

NEWS LETTER

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS  
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

I wish to thank the membership for the excellent response to the January News Letter. This News Letter will bring you up to date on executive action taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee in New York in March, and report on some plans for the future, and other developments.

Judson T. Landis, President, National Council on Family Relations  
University of California, Berkeley 4, California

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The call to the total membership to suggest nominees for the different offices seems to be the most democratic procedure for NCFR elections. It was much easier for the nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers when they were provided the many names suggested by the membership. The nominating committee was made up of: Gerald Leslie, Chairman, Marjorie Cosgrove, Lester Kirkendall, Wallace Fulton, and David B. Treat, Ex Officio. Their report is given on a separate page. Check your choice for new officers and return at once to Minneapolis.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The constitutional changes submitted to the membership were approved by an overwhelming majority. The most important change was that which changes the time at which new officers take office, from the close of one annual meeting to the close of the next, and the provision that elections for the new officers shall take place in the spring of the year preceding the annual meeting rather than following the annual meeting. This change does away with the "lame duck" term following the annual meeting and gives the new officers more time to plan the next annual meeting.

THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The goal is 1000 new members in 1956. Mildred Morgan, Chairman of the Membership Development Committee writes that over 2,000 names of prospective members have been sent by individual members and state councils. Invitations to membership are being sent as soon as the lists are processed. Dr. Morgan is now in the process of developing a National Membership Development Committee which will have a representative from each state, in addition to a Central Advisory Committee on Membership which will have one representative from each of the various professions making up the bulk of the membership of NCFR. These two committees will serve to carry on the membership promotion drive.

The national membership list for each state will be sent to each state council so that state councils can use this list to tie national membership in with local programs.

VOTING MEMBERS BY STATES

How does your state rank in National Membership? Following is the latest tally of the membership rolls, exclusive of the over 600 libraries and some 300 student memberships. New York 297; California 251; Illinois 245; Michigan 162; Ohio 92; Indiana 88; Florida 72; New Jersey 65; Texas 60; Pennsylvania 58; North Carolina 47; Kansas 45; Maryland 45; Minnesota 43; Washington, D.C., 36; Iowa 35; Connecticut 34; Georgia 33; Washington 27; Missouri 27; Massachusetts 26; Virginia 23; Louisiana 20; Kentucky 19; Oregon 18; Alabama 17; Tennessee 17; Colorado 16; Mississippi 16; Wisconsin 16; Oklahoma 14; Arizona 12; Utah 9; Delaware 9; Arkansas 8; South Carolina 8; Vermont 7; W. Virginia 6; Nebraska 6; Idaho, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, N. Dakota, Rhode Island, S. Dakota and Wyoming 1 to 5; Montana none. (Canada 19)

HAROLD CHRISTENSEN NEW EDITOR OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING

The Executive Committee held its spring meeting in New York City March 10-11, 1956. One of the chief items of business was to elect an Editor to succeed Meyer Nimkoff whose three year term as editor expires December 31, 1956. Harold Christensen, Head of the Department of Sociology and Professor of Family Life, Purdue University, was elected for the three year term from January 1, 1957 through December 31, 1959.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BOSTON AUGUST 16-18

David Treat, Program Chairman, and his committee have gotten together an excellent program for the Boston meeting. We are most anxious to get this program into the hands of family life people in New England. They will wish to come to the meetings if they see the program. We have had several hundred extra copies of the preliminary program printed and we will be glad to send extra copies to those in New England for distribution. Let us know how many copies you wish and we will send them. (Send requests to, Dr. John Greene, Boston University, 236 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass.)

Notice that a special fellowship dinner is to be held the first evening of the conference we hoped all will attend. Mildred Morgan is especially anxious to have all state delegates and membership committee members present. At this meeting state councils will share experiences in developing programs, delegates will report, and at the reception following the dinner everyone will have a chance to get acquainted with all who attend. SEND YOUR DINNER REGISTRATION NOW

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET AUGUST 14-15

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee will be in session all day August 14 and 15, preceding the opening of the Boston Conference. This year for the first time the newly elected board members and the newly elected officers and executive members will sit in with the old board of directors. Under this plan there will be a greater carryover of ideas from one set of officers to the next. ALL BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND.

FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOPS

Boston University, "Workshop in Family Life Education," August 20-24, the week following the Annual Conference. Write, Dr. Douglass Brown, 332 Bay State Road, Boston 15, for details.

University of Maine, "Teaching Family Relations in the High School," July 2-20; "Working with Parents and Elementary School Children to Improve Family Relations," July 23-August 10. Dr. Ralph G. Eckert, director, of both workshops. Write to Dr. Eckert, Professor of Family Life, Univ. of Connecticut for more information.

Vassar College, "Vassar Summer Institute for Family and Community Living," July 3-31. Write Vassar Summer Institute, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

University of Rhode Island, "Workshop in Understanding School-age Children and Adolescents," July 9-13. Write Dr. Russell Smart, Head, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, University of R. I., Kingston, R. I.

