

November 1, 1938

Professor Paul Sayre
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Professor Sayre:

If it is convenient, will you not get off at Englewood Station and have dinner with me at the Quadrangle Club Friday evening of this week? I understand that a train comes in at 6:12 p.m. This will give us an opportunity to go over the material which you have been working on.

Looking forward to seeing you again, and with best wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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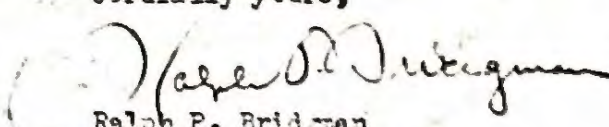
Professor Ernest W. Burgess
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Burgess:

That breakfast with you last month was a very pleasant interlude in a series of rather demanding tasks. I have often wondered since what decision was reached with regard to an Illinois State conference on the family and particularly with regard to the idea of a State Department responsible for services to families.

Sayre has written me at length about an elaborate plan for electorate, legislative and executive bodies in the National Conference on Family Relations. It has left me with questions as to the wisdom of planning ahead in such detail at the present time. Later we shall know who is interested and how they are minded to take hold and help. Then we may accept appropriate elaborations in organization.

Cordially yours,


Ralph P. Bridgman

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November 17, 1938

Professor Paul Sayre
National Conference on Family Relations
Law Building
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Professor Sayre:

Please pardon my delay in answering your recent letter about your conference with Professor Groves. I am glad that it developed so satisfactorily and that he will be willing to participate in the work of the Conference.

I think that you are right in having the first issue give as full an account as possible of the regional, national, and state conferences that are in prospect. I will try to have an article on the state conferences in your hands within the next week.

I liked your suggestion about an honorary president and of having Professor Groves for president next year. It seems to me that as long as I am secretary, there is no need of the creation of another office. I will be glad, however, to think further about the points which you raise.

I received and am depositing the checks for membership amounting to \$18.00 which you enclosed with your letter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL
BATON ROUGE, LA.

FACULTY

December 1, 1938.

Professor Ernest W. Burgess,
The University of Chicago,
Department of Sociology,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Professor Burgess:

Many thanks for your letter of November 4th. Dean Frey and I have had another conference and have decided on the dates of February 24th and 25th for the State and Southern Regional Conference. I earnestly trust that you will find it possible to be here upon that occasion. Professor Sayre has written me that you plan to hold the Regional Conference for the Middle West at about that time. I am hoping that the dates will not actually conflict so as to prevent your visit to Baton Rouge. Both Dean Frey and I are very anxious for you to be here and we would like very much for you to address the Conference. Please let me hear from you about this matter.

If you have any suggestions in regard to speakers, please advise me. Furthermore, I would be very glad if you would tell me how the financing of the Regional speakers has been managed in some of the other regions. While we will be able to get plenty of local speakers, I fear that we may have difficulty in securing some of the outstanding national people who are interested in this movement but who do not have funds upon which they can draw for such a trip. We have purposely fixed the dates of the Conference just preceding the New Orleans Mardi Gras in the hope that some of the speakers might combine business and pleasure for a trip South at that season.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,


Harriet S. Daggett

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December 5, 1938

Miss Lucile Elliott
Law Library
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Elliott:

I am referring your request for an exchange
to Professor Paul Sayre, President of the National
Conference on Family Relations and editor of the
publication.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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December 5, 1938

Professor Paul Sayre
National Conference on Family Relations
Law Building
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sayre:

Your letter of November 30 received and I am glad to know that the journal is so nearly ready to go to press. I have a letter from Mrs. Dagget who may have sent you a copy of it. She tells me that the dates of February 24 and 25 have been set for the Southern Regional Conference.

Enclosed is a letter that I have received from the School of Law of the University of North Carolina, asking for an exchange with the new journal. I am writing Miss Elliott that I am sending the letter to you and that you will write her in regard to the exchange.

I will be glad to know what the response of the libraries is to our publication.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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December 7, 1938

Mrs. Harriet S. Daggett
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Daggett:

Thank you for your letter of December 1 and the news in it that Dean Froy and you have had a conference and settled upon February 24 and 25 for the State and Southern Regional Conference. I appreciate your invitation to be present at that time and will try to arrange my engagements so that I can be with you at the first conference. We will arrange our dates for the Mid-West Conference so that it will not conflict with yours.

At present there are not provisions in the National Conference for funds for outside speakers. We are hoping that where the dates are arranged in advance, it may be possible for universities and other groups in the cities where the Conference is to be held to pay for speakers for lectures who would also be willing, without compensation, to give a lecture at the Conference.

Professor E. T. Krueger, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, is very much interested in the field of the family and is an excellent speaker. I believe that he would want to attend the Conference and would do so, particularly if he were on the program. If the names of other persons occur to me, I will be glad to send them to you.

