

The National Conference on Family Relations

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Adolf Meyer, M.D., dean of American psychiatrists, was elected president of the National Conference in April, upon the resignation of Paul Sayre, first president and founder of the Conference. Professor Sayre will continue his active interest in the work of the Conference.

President Meyer has held two committee meetings in New York and a conference in Chicago in planning the second annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia. December 26 and 27, 1939. The general topic of the session will be "The Role and Functions of the Family in a Democracy."

Committees will be organized for conferences on family counselling, education for marriage and family living, the economic basis of family life, the family and eugenics, methods of family research and marriage and family law.

During the past four months, several regional and state conferences on family relations have been held. Over two hundred persons were in attendance at the joint conference, held February 24-25 at Louisiana State University, of the Southern Regional Conference, Harriet S. Daggett, president, and of the Louisiana State Conference. Fred Frey, president. Approximately four hundred people participated in the joint conference held in Chicago, March 31 and April 1, of the Midwest Conference, Arthur J. Todd, president, and of the Chicago Association for Child Study and Parent Education.

The New York State Conference, Sidney E. Goldstein, chairman, held its third annual meeting in New York City, April 28-29, with a registration in excess of 400. This State Conference was organized prior to the formation of the National Conference but is working in close cooperation with it. This year the scope of the Conference was made regional, including New England, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware.

The Washington State Conference held its organization meeting at Seattle, May 5-6, and elected Norman S. Hayner president. It plans to expand its activities into a Pacific Northwest Regional Conference. Other states have formed organizations and will hold conferences in the fall.

The second issue of Living, now in press, will give a full account of these meetings. For further information, write The Secretary, National Conference on Family Relations, 1126 E. 59th Street, Chicago.