

January 3, 1938

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

Dear Sayre:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of a dinner meeting which was held in Detroit on family relations. Everyone seemed to be very much interested and, as you will note from reading the minutes, plans were made for a Mid-West Conference meeting in Chicago, April 1.

Professor Folsom was present and appeared to be most cooperative. He spoke highly of the new quarterly.

I was delighted to get your Christmas card and to make the acquaintance of your fine looking children.

With best wishes for the new year. I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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enc.

January 3, 1939

Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein
New York State Conference on
Marriage and the Family
50 West 50th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

I was sorry not to see you in Detroit. We had a good meeting, the minutes of which I am enclosing, which you will note was largely devoted to making plans for the Mid-West Conference to be held in Chicago, April 1. Will it be at all possible for you to be in Chicago at that time?

With best wishes for the new year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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January 4, 1939

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

Dear Sayre:

We now have a local organization in the different states in the Mid-West region except for Iowa. Have you given any thought as to who should take the responsibility for heading up the Iowa committee?

I told you sometime ago that Coe College is holding a marriage conference, March 16 and 17, to which I have been invited to speak on predicting marriage adjustment. Professor L. E. Garwood is in charge of this conference.

On April 30-32, the Mid-West Sociological Society meets at Des Moines, Iowa. It might be feasible to have Saturday devoted to the state conference on family relations. I could, if you wish, take the initiative in suggesting this to the program committee of the Mid-West Conference.

I would like to know your reaction to the information in my letter.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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January 10, 1939

Dr. E. W. Wurgess,
Secretary-Treasurer The National Committee
on Family Relations,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Burgess:

I have delayed answering your letter of December 17th for several reasons, but primarily that I might confer with Mr. R. C. Beaty, now Dean of Men, formerly in my department, who has done more than anyone else in the state along the line of family relations except Dr. Coyle E. Moore of the State College for Women, Tallahassee. Dean Beaty has been away a good deal the past few weeks, and I have been away some. I was able to get a conference a couple of days ago with the result that we think that in view of the fact that Dr. Moore is devoting so much of his time now to this subject, it would be best for you to invite him to act as chairman for the State. In fact I have consulted with several and it is a question whether or not we can find a place just at present for another and separate conference. This general topic is taken up by the Parent-Teachers Association, I am dealing with the legislative aspects in my course in Social Legislation and the State Conference of Social Work is interested. Then there is the Florida Educational Association with its section on the Social Studies.

Dr. Coyle E. Moore is situated 150 miles nearer New Orleans than we are here, and might be able to attend that regional meeting.

I would forward you letter to me ^{to him} with program, but it may be best for the invitation to come direct from you.

I am very much interested in the movement, but am gradually withdrawing from active teaching and it may be best for a younger person to take hold. I shall be glad to assist.

Very cordially yours,

L. M. Bristol

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January 11, 1939

Mr. Ernest W. Burgess
Professor of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Burgess:

I wonder if it would be possible to secure a copy of the printed program for the "Meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations" which took place at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, on Saturday, September 17th. Since I note that you were Secretary-Treasurer of this conference, I am assuming that you will know whether or not additional copies of this program are available. If they are, I would very much appreciate having a copy and would be glad to reimburse you for this, if I may.

Very truly yours,

Blanche L. Lee
Blanche L. Lee
State Leader of
Home Economics Extension

BLL:GZ

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January 11, 1939

Professor Ernest W. Burgess
The National Conference on Family Relations
1126 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Burgess:

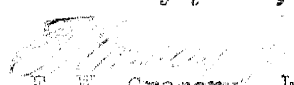
The holidays delayed my receiving your letter with the result that I have not been able to reply until this date.

I shall be very glad to do as much as possible toward the organization of an Alabama State Conference on Family Relations. In the near future I shall want to send you the names of other persons in the state who might be of great assistance in this undertaking; I would prefer to compile such a list with care.

It is my thought that it would be a good idea to delay any definite action toward the formation of an Alabama conference until after the Southern Regional Conference in Baton Rouge. I have had a letter from Professor Daggett concerning the southern conference, and it is my plan to attend. Shortly thereafter, I will probably want to ask you for additional data concerning the whole plan of organization to be followed by the national, regional, and state conferences.

With cordial regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


E. W. Gregory, Jr.
Professor of Sociology

EWG:M

January 16, 1939

Professor Paul Sayre
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sayre:

While I was in New York, I had a good talk with Dr. Sidney Goldstein who is very much interested in the development of the National Conference on Family Relations. He spoke to me quite frankly concerning the reservations of the New York group about the National Conference.