We find also that persons in the employ of the government at Washington are able to travel at government expense and they might be willing to give their services. One excellent person is Dr. Louise Stanley, Bureau of Home Economics, Department of Agriculture. Miss Katherine Lemroot, Chief of the Children's Bureau, is a capable speaker and would aid considerably in drawing attendance. If these persons could not come, they might suggest names of others in the government service.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

December 9, 1938

Mrs. Annie Fair
Assistant Director
Works Progress Administration
Tower Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Fair:

The National Conference on Family Relations at its meeting held in New York, September 17, voted to arrange for the holding of local and regional conferences in order to stimulate efforts for the discussion of policies and programs for advancing family welfare. Professor Harriet Daggett of Louisiana State University, who is a member of the advisory council of the Conference, has taken the leadership in organizing a Southern Regional Conference on Family Relations to be held in New Orleans, February 24 and 25.

It is planned to organize state committees to cooperate in the holding of this regional conference. In a recent talk which I had with Professor Paul Foreman, he strongly recommended you as the best person in Mississippi to take the chairmanship of this state committee. Professor Paul Gayre, president of the National Conference, joins with me in asking if you will be willing to serve as chairman, and to recommend persons who should serve on the committee.

Professor Foreman suggested for consideration Miss Myrtle Mason, who might serve as secretary of the committee; Mr. Truman Lewis, Mississippi State Teachers College; Mr. Orville Gatchenbush, Mr. B. D. Greba, and Dean R. E. Quess, all three of the University of Mississippi; and Dorothy Dickman and Professor Evans of Mississippi State College.

I would be glad if you would revise this list of names, adding other persons whom you think should be asked to be members. I would suggest for consideration the state president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, the state president of the Parent-Teachers Association, and two or three outstanding citizens who are interested in family conservation. I am taking the liberty of writing to Miss Mason asking if she would be willing to serve as secretary of the committee.

As soon as I hear from you, I will be glad to write to other persons you recommend to serve as the other members of the committee.

Mrs. Amalie Fair

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December 9, 1938

I am sending you with this letter the program of the meeting of the National Conference which will give you a good idea of the aims and purposes of this organization.

Hoping that we may have your participation in this new organization, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Rugeas

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December 9, 1938

Miss Myrtle Mason
Department of Child Welfare
Mississippi Fire Insurance Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Mason:

The National Conference on Family Relations at its meeting held in New York, September 17, 1938, voted to arrange for the holding of local and regional conferences in order to stimulate efforts for the discussion of policies and programs for advancing family welfare. Professor Harriet Daggett of Louisiana State University, who is a member of the advisory council of the Conference, has taken the leadership in organizing a Southern Regional Conference on Family Relations to be held in New Orleans, February 24 and 25.

It is planned to have state committees to cooperate in the organization of the regional conferences. I have had a conference with Professor Paul Foreman in regard to the persons who should take the leadership in the state of Mississippi. I have written to Mrs. Annie Fair asking if she would serve as chairman. This letter is to invite you to serve as secretary of the committee. I hope that you will be willing to accept this responsibility.

Enclosed is a program of the meeting of the National Conference which indicates the purpose and scope of this organization. It is hoped that at each regional conference the findings of recent family research will be presented and that programs of family welfare that have demonstrated their value will be discussed.

I very much hope that we may have your participation in this new organization.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest T. Burgess

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December 9, 1938

Professor Paul Sayre
Law Building
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sayre:

I am glad to hear that the library subscriptions are coming in, and I will look forward with interest to the first copy of the new publication.

I am leaving for New York today to be gone a week and I may not be able to send you the list until my return.

The meeting of our local committee that was scheduled for today has had to be postponed because of conflicting appointments until next Thursday. After it is held, I will write you about it.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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December 15, 1938

Professor Paul Sayre
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sayre:

Your letter, your night letter, and the first copy of the magazine all reached me this morning. I have just been able to glance over the magazine and want to congratulate you on its fine appearance. I was surprised that you were able to print so many of the papers given at the National Conference. It should be of great help to us in the further development of the Conference. I know the group meeting this noon will be interested in seeing it.

I am sorry that on my trip to New York, I did not have time to see Dr. Goldstein or others in the field of the family because my time was taken by the two matters that made imperative my trip.

You will be interested to know, however, that I will be back in New York in January and will plan then to see Dr. Goldstein and others. If you have any suggestions, I will be glad to have them.

I am glad that you can be in Chicago during the Christmas holidays. I find that I must leave Chicago Monday evening, December 26 and cannot return until Saturday night, December 31. I very much hope that you may find it possible to be in Chicago on Monday before I leave, as I would like to go over plans with you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest T. Burgess

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WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

FULTON, MO.

F. L. MCCLUER
PRESIDENT

December 15, 1938

Professor E. W. Burgess, Ph.D.
1126 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Burgess:

Thank you for your letter of December 13, inviting me to become a member of the National Conference on Family Relations. I am glad to accept this invitation.

