

NEWS LETTER

(No copyright--duplicate and pass on to others please)

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS  
1219 University Avenue, S.E.  
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

January 1956

Vol. 1 No. 2

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

In order to keep you in direct touch with what is going on among the other members of the NCFR this news letter comes to you from your president's desk. With your cooperation I hope to send out four such letters during the year. The next News Letter will go out in late March or early April and will feature summer Family Life Workshops. Please send announcements of your workshops to me as soon as possible to the address below:

Judson T. Landis, President, National Council on Family Relations  
University of California, Berkeley, California

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1956

David B. Treat, President elect; Clifford Kirkpatrick, Vice President; Ruth F. Osborne, Secretary; Christine Beasley, Jessie Bernard, Dean Johnson, Nadina Kavinsky, and Katharine Whiteside Taylor, Board of Directors for 3 year terms, Clark Blackburn, Donald Brieland and Gerald Leslie, members-at-large to Executive Committee. Fred Berger, Treasurer.

PROGRESS AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE

After an examination of the office files, bookkeeping system, and records and after consultation with the School of Business Administration at the University of Minnesota, the Operating Committee decided that it would be best to set up a new system of records for the national office. Margaret Benton was employed as Office Manager and has been hard at work since November 1, revising the office system. The NCFR office had grown like Topay, and there had never been time when all records could be modernized. The Executive Committee visited the new office in December and found the new procedures most satisfactory.

THE 1956 CONFERENCE

President-elect David B. Treat will act as program chairman. The theme is "Mental Health, Marriage and the Family". The date of the Conference has been set for August 16, 17, and 18 at Boston University. John T. Greene, Department of Sociology, is local arrangements chairman. The Board of Directors and the Executive committee will meet August 14 and 15.

Has your state council elected its representative to the Board of Directors? This is important since the Board of Directors is the governing body of the NCFR. Elect a person who can come to the Boston meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Interest in family life is growing rapidly at all levels, in teaching, research, counseling, and parent education. It is imperative that the NCFR keep up in membership growth with the growing family life movement so that the organization may be in a better position to furnish leadership. The national office is called upon constantly for advice on program planning, materials, speakers, marriage counseling, marriage and divorce reforms, and so forth. The mail runs as high as 100 pieces per day. With the

present budget it is impossible to serve all those who are asking for assistance. Since NCFR income comes largely from membership dues and contributions it is hoped that the membership can be increased by 1000 new members during 1956.

Mildred Morgan, Department of Home and Family Life, Florida State University, Tallahassee, has accepted the job as membership chairman and is making plans for a membership drive. Would each of you please send on the enclosed form the names of at least 5 other family life leaders who should be interested in the NCFR.

#### COLLEGE TEACHERS OF FAMILY LIVING AND FAMILY SOCIOLOGY CLASSES

Three special issues of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING are excellent supplements for your classes. The two international issues give a needed emphasis to family life in other countries. Order class sets now for the second semester. \$1.50 per copy for 10 or more copies of "International Issue on the Family", Nov. 1954, "International issue on Services to the Family", Aug. 1955, "Housing and Community Development", May, 1955.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

That 571 Libraries in the United States and 19 Libraries in Foreign countries subscribe to MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING.

That your students are eligible to membership in the NCFR for \$3.00 and they receive in addition to the regular four issues of the journal two back issues. Theodore Johannis of the University of Oregon reports that 40 per cent of his students sign up for student membership. Why not try it this semester?

That members of NCFR may buy back issues of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING for 50¢ per copy with the exception of the Burgess Research issue and the international issues.

That new members may have a bonus of two back issues of the journal when they join.

That the National office receives inquiries from all over the world about family life developments.

That the 6th International Conference on the Family will be held at The Hague September 3-8, 1956. That two afternoons of the Third World Congress of Sociology in Amsterdam, August 21-29, 1956, will be devoted to papers on the family. Among those attending from the United States and giving papers are: Ernest W. Burgess, Nelson Foote, Reuben Hill, Howard Stanton, Jessie Bernard, Judson Landis.

Meyer F. Nimkoff and Mrs. Nimkoff will be the leaders of the annual Marriage and Family Life Study Tour sponsored by The Florida State University and NCFR. Countries visited will include: England, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France and Holland. Dates, July 10 to August 21. Credit, 6 semester hours. Write Dr. Nimkoff for more information, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

#### WHAT OTHER STATE COUNCILS ARE DOING

The Indiana Council will hold its annual meeting April 13 and 14. The Theme is "Needed Family Life Legislation in Indiana". Write Dr. M. F. Poland, 612 Berkeley Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, for more information.