It seemed that on the basis of the group meeting we had in New York the night of the Conference, they understood that there was to be a reorganization of the Executive Committee or Council of the Conference to make it more adequately representative of the leading persons in the field of family relations throughout the country. I know that you have discussed with me certain plans for reorganization that you had in mind but I do not believe any definite decision has been reached.

Dr. Goldstein plans to be in Chicago for the regional conference on April 1. I suggested that you and I might meet with him and any other persons who met in New York who might be in attendance and work out a final plan of organization. I think such a procedure would meet the reservations which apparently still linger in the minds of a number of persons in New York.

I had a talk with Lawrence E. Frank who seems to be very much interested in the work of the National Conference and who will, I am sure, be of great help.

I also called at the office of the Child Study Association of America and talked with Miss Lowinson, one of the members of the staff. While I was there, she showed me a short paper entitled "The Future of Family Counseling" by Dr. Brickner, which seemed to me one that would be valuable to publish in the next issue of Living. If you agree with me about this, I will be glad to write to Dr. Brickner asking her to send the paper.

I have just received a copy of a letter which you sent to Dr. Frank and I am glad that this important committee is getting underway.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

January 17, 1939

Professor James Wyatt Marre
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Marre:

I am happy that you are willing to take the leadership in the organization of a state committee on family relations and that you will endeavor to attend the meeting of the Southern Regional Conference. I am planning to be there and will be glad to see you again and have a good talk with you.

I hope that sometime in the future, I may be able to visit the University of Oklahoma.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:it

January 18, 1939

Professor E. W. Gregory, Jr.
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Professor Gregory:

I appreciate your willingness to undertake the organization of an Alabama State Conference on Family Relations. I agree with you that it will be well to wait until after the Southern Regional Conference before going ahead with definite plans. I am expecting to be in attendance at that time and will be glad to talk matters over with you.

I am sure that Professor Daggett will be glad to receive from you a list of persons in Alabama who, you think, should be invited to the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:lt

January 18, 1939

Professor L. M. Bristol
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Professor Bristol:

In accordance with the suggestion in your letter, I will write to Dr. Coyle E. Moore with reference to the development of the work in family relations in Florida. I will tell him that you will be willing to assist him.

With appreciation of your interest and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours, .

Ernest W. Burgess

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January 18, 1939

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

Dear Professor Sayre:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the
North Carolina Law Review which was sent to us by the Secretary
of the Law School, requesting an exchange in publications.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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January 18, 1939

Dr. E. W. Burgess
Department of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Burgess

Enclosed is a copy of the program of the 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CONFERENCE AND INSTITUTE of the Child Study Association.

Just as soon as your letter to Dr. Brickner reaches here
I shall forward it to her. While we are not sure how long
she plans to remain in California, it is likely that she
will stay through March any way -- or until the weather
here becomes more settled. It is very possible that she
would arrange to stop over in Chicago on her way East, to
meet with your group.

Perhaps in your letter you will also tell Dr. Brickner
more about the possibility of publishing her report on
Family Counseling.

Very sincerely,

Mayne Dowinson

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January 19, 1939

Miss Blanche L. Lee
205 Agricultural Engineering Building
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Lee:

I am sending, under separate cover, a copy of the January issue of Living which contains a copy of the printed program of the meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations.

Membership in the Conference is \$2.00 a year, for which you receive without further charge the quarterly, Living, and the privilege of attending state, regional, and national conferences. The Mid-West Regional Conference will be held in Chicago, March 31 and April 1, and I will be glad to send you a notice of it.

I am very happy to invite you to membership in this organization.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:lt

January 20, 1939

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

Dear Professor Sayre:

I will be happy to see you Saturday noon at the quadrangle Club. I will plan to arrive at one o'clock or shortly afterwards.

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

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:it

Family Relations

January 24, 1939

Dr. Ruth Brickner
Child Study Association
of America
221 W. 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Brickner:

While I was in New York last week, Miss Lowinson showed me a copy of your paper on "The Future of Family Counseling" which you read at the 50th Anniversary Conference and Institute of the Child Study Association. This paper impressed me as one that should be published as early as possible, and I asked Miss Lowinson if I might take up with Professor Sayre the possibility of asking you if it might be published in the magazine, Living, the official organ of the National Conference on Family Relations. I find that Professor Sayre is as interested as I in having this published in Living, and accordingly I am writing to you asking if we might publish it, stating when it is published that it was a paper given at the 60th Anniversary Conference and Institute.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Miss Lowinson, since if you are willing to have your paper published in Living, we may clear the matter with the Child Study Association.

