

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RELATIONS
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Secretary's Annual Report - April 1, 1945 to April 1, 1946

<u>Membership</u>	Active members April 1, 1945	592
	New members Oct. 1945-March 1946 (6 months).....	1131
	Includes such new memberships as:	
	25 Church administrators and ministers	
	76 Deans of Women	
	133 Duvall Community Contacts	
	50 Home Economists	
	196 Members' Recommendations	
	96 Obstetricians and gynocologists	
	48 Pediatricians	
	116 Psychiatrists and psychiatric social workers	
	55 Professors and teachers	
	72 Social workers and social work administrators	
	58 YMCA and YWCA Secretaries	
	Active members April 1, 1946	1837
	<u>Not</u> including student memberships	582

Major Projects

Development of State and Local Conferences and Committees. There are now:

- 13 active state conferences
- 20 states in which active local organizations and leaders indicate promise of a state organization developing soon
- 4 Canadian provinces with active affiliates
- 48 States from which inquiries are received and correspondence with leaders is active
- 14 Countries with whom we exchange material and share experience:

Alaska	China	Iran
Argentina	France	Mexico
Australia	Great Britain	Panama
Belgium	Hawaii	South Africa
Brazil	India	

Stimulus of the work of the National Committees. There are now nine National Committees, each of which has been active in conference projects and program.

Service to members. During the year there have been more than 650 requests for service along the following lines: 1) Questions of professional practice and standards, 2) Requests for recommendation of personnel, 3) Inquiries about positions open, 4) Suggestions for program leadership, speakers, etc. 5) Personal Counseling referrals, 6) Organizational inquiries, 7) Requests for bibliographies, materials; 424 requests for 5297 reprints, etc. in the four months Dec. '45-April 1, 1946.

Interpretation and promotion of the conference. Approximately 50,000 pieces of interpretive material have been prepared and distributed to interested persons during the year. There have been 15 displays of conference material at conventions. The secretary has talked to 55 groups about the conference and has interested 20 organisations and individuals in contributing financially to the conference. The credit for this latter item goes to the Chicago Advisory Policy Committee.

Improvement of the journal, Marriage and Family Living. This year has seen growth toward a central theme for each issue; a new cover treatment; more "How-To-Do-It" symposia; increased advertising space from publishers; and expanded reprint service.

Writing

Public Affair Pamphlet, #113, "Building Your Marriage" by Evelyn Millis Duvall, jointly published with National Conference on Family Relations in January 1946. Appreciation is especially due the members of the Executive Committee and several members of the Board of Directors of the National Conference who read the manuscript and contributed valuable suggestions for its improvement in the final form.

Handbook on "The Family" written at the request of the National Broadcasting Company as material for their series, "Home Is What You Make It", a network program in cooperation with the American Home Economics Association, The National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and The General Federation of Women's Clubs. Written collaboratively by the secretary and Professor S. M. Duvall.

Leading Parents Groups, a manual in parent education, written for Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, for 1947 publication by Evelyn M. and S.M. Duvall.

Thirteen articles and short monographs written and published in such journals as: Rural Sociology, School Review, Journal of Consulting Psychology, Marriage and Family Living, The National Parent-Teacher, The Christian Home, The Women's Press, and Child Craft.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, writing is not done on conference time, nor is requested or considered as official conference publication. In most instances the secretary uses the title, Secretary, National Conference on Family Relations in writing and speaking.

Research

During the summer and fall of 1945 the National Conference on Family Relations conducted a survey of current research on the adjustment of returning servicemen in a poll of more than a hundred research centers across the country.

The conference has since served in a coordinating capacity for several current pieces of such research with particular reference to the veteran's marital and family adjustment.

Preliminary reports and exploratory articles of three of these research projects have appeared during the year in Marriage and Family Living.

A census of college courses in marriage and the family has just been completed and summary findings appear in the May 1946 issue of Marriage and Family Living.

The National Committee on Marriage and Family Research is conducting a survey of current research in the family field in universities, child welfare research centers, legal bureaus, etc. Preliminary findings of this study are being presented at the April 6-8, 1946 meetings.

Respectfully submitted, April 6, 1946

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