The 19th Annual Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family is being held at Teachers College, Columbia University, March 12-14. The theme is "Changing Family Roles with Emphasis on the Development of Interpersonal Competence". Details may be obtained from Dr. Helen Judy Bond, Dept. of Home and Family Life, Columbia University, New York 22.

The Pacific Northwest Conference on Family Relations will hold its annual meeting in Spokane, Washington, on the campus of Gonzaga University, April 5-7. For additional information write to Father Van F. Christoph, President, PNWCFR, Gonzaga University.

CORRECTION TO THE FIRST NEWS LETTER

In reference to the short account of the origin of the NCFR which appeared in the first news letter, Professor Joseph K. Folsom writes, "As one of the founders in 1938, I remember the very decisive role of Professor Paul Sayre of the Law School of the University of Iowa, who at great expense to himself called the meeting in New York which launched the organization. In this he was assisted and advised by Dr. Ernest W. Burgess and also by a group of us in New York under Rabbi Sidney Goldstein who in 1936 had founded the similar functioned New York State Conference on Marriage and The Family. Since Professor Sayre became less active after a few years his important initial role is apt to be forgotten. No one deserves greater credit for carrying on the NCFR through years of difficulty and years of prosperity than Dr. Burgess." Professor Sayre was the first president in 1938. I am certain that all of us who are newer in NCFR appreciate this bit of history on NCFR.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

The executive committee considered how to meet the problem of increasing costs for all operations of the NCFR. The cost of printing the Journal went up 15 per cent as of January 1st. It was the concensus of the committee that the regular membership dues should not be increased. In the past many of the regular members have been contributing members, giving from \$10.00 to \$25.00 a year. The executive committee has now set up a new membership, sustaining membership, ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00. It is hoped that as many as can will renew at the contributing or sustaining membership class.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS  
1219 University Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Name ..... Dues and contributions deductible  
Address ..... from Income Tax.  
.....  
Organization .....  
Position .....

National Membership, including subscription to MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING

- Regular . . . . . \$6.00
- Husband and Wife . . . \$8.00 (1 copy of Journal)
- Organizational . . . . \$6.00 - \$100.00
- Contributing . . . . . \$10.00 - \$ 25.00
- Sustaining . . . . . \$25.00 - \$100.00
- Student . . . . . \$3.00
- Library Subscription . \$5.00

THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR SUGGESTIONS

At the annual meeting in Minneapolis the Board of Directors established the Evaluation Committee. The purpose of the committee is to study, to evaluate, and to recommend to the President and the Executive Committee procedures and policies concerning the more efficient operation of NCFR. Specifically, it will concern itself with new ideas regarding the journal, the annual conference, the service functions, and the administrative and financial organization of the NCFR. What suggestions do you have for improving the NCFR? The committee encourages new ideas and constructive criticism. Send your suggestions to Dr. Winston W. Ehrmann, Chairman, Evaluation Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville.

THE NCFR NEWS LETTER

State councils are urged to duplicate and send the NCFR News Letter along with their state News Letter to all local members and to have it available for all who attend their state Conferences this Spring. 76 people either joined NCFR or renewed their memberships as a result of the first News Letter. Renew your membership now and save the office the expense of billing.

CONFERENCES FOR 1957, 1958, 1959

The Executive Committee would like to make long term plans for places of National Conferences. When would your state or regional council like to sponsor the National Conference? Give us the tentative year, and a description of the facilities you have to offer. Send to the president.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS --TEACHER TRAINING INSTRUCTORS --WORKSHOP DIRECTORS

The National Committee on Education for Marriage and Family Living, High School Section, has just completed and assembled a Teacher's Kit which should be of great help to those developing family life programs in the elementary, secondary, or at the teacher training level in college.

In addition to other help the new kit includes "Strengthening Family Life Education in our Schools," 185 pages, 1955. Regular price \$1.00. Contains bibliographies, films, philosophies of, and ways of implementing personal and family living in the Community, in Elementary schools and in secondary schools.

Suggestions for Preparing Teachers in Education for Personal and Family Living. 101 pages, 1954. Regular price \$1.00. Gives objectives, content and planning program in education for Personal and Family Living for each stage of the family life cycle. Useful for high school as well as college teachers.

The Coordinator - Film Guide Issue (Guides for 30 films). Regular price .25.

Price of Kit . . . . . \$2.50  
Price to new members and renewing members . . . \$2.00