May I suggest that Professor Chester Alexander, whom you know, who is now head of our Department of Sociology, be given a similar invitation, if one has not already been sent to him.

I wish also to thank you for putting me in touch with Mr. Alexander. I have not often been so happy about an appointment to the teaching staff here as I have in this case. I appointed Mr. Alexander in preference to a man who had had more teaching experience and who holds the Ph.D. degree from Duke, largely because of recommendations I received from you and Dr. Blumer. I am, therefore, indebted to you and wish to express my appreciation. Mr. Alexander is not only fitting into our situation nicely, but is making a positive contribution to the program of the college and to the community.

Mrs. McCluer joins me in wishing for you and your sister a very happy Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

F. L. McCluer
F. L. McCluer,
President

December 20, 1938

Professor Paul Sayre
National Conference on Family Relations
Law Building
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sayre:

Enclosed is a list of new members of the National Conference on Family Relations. You will want to send copies of the magazine to them.

Dr. Goldstein has written me in regard to having a conference in Detroit. It seems to me a good plan and I think it would be well to take advantage of the attendance there to have a meeting of persons from the different states, particularly in the Mid-West region. It will make it possible for us to go ahead more rapidly with certain arrangements.

I picked up the copies of the magazine which you left at the Bar Association. I think we should hold a thousand copies of the first issue of the magazine for future members.

I was sorry not to have more time Saturday to go further in the consideration of the point which you raised.

With best wishes for the further success of the Conference, and with the greetings of the season, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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December 21, 1938

Professor Harriet S. Daggett
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Professor Daggett:

The following are the persons who have assumed the responsibility for forming an organization committee of the National Conference on Family Relations in their states:

Louisiana: Dean Fred C. Frey
Tennessee: Dr. E. T. Krueger, Vanderbilt University,
Nashville.

The following are the persons to whom I have written asking if they would undertake the leadership in their states:

Arkansas: A. W. Jamison, University of Arkansas,
Fayetteville
Alabama: E. W. Gregory, University of Alabama,
University
Florida: L. M. Bristol, University of Florida,
Gainesville
Mississippi: Mrs. Amalie Fair, Assistant Director,
Works Progress Administration, Jackson
Missouri: A. S. Enig, University of Missouri,
Columbia
Texas: W. E. Gettys, University of Texas, Austin
Oklahoma: James E. Marra, University of Oklahoma,
Norman.

I have not as yet heard from any of these in the second list but will let you know as soon as I do hear from them. I will probably see most of them in Detroit next week and will be able to talk with them personally about the conference. You may, however, wish to write to them before you hear from me.

We are not including Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia in this conference because Professor Sayre has arranged with Professor Groves that these states would form a Southeastern conference. There may be some question whether Florida should be included in your group or in the other one.

Harriett S. Daggett

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December 21, 1938

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of the meeting held to consider the holding of a Midwest conference on family relations. A meeting of the sub-committee has decided to include topics A, B, C, and G in our spring conference. This will probably be held at the end of March.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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December 21, 1938

Professor Henry L. Pritchett
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Professor Pritchett:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letters but I was waiting until I could give you more definite information about the National Conference on Family Relations.

The plan is now to go ahead with the organization of regional and state conferences. Professor Harriet S. Daggett, professor of law, Louisiana State College, Baton Rouge, is in charge of the organization of the South-West regional conference which will include Texas. It will meet in New Orleans, February 24-25, 1939, and I suggest that you get in touch with Professor Daggett in regard to further details.

You will shortly receive a copy of the first issue of a new quarterly publication, Living, which contains some of the papers given at the National Conference meeting in New York.

You may be interested in the enclosed minutes of a meeting held to consider a Mid-West conference on family relations.

With appreciation of your cooperation, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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December 22, 1938

President W. L. McCluer
Westminster College
Fulton, Missouri

Dear McCluer:

I am happy to know that Mr. Alexander is giving satisfaction. In recommending him to you, I was quite sure that he would fit into your situation, and I am glad to know that this has been the case.

I am happy to invite Mr. Alexander, on your recommendation, to join the National Conference on Family Relations.

Roberta and I join in wishing you and Mrs. McCluer best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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December 22, 1938

Professor Paul Sayre
National Conference on Family Relations
Law Building
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sayre:

As I think I have already written you, we are planning a dinner meeting, Wednesday evening, December 28, in Detroit, particularly for those interested in the Mid-West regional conference on family relations. We can then go ahead with the discussion of the plans for the conference which we have already formulated.

I have written to Dr. Goldstein about this, asking him to be present, and stating that you have written me that it is not convenient for you to attend. Please write me any matters that you think I should go over with Dr. Goldstein.

You can, if you wish, send a copy of the letter to the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit where I will be beginning Tuesday, December 27. No letters will reach me at the University after tomorrow. If you write me in Chicago, I suggest that you write special delivery, addressing it to my home, 5718 Dorchester Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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