

March 2, 1935

Professor A. J. Todd
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Arthur:

Enclosed is a copy of a tentative script for a broadcast Saturday morning, April 1, at 8:00 o'clock, over WBBM, Wrigley Building, 400 N. Michigan, Chicago. The plans have been worked out on the assumption that you, Professor Wood, and Professor Mayo, would be willing to participate.

I have quoted verbatim from the abstract of your paper. Will you not review this as you see fit and return it to me? The opportunity for the broadcast was kindly arranged through the Chicago Association for Child Study, and I hope that you will be willing to take part as arranged.

Plans seem to be going ahead for the meeting of the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel S. Burgess

SSB:lt
enc.

March 2, 1939

Miss Lita Bane
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Miss Bane:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 28 and the information that it gives about persons in home economics who are particularly qualified in the field of family relations.

I shall write to all of them right away.

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

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EB:it

March 2, 1939

Dr. Sidney Z. Goldstein
60 W. 68th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

I was very sorry that I did not have a chance to continue our conversation in Detroit but I found that you were tied up as chairman of one of the section meetings and I had to leave before the meeting was over.

I am happy to accept your invitation to be present at the meeting of the New York State Conference April 28-29.

In communications to our members, do you approve of a statement that members of the National Conference on Family Relations are invited to attend the Third Annual Meeting of the New York State Conference on Marriage and the Family?

The Southern Regional Conference at Baton Rouge came off very successfully. The group in Louisiana is now ready to go ahead and I think will in some ways show other states, particularly in the South, what can be done to advance family welfare. Action was also taken looking to the organization of state conferences in other Southern states, particularly Alabama, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Plans are going ahead for the Mid-West regional meeting, March 31 and April 1 about which I wrote you earlier. We are all most happy that you will be with us and give us the benefit of your experience in working with the New York State Conference on Marriage and the Family. Professor Sayre and I are particularly interested in the opportunity that this will give us of discussing future plans.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:lt

March 4, 1939

Dr. Joseph E. Folsom
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Folsom:

Enclosed is a program of the meeting of the Southern Regional Conference, which went off very successfully.

It quite convinced me of the promise of getting together in one organization like the National Conference on Family Relations the different persons who are interested in family research and family welfare. I think participation of the law group, as in Louisiana, will be particularly effective.

As I was thinking over our discussion in Detroit, it seemed to me that education for family life is one distinctive function, coordinate with the other functions which probably can best be promoted by special organizations.

I am hoping sometime in the future we may have opportunity at greater length to continue our discussion.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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March 6, 1939.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
40 WEST 68TH STREET
ROOM 301
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Prof. E. W. Burgess
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Prof. Burgess:

Thank you for your letter of March 2d. We are all really delighted to know that you will be able to attend the Sessions of the New York State Conference on Marriage and The Family April 28th and April 29th. You will not protest I know if we exploit your coming to the advantage of the largest number of the Conference. We want as many of the men and women in the East as possible to hear you, not only because you will represent the Mid-West and The National Conference on Family Relations, but because of the message that we know you will bring us.

By all means announce, if you will, that the members of the National Conference on Family Relations and the members of the other Regional groups are invited to attend the Third Annual Meeting of New York State Conference on Marriage and The Family, which this year will be Regional in scope. We are inviting men and women from the Northeastern States to confer with us on the different problems that we are to discuss in the course of the Sessions.

What you write about the Southern Regional Conference is most encouraging and I hope to learn more about the program and the prospects when I see you and Professor Sayre in Chicago the last of this month. I am really looking forward to the Sessions that you are arranging and trust earnestly that nothing will interfere with my coming. In view of the advent of a new little baby, however, I shall make my reservations on Planes both going and coming.

In your tentative program I note that you wish me to speak at the Luncheon on "The Responsibility of the State", and also to preside at the Session of the Committee on the work of State Conferences, and in addition share in the program on Family Counselling. This is rather a full program, but I shall of course be glad to serve in whatever way you think will be helpful in the development and furtherance of your program.

Within a few days I shall send you some material that may be of service in the Conference and Committee work.

Again let me thank you for the address at the Detroit Conference. As I listened to you I could not help but realize how great is the lag between the laboratory research and social practice. Perhaps our Regional Conference and the programs we organize will aid men and women to translate into conduct at an earlier date the knowledge that you gather for us.

With kindest personal greetings, believe me

Yours very cordially



March 8, 1939

Dr. Faith Williams
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Williams:

The National Conference on Family Relations, a description of which you will find in the enclosed sheet, is holding its Mid-West Conference in Chicago on March 31 and April 1.

Our program committee asked me to invite you to give an address or a paper on "The Significance of the Findings of the Consumer Purchases Study for Family Welfare." We are thinking particularly of the meaning of your major findings in the study for family welfare in the city. Our audience will be in part made up of specialists from different fields but also of laymen who are interested in family welfare. We would wish your paper, which would take about thirty minutes, to appeal to the common interests of this group.

This is a new organization and has no funds for an honorarium or travelling expenses. Since persons will be present from the ten states of the Mid-West region, I thought the meeting might be important enough so that you would be able to work it in with your other plans.

Thank you very much for your recent letter about the utilization of the data from the Consumer Purchases Study. I have taken your suggestions up with other persons here and I hope that something may come of it. We are getting rather discouraged about the prospects of working up these materials.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:it

March 8, 1939

Mr. Rollin D. Hemens
The Press
Faculty Exchange

Dear Mr. Hemens:

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of Living, the official magazine of the National Conference on Family Relations.

There is some prospect that the office of this magazine might be moved to the University of Chicago and that the Conference might decide that the University of Chicago Press will be the publisher.

