. The Committees will hold meetings during the Fourth Annual Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues of \$2.50 include \$1.50 for the year's issues of *Marriage and Family Living* and entitle a member without further charge to attend the Fourth Annual Meeting. Annual joint dues in the national and your state conference are only \$3.00. Applications for membership should be addressed to the National Conference on Family Relations, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Because of your interest and activity in the field of marriage and family relations you are extended a cordial invitation to membership in the National Conference on Family Relations. Our purposes and work are described in the following pages.

You are entitled, as a member, to full membership privileges, including the year's issues of our official quarterly, *Marriage and Family Living*, and attendance free of charge at the annual national meeting.

Membership is open both to specialists working in the different fields and to representative citizens interested in a better understanding of family living and in the advancement of its cultural values.

You may accept our invitation by filling out and returning the enclosed application card, together with your remittance for dues, to The National Conference on Family Relations, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

E. W. Burgess, *Secretary*.

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History and Purpose

The National Conference on Family Relations was organized in 1938 under the leadership of Paul Sayre, professor of law, University of Iowa. Under Adolf Meyer, M. D., dean of American psychiatrists and our second president, the work of the Conference developed steadily. Present officers are Ernest R. Groves, University of North Carolina, president; Frederick Osborn, New York City, vice-president and E. W. Burgess, University of Chicago, secretary-treasurer. Mary K. White is executive director.

Its purpose is to advance the cultural values now principally secured through family relations for the advantage of the individual and the strength of the nation. It seeks to unite in this common objective persons working in the different fields of family research and welfare: biology, child study, education, eugenics, family economics, family social work, family and marriage counseling, home economics, law, maternal health, medical care, parent education, parent-teacher work, psychiatry, psychology, religion, school and home visiting, social hygiene, social security, sociology and youth.

Regional, State and Local Conferences

The National Conference encourages the holding of regional, state and local conferences: (1) to present important research findings, (2) to discuss points of view and experience and (3) to consider proposals for family welfare. It publishes a quarterly magazine, *Marriage and Family Living*.

The 1941 regional conferences' dates are: New England, July 16-18; Pacific Northwest, April 28-29 and Southern, June 26-28; state conference dates are: Alabama, June 26-28, Arizona, April 15; California: Pacific (northern), March 22-23 and Southern, March 15 and July; Indiana, April 11-12; Iowa, March 20-21; Michigan, July 19; New York, March 28-29; Ohio, March 25-26 and Virginia, June 12. Announcements of other meetings will be made in *Marriage and Family Living*.

Official Publication

Marriage and Family Living, the official publication of the National Conference on Family Relations established in January 1939, is published in February, May, August and November. Its editorial board consists of E. W. Burgess, editor, Mary K. White, associate editor, and Adolph Meyer, M. D., Ethel R. McDowell, Lawrence K. Frank, Ernest R. Groves, Sidonie M. Gruenberg, Everett Hughes, Ellsworth Huntington, Paul Popenoe and Arthur J. Todd, advisory editors.

Marriage and Family Living contains articles upon: (1) the latest findings of research in marriage and the family, (2) the most recent projects and proposals for family welfare, (3) news of conferences and events in the family field and (4) reviews of significant books in related fields. The following papers in recent issues are indicative of the scope of *Marriage and Family Living*.

THE FAMILY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE. *Willard Waller, Sidney E. Goldstein and Lawrence K. Frank.*

THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND IN WARTIME. *W. Somerset Maugham.*

YOUNG BUILDERS. *James H. Lake.*

THE MARRIAGE COURSE AT STEPHENS COLLEGE. *Henry Bowman.*

FAMILY COUNSELING THROUGH FAMILY CASE WORK. *Anna Budd Ware.*

INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE FAMILY. *Jean Walker Macfarlane.*

DEMOCRACY AND THE FAMILY. *Una Bernard Saitt.*

THE FAMILY AS A DYNAMIC FACTOR IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. *Sidney E. Goldstein.*

THE FAMILY, THE LAW AND THE STATE. *Max Rheinstein.*

BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF THE FAMILY. *Carl G. Hartman.*

ECONOMIC BASES OF FAMILY LIFE. *William F. Ogburn.*

THE PREMARITAL INTERVIEW. *S. Bernard Wortis, M.D.*

PROBLEMS IN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AMONG YOUNG MARRIED ADULTS. *C. Robert Pace.*

SEVEN PILLARS OF FAMILY STRENGTH. *Ellsworth Faris.*

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL FACTORS IN MARRIAGE. *David Slight, M.B.*

REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.