

NEWS LETTER

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS
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GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

This News Letter is being sent to members of the National Council on Family Relations and to other family life leaders who may wish to become members of the National Council on Family Relations. The purpose of the News Letter is to bring all up to date on the recent annual meeting and the many plans which the Board of Directors acted upon at that time.

THE NATIONAL OFFICE WAS MOVED

Notice the new address of the National Council office. The National Council was the brain child of Professor Ernest Burgess at the University of Chicago in 1938. We owe much to Dr. Burgess, the University of Chicago, and to all those members of the N.C.F.R. who have helped to steady the organization through its various growth stages to its present status as an expanding professional organization.

At the Minneapolis meeting in August the Board of Directors voted to consider invitations from the Florida State University, Purdue University, Boston University, The University of Minnesota, and tentative invitations from some other universities, who offered to become hosts to the headquarters of the N.C.F.R. The invitation was accepted to locate at the University of Minnesota for a period of three years, with the possibility of renewing the arrangement at the end of that time. Our new office is located just off the university campus.

DOROTHY DYER, Acting Chairman of Operating Committee

Since Armond Willis, our Executive Secretary, has terminated his services with the Council, Dorothy Dyer, past president of the N.C.F.R. and Chairman of the Division of Family Life at the University of Minnesota, has consented to take time during the fall term to get the new office started. She was given authority to hire an office staff. Alice Starr Lally who has served the organization so faithfully for many years resigned to remain in Chicago with her husband. The N.C.F.R. appreciates the devoted work she has given to help bring the organization through its infancy and youth.

A DIRECTORY OF FAMILY LIFE LEADERS

For some time members have felt a need for a roster of family life leaders in the United States. We know we are a big family and often we want to write to each other, but we have had no way of finding out where we live, who we are, and what we are doing. Plans are being made to publish a directory of all members of the National Council on Family Relations. If you wish to be a member, please fill and send in the enclosed application for membership. If you are a member, pass this News Letter on to one who is active in family life work and who is not a member of the National Council on Family Relations so that he may become a member. We want to make the directory a rather complete list of family life leaders who are working in schools, extension, law, medicine, social work, counseling, the ministry, adult education or in any other fields.

A NEWS LETTER

It was voted to consider sending a regular News Letter to all N.C.F.R. members four times per year. The purpose will be to keep all members of the national organization in touch with programs and activities being developed by the various state and regional councils; to offer ideas for program planning; to tell of special developments in family life programs at all levels; and to announce plans for state and national meetings. The News Letter will not replace the New Notes in MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING; it will supplement these notes.

EDITOR OF THE NEWS LETTER

Mary Russell, Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha, Oklahoma, has consented to collect information and edit the News Letter. If you are a State or Regional officer, please send information to her now for the next News Letter. What did your council do last year that you consider outstanding? Have you ideas that will help other state councils to plan programs for this year? What outstanding developments have taken place in your state in family life work this year?

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING

Our journal MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING, under the editorship of Meyer F. Minckoff, has become the leading journal in the field of marriage and the family. Two special issues, "International Issue on the Family", November, 1954, and "International Issue on Services to the Family", August, 1955, have attracted worldwide attention. The first issue is being widely used in university classes studying the contemporary family to give a worldwide emphasis to the class work. Teachers still desiring that copy may get it from the national office for \$2.00 per copy or \$1.50 per copy in class orders of ten or more copies.

The international issue on "Social Services to the Family in Many Countries" should be a must in classes studying social service work. Authorities from the following countries discuss their social services to the family: Australia, Canada, Egypt, England, France, India, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Soviet Russia, Sweden and the United States. Single copies are \$1.50 with a ten per cent discount for class orders of ten or more copies.

The special issue "Housing and Community Development", May, 1955, has been called the outstanding publication of the year on housing by people studying housing. The regular issues are essential for the one who keeps up to date in marriage and family life work, with the latest materials on research, teaching, counseling, book reviews, news notes, and abstracts from articles from many related journals on family life.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Your students in areas related to family life should be members of the NCFR. A special student membership of \$3.00 has been set and many students joined last year. The membership gives the student a one-year subscription to MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING, plus three back issues. Obtain applications for student rate and available back issues from Council offices.

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Does your school or community library subscribe to MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING? If not, ask your librarian to subscribe. All professional groups should have access to the magazine. Library subscription, \$5.00.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The 1955 annual meeting of N.C.F.R. was held August 24-27 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The theme "The Family Tomorrow" was chosen to permit an appropriate follow-up and forward look based on the international issues of MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY.

The general sessions were of unusual interest. They included the following addresses:

"Foreign Affairs and the Family", Eugenie Anderson, Former United States Ambassador to Denmark

"Highlights of Family Life in Other Countries-- from a Reporter's View", Carl Rowan Staff Writer, Minneapolis Star Tribune

"Of Sacred Things in a Secular Society: The Effect of Socio-economic and Political Developments on the African Family System in the Gold Coast", Thompson Peter Omari, University of Wisconsin

"Teaching Marriage Education Courses in Another Culture--Puerto Rico", Reuben Hill, Research Professor in Family Life, University of North Carolina

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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Name _____

Address _____

Organization _____

Position _____

National Membership, including subscription to MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill me | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular \$6.00 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Husband -- Wife \$8.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational. . . . \$6.00--\$100.00 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing. \$10.00--\$25.00 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$3.00 |

Dues and contributions deductible from Income Tax

Section meetings were of special interest. The sections were:

- Family Development through Cooperative Nursery Schools
- Family Life Education in the Schools
- Family Life Education in the Community
- Parent Education
- Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Colleges
- Marriage and Family Research
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Religion and the Family
- The Law, the Courts and the Family
- Housing and Family Welfare
- Mass Media

The annual meeting closed with the presidential banquet where Judson T. Landis, President Elect, presided and Gladys Groves, President, addressed the group.

1956 ANNUAL MEETING

The next annual meeting will be held at the Boston University in Boston August 27-29, 1956. The theme will be "Mental Health, Marriage and the Family". Make your plans to attend.

Check (X) position:

University

Teaching

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Education
- Family Life
- Home Economics
- Housing
- Law
- Marriage
- Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology

Other _____

High School

Teaching

- Biology
- Education
- Family Life
- Home Economics

Other _____

Profession (other than teaching)

- Clinical Psychologist
- Family Social Worker
- Guidance Worker
- Home Demonstration Agent
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Marriage Counselor
- Maternal Health
- Minister
- Nurse
- Parent Education
- Pediatrician
- Personnel Worker
- Physician
- Priest
- Psychiatric Social Worker
- Psychiatrist
- Public Health
- Rabbi
- Recreation Worker
- Visiting Teacher
- Writer
- Research Worker (specify) _____

Other (specify) _____