In order to be prepared for a discussion of this, I would be glad if you would give me an estimate of the printing costs of a magazine of this format, stock, and binding, on the basis of one thousand copies and additional five hundred copies. Would you also give me as a separate cost the expense of keeping up a subscription list of one thousand?

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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March 8, 1939

Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein
New York State Conference on
Marriage and the Family
40 West 68th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

I fear that my earlier letter was sent to the old address at 50 W. 50th Street and did not reach you. I am glad, however, that you are willing to take the parts which you were requested to fill on the program although I realize that it is rather arduous.

Both Professor Sayre and I are looking forward to seeing you in Chicago and talking over the future of the National Conference.

I am glad to read what you say about the plans for the New York State Conference on Marriage and the Family and to know that they are going ahead so well. We will be happy to write our Eastern members about the occasion. I assume inquiries should be addressed to you.

I very much appreciate your kind words about my talk at the Detroit Conference. I am glad to know that you feel that this research will have some significance for social practice.

With personal best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EB:lt

March 9, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Stanley:

I am very sorry that you will not be able to be in Chicago for the Mid-West regional meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations.

We are having an informal conference of persons interested in rural research, Friday afternoon, March 31, at four o'clock, and I had hoped that you might be there to present some of the findings from the rural part of the Consumer Purchases Study. Is it still possible that you might fit in this session with your other plans? If not, is there anyone else from Washington who might give this group the principal findings of this study, particularly as they affect the welfare of the rural family?

We very much appreciate your offer to send us a set of materials which we wish to have on display. In making our arrangements for exhibit conditions, we need to know how much table space and wall space the set of materials would take?

Thank you very much for sending me the list of heads of Home Economics Departments. It will be very helpful in bringing it to the attention of members of these departments.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

ENB:it

March 10, 1939

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

Dear Sayre:

The meeting which I was to attend this weekend in New York was called off. Accordingly I will not go to New York until April, after our Chicago Conference. I think perhaps this delay will work out altogether to the good, since then I can report on the Mid-West Conference and the plans that will be worked out there.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of some materials which I am preparing and would like any suggestions for revision of it which you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you in Cedar Rapids next week, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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March 14, 1939

Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein
New York State Conference on
Marriage and the Family
40 W. 68th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

I am glad to give you authorization in behalf of the National Conference on Family Relations, the Mid-West Regional Conference, and the Southern Regional Conference, for the memorandum which you have drawn up for submission to the Secretary of Labor and the Chief of the Children's Bureau.

The Southern Regional Conference passed a resolution whose authorization would include such action as you propose.

I very much hope that favorable action will be taken upon this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:lt

AIR MAIL

March 22, 1939

Professor E. A. Ross
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Ross:

Arrangements are being made for a broadcast on family relations over WEBM, at 9:30, Saturday morning.

Plans are now being made for a panel discussion and the program committee would like to build it around the abstract of your talk which you sent me. You are therefore invited to give leading part of the panel discussion, and I would like to know at your earliest convenience that you are willing to take part in it. We will send you the script of the panel so that you can revise your part in any way that you see fit.

Hoping that you will be willing to make this additional contribution to the symposium and looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:it

March 22, 1939

Professor Stuart A. Queen
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Queen:

I would be very glad if you would send me any statements of research in progress in the Mid-West in the field of marriage and the family. This information would be particularly helpful in connection with the Mid-West regional meeting in Chicago, March 31 and April 1.

Enclosed is a program in case you have not as yet seen one.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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March 27, 1939

Professor A. J. Todd
Northeastern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Arthur:

Enclosed is a copy of a tentative script for a broadcast Saturday morning, April 1, at 9:00 o'clock, over WISN, Wrigley Building, 400 N. Michigan, Chicago. The plans have been worked out on the assumption that you, Professor Ross, and Professor Sayre, would be willing to participate.

I have quoted verbatim from the abstract of your paper. Will you not revise this as you see fit and return it to me? The opportunity for the broadcast was kindly arranged through the Chicago Association for Child Study, and I hope that you will be willing to take part as arranged. .

Plans seem to be going ahead for the meeting of the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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March 27, 1939

Professor Fred C. Frey
Louisiana State Conference
on Family Relations
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Professor Frey:

You will be interested to know that we have already taken up with Washington one section of the resolutions dealing with the White House conference on family relations and, while the prospects are not very bright for a conference on the family, they are very good for a family division of another White House conference on the child.

As you know, we are holding on April 1 the Mid-West meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations. It occurred to me that you might wish to send greetings to Professor A. J. Todd, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, President of the Mid-West Conference, to be read at our luncheon meeting. If you do so, will you not send me a copy?

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

EWB:lt

March 27, 1939

Professor Harriet S. Daggett, President
Southern Regional Conference on Family Relations
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Professor Daggett:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the alumni magazine with all of the pictures in it. It revived memories of two most pleasant days at Baton Rouge.

You will be interested to know that we have conveyed the resolutions passed at the Southern and Louisiana State Conferences to Washington already and are hoping that they will have a favorable response. It seems now that instead of having a White House Conference on the family, the plans are for another on the child, with an important division of it given to the family.

As you know, we are having a Mid-West Regional Conference on Family Relations in Chicago on April 1. I know our members in the Mid-West would greatly appreciate a message from you as President of the Southern Regional Conference. If you are disposed to send greetings, would you not write to Professor A. J. Todd, President of the Mid-West Regional Conference on Family Relations, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, sending a copy to me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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March 27, 1939

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

Dear Sayre:

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Will you not revise this as you see fit and return it to me? There is probably time for you to insert two or three additional sentences. The opportunity for the broadcast was kindly arranged through the Chicago Association for Child Study and I hope that you will be willing to take part as arranged.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest W. Burgess

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