Central Washington College of Education, "Family Life Education," July 23 through August 3. Dr. Lester A. Kirkendall, Director. Write J. Wesley Crum, Dean of Instruction, Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, Washington.

University of Iowa, "Education in Human Relations and Mental Health," June 18-29. Write, Dr. Ralph H. Ojemann, U. of Iowa, Iowa City.

University of Idaho, "Conference on Delinquency," June 25-26. Write, Dr. Harry C. Harmsworth, Chairman of Sociology, Moscow.

Kansas State Teachers College, "Annual Summer Workshop in Marriage and the Family," 3 weeks. Dr. Lawrence Bee, Consultant. Write, Dr. Claude E. Arnett, Chairman, Division of Social Sciences, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

RENEWAL OF OR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS

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

Western Michigan College of Education, "Coordinated Program for Home Economics Teachers," 6 weeks. Write, Dr. Eunice E. Herald, Head, Department of Home Economics, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Bowling Green State University, "Workshop relative to Methods and Materials of Family Living," July 23 to August 24. Write Dr. Donald S. Longworth, Associate Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Merrill-Palmer, "Family Life Education," July 2-13. Write, Registrar, The Merrill-Palmer School, 71 East Ferry Avenue, Detroit 2, Michigan.

University of Chicago, "Family Life Education and its Evaluation," July 9-27. Write, Winifred L. O'Donnell, Secretary, Family Study Center, 5757 Drexel Avenue, Chicago, 37, Illinois.

University of Chicago, "Helping Individuals and Groups, A Therapeutic Approach," June 25 through July 6. Write, Dr. Carl R. Rogers, Counseling Center, 5737 Drexel Avenue, Chicago 37.

College of the Pacific, "Family Life Education Workshop," (Family Life Education and Splintered Families) June 19-29. Write Dean of Summer Session, College of the Pacific, Stockton 4, California.

Purdue University, "New Facts about Modern Families," July 9-21. Write, Dr. Gerald R. Leslie, Department of Sociology, Lafayette, Indiana.

Iowa State College, "Special short courses for teachers," July 18-August 3. Write Dr. Mary S. Lyle, Professor Home Economics Education, Ames, Iowa.

University of California, Berkeley. Harold Christensen will teach two courses in family life education during the first six weeks summer session, June 18-July 28.

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#### NOTICE TO OLD MEMBERS

The \$6.00 membership dues are not sufficient to meet the increasing costs of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING and to pay the costs of the national office and the increasing costs servicing organizations. The Executive Committee is opposed to increasing the dues for all, but we hope that in renewing, those old members who can afford to do so will renew at the contributing membership classification of from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Those who have been contributing members might consider Sustaining memberships.

Renew now and save the office the cost of billing.

DID YOU FILL IN THIS FORM FROM THE JANUARY NEWS LETTER? IF NOT, COULD YOU PLEASE SEND 5 OR MORE NAMES NOW? IF YOU DID RETURN IT EARLIER MAYBE YOU KNOW OF SOME ADDITIONAL NAMES.

GOAL--1000 NEW MEMBERS IN 1956

Family life leaders in all professions need the help the National Council on Family Relations has to offer and the NCFR needs the additional membership in order to meet increasing demands upon it. The most effective way to get new members is for you to recommend other family life leaders who could benefit by being associated with the NCFR. If each of you would send just 5 names the national office would have over 12,000 potential members. With this list the NCFR should certainly achieve the goal of 1000 new members in 1956.

The national office will check the names you send to see whether they are already members before invitations are extended.

WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND YOUR LIST OF NAMES TODAY  
Membership Chairman, National Council on Family Relations  
1219 University Avenue, S.E.  
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

I recommend that invitations to membership in the National Council on Family Relations be extended to: (the analysis of NCFR membership below may stimulate your thinking.)

- 1. Name ..... Address .....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....
- 4. ....
- 5. ....
- 6. ....

Signed .....  
Member

May we use your name when extending the invitation to the above people? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Use other side for additional names.

In thinking of possible members keep in mind that the NCFR is an inter-professional group. The last talley of members showed that there were: among College teachers, 180 Home Economics, 176 Sociology, 85 Family Life, 27 Psychology, 25 Education, 23 Religion, 10 Psychiatry, 10 Medicine, 7 Biology; Among High School teachers, 99 Home Economics, 41 Family Life, 23 Education; Among other professions there were: 205 Family Social Workers, 139 Ministers, 119 Physicians, 64 Guidance Workers, 45 Parent Education, 37 Recreation leaders, 37 Writers, 28 Marriage Counselors, 27 Rabbi, 25 Priests, 26 Lawyers and Judges, 20 Clinical Psychologists, 19 Psychiatrists, 19 Public Health, 22 Nurses, 14 Research Workers, 11 Home Demonstration Agents, 10 Maternal Health.