The National Conference on Family Relations is planning a Mid-West Regional Conference in Chicago, April first, the day after the conference meeting of the Chicago Child Study Association. Programs for the two meetings are being worked up together. It occurred to me that if you were returning to New York around this time you might find it possible to stop over in Chicago and participate in the Conference. We are hoping to have one session on family counseling and would be very happy if we could have you participate in it. Unfortunately, the Mid-West Conference is without funds to pay even the travelling expenses of speakers and we have to count on the willingness of outside speakers to pay their own expenses to the meeting. We would, however, greatly appreciate it if we could have the advantage of your experience and thinking on family counseling.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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cc - Miss Lowinson

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January 27, 1939

Dr. E. W. Burgess
Department of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Burgess

Ruth
Your letter to Dr. Brickner, with a copy for me, arrived and has been forwarded to her.

→ As we have only one copy of the magazine, LIVING, here in our library, we would very much appreciate your having a copy sent to Dr. Brickner. Her address is: 2091 Cerro Gordo Street, Los Angeles, California; c/o Mr. L. Stone.

→ No doubt you will hear from Dr. Brickner direct.

Very sincerely,

Maxine Lowinson

Secretary
Consultation Service

Dear Dr. Brickner:

I am sending you ^{under separate cover} a copy of the first issue of LIVING, the official organ of the National Conference on Family Relations.

Hoping that we may have your paper for the next ~~edition~~ number I am

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February 2, 1939

Dr. Ruth Brickner
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2091 Cerro Gordo Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Brickner:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the first issue of Living, the official organ of the National Conference on Family Relations.

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I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:11

February 10, 1939

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

Dear Professor Daggett:

I have just received the program of the Southern and Louisiana State Conference and congratulate you on your success in organizing an excellent program. I will send you a list of names of persons in the South who, I think, should be invited to the Conference if you have not already send them invitations.

Let me know if there is anything further than I can do to be of help.

Looking forward to meeting you and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:it

February 10, 1939

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

Dear Sayre:

Your letter of February 8 received and I am glad to get the suggestions in it. The next date that I may be in New York is March 4. My suggestion, therefore, is that unless something imperative comes up that needs discussion, that you do not make an extra trip to Chicago but that we talk it over February 14-5 when we will be together in New Orleans.

If either of us finds there are some matters that we should talk over before that time, let us be free to write to each other about them.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:lt

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA

February 13, 1939

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN
AGNES ELLEN HARRIS

Dr. Earnest W. Burgess
Professor of Sociology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Burgess:

Dr. Lois Ackerley, Chairman of the Family Relation Section of the American Home Economics Association is on the faculty of Alabama College, and it seems very important to me that she should be at your Souther Regional Conference.

I do not believe there is any group in the South that could be more interested in a conference on Family Relationships than are the home economists. This is one field in which it is difficult to draw a line between sociology and home economics.

I am sending Dr. Ackerley a copy of the program of the conference which came to my desk, and I hope if she does go to Baton Rouge that you will have an opportunity to discuss the development of the work in the southern regions with her. I regret exceedingly that the meeting comes at the time when we are having our deans meeting in Cleveland.

You have a most excellent program, and I am sure it is going to mean a great deal in the development of this important work in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Agnes Ellen Harris

AEH:h

February 15, 1939

Dean Agnes Ellen Harris
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Dean Harris:

I am sorry that you will not be able to attend the Southern Regional Conference of the National Conference on Family Relations, but I am glad that Dr. Lois Ackerley will be present.

I will look forward to the opportunity of meeting here and discussing the development of work in the Southern Region.

We very much hope that we can count on your assistance in the development of the work in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:it

February 15, 1939

Dr. Lois Ackerley
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Dr. Ackerley:

Dean Harris has written me that she is hoping that you will attend the meeting of the Southern Regional Conference in Baton Rouge. I also hope that you will be there, as I would like to have a talk with you in regard to the way in which the Family Relations Section of the Home Economics Association, of which you are chairman, may participate in the work of the National Conference on Family Relations.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EG:it

February 15, 1939

Dr. Louise Stanley
Bureau of Home Economics
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stanley:

In connection with the development of the work of the National Conference on Family Relations, I would very much like to receive a list of persons in the different universities and colleges who, in the Home Economics Departments, are specializing in the field of the family.

If you do not have such a list, would you tell me where I might secure it?

I am looking forward to seeing you in Detroit at the meeting of the Council on Parent Education.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:lt

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF HOME ECONOMICS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 25, 1939.

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

Dear Doctor Burgess:

Your letter of February 15 has been received. I regret I do not have a list of persons in the different universities and colleges specializing in the field of the family. I am enclosing a list of the heads of the home economics departments, and believe you had better use this list or perhaps circularize this list to obtain information as to those with special family interests.

If there is available a copy of the paper you gave in Detroit I should like very much to have it. I find I am not going to be able to be present in Chicago for the meeting the last of March, but unfortunately I find that I must be in St. Louis on the afternoon of April 1. I will attempt to send on a set of the materials available.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Stanley

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