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NEWS LETTER The Board of Directors at Boston recognized the service value to NCFR members of the News Letter and included a small sum in the 1956-57 budget "for publishing two News Letters". The Clara Elizabeth Fund and the University of California made possible the ones Judson Landis prepared last year. As your President, I feel three Letters are important and will assume responsibility for preparing and mailing an extra one. March (preliminary Annual Meeting program at that time) and May are tentative dates for publication of these other News Letters. Send any communications you wish to me, David B. Treat, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, 302 W. Second Avenue, Flint 2, Michigan.

PUT THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW August 21, 22, 23, 24, 1957 are the dates for the Conference and Annual Meeting of NCFR at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Plan to attend. Theme: COMPETENCE IN FAMILY LIVING: INTERPROFESSIONAL APPROACHES. A. R. Mangus, Ohio State University is Program Chairman.

SECRETARY The Board of Directors at Boston authorized appointment of Mrs. Vance Jewson as Administrative Secretary on a half time basis.

DREAM YOUR DREAMS Given an "X" number of dollars (don't think of too small an amount) what could and should the NCFR be doing for marriage and family life in the United States? What services should be available for training family life teachers, researchers, counselors? How can the NCFR best serve the Family Life Movement? Dream your dreams and pass on to us your visions. Sparked originally by Winston Ehrman's Evaluation Committee and handed on to a special Future Plans group that has opened up some possibilities for developments, we do want suggestions for a bold NCFR ten year program. Send suggestions to Wallace Fulton, The Equitable Life Assurance Society, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York.

NCFR CO-SPONSORS RESEARCH CONFERENCE Executive Committee members and former members taking part in the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund Family Research Conference were Judson Landis, Harold Christensen, Clifford Kirkpatrick, Donald Brieland, Nelson Foote, Gerald Leslie, David Treat. A. R. Mangus, Program Chairman for 1957 Annual Conference also presented a paper. The February issue of Marriage and Family Living will present the papers given by the fourteen participants. You won't want to miss this special number of our Journal.

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS The first Executive Committee meeting of the 1956-57 year convened following the Research Conference in the Elizabeth McCormick Fund offices in Chicago, November 3. The second Executive Committee meeting will be held immediately before the Groves Conference at East Lansing, April 27 and 28. We want Board Members attending the Conference to meet with the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS Mrs. Mildred Morgan, Chairman indicates very helpful cooperation from State and Regional membership chairmen. Names of hundreds of potential NCFR members have been sent into the Minneapolis office, and have

been given membership invitations. Every member is urged to invite friends of any profession interested in family life to join our fellowship. If you would like the National office to send follow-up invitations, notify Mrs. Vance Jewson, Administrative Secretary.

FINANCES The October Financial Report showed a bank balance of \$1036. 51. One reason for this good position was a net profit from the Boston Conference of \$316.49. John Greene, Local Arrangements Chairman, past-President, Judson Landis and the program chairman all contributed to making this possible. By careful management we hope to end 1956 in the black. A seven hundred dollar loan, necessary as the office was being transferred to Minneapolis in the fall of 1955, has been repaid.

WHO'S WHO An up-to-date list of the names of Officers, Board and Executive Committee members is available by writing to our Minneapolis office. Will State and Regional Councils keep us informed of newly elected or appointed officers so this "working list" will be as accurate as possible?

WE NEED YOUR HELP, STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT! Instructors of Sociology and Family Living classes write the National office regarding special arrangements for student memberships.

REGULAR REPORTS Your President has requested our Administrative Secretary to send the Monthly Reports she is preparing to Officers and all Board Members.

CONSTITUTION The Executive Committee approved the latest suggestions submitted by Donald Brieland and his Constitution Revision Committee. It will be printed in the February or May Journal for consideration by members before you vote to accept or reject the proposed revisions. Both Committees believe the changes make the NCFR more responsive to membership wishes and provide for a more smoothly operating organization.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS Both the Journal and News Letters will carry listings of 1957 summer Workshops and special Family Life courses. Send notices regarding these to the NCFR office, 1219 University Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota as early as possible.

EXHIBIT A membership display exhibit which folds to a 24 x 32 inch size, for sending by express, is available for exhibit at Workshops or Conferences. Write Mrs. Vance Jewson our Administrative Secretary in Minneapolis. Brochures for distribution may also be obtained and sample copies of the Journal may be had for display.

TEACHERS KIT An excellent Teachers Kit useful in teaching family life units may be obtained from the National office for two dollars and fifty cents.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO IT AGAIN Last year several State and Regional Councils duplicated and distributed parts or all of the News Letter to their members who were not members of the National. It's a good way to interpret the parent organization to prospective members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee elected by mail ballot by the Board of Directors are Robert Blood, University of Michigan; Aaron Rutledge, Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit; and Wallace Fulton, Equitable Life Assurance Society, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York.

INVITATIONS FOR FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS are on file or have been received from the Northwest, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Wisconsin Councils. What a Council has to offer in the way of facilities and financial support is, of necessity, the concern of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors who determine where the Conferences are to meet. Adequate regional recognition is another criterion that determines location. Write the National office of your Council's invitation to be host for an Annual Meeting. Such invitations will be considered most carefully.

SPEAKERS Your President, David Treat and President-elect, Mrs. Mildred Morgan, can accept a limited number of invitations (two or three) to attend State and Regional Council meetings. Write early if you want one of them to attend your Conference.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

A Family Living Workshop, for parents, teachers, ministers, social workers, church educational and youth directors, and others concerned with conserving family life is being held on eleven Tuesday evenings, October 2 through December 11, at the University of Chattanooga. This is sponsored by the University of Chattanooga in cooperation with the Adult Educational Council and the Hamilton County Home Economics Association.

On November 17 and 18, the Family Life Education Committee under the sponsorship of the Cleveland Church Federation held a Workshop at the First Methodist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

David Fulcomer, President of the Iowa Council on Family Relations, announced that his organization was co-sponsoring six family life conferences this fall with the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs. He writes that they have hit on a very effective combination of State resources, with the Women's Clubs doing the local planning and the Council furnishing the professional help. This may have implications for the whole country.

The Tri-State Council on Family Relations held its 1956 Annual dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at Hunter College, with Dr. Nelson Foote, Director of the Family Study Center, University of Chicago, as speaker.

The Michigan Council, Esther Middlewood, President held its Annual Fall Workshop, September 28 and 29. The program was planned especially to interest those who are working in any capacity to benefit families in their community.

The Mississippi State Council on Family Life, Stanley Fowler, President, held a Workshop at Mississippi State College at Hattiesburg, October 19-20. Wallace Fulton, Board of Directors, was speaker.

The Ninth Annual Conference of the North Carolina Family Life Council was held in Charlotte, October 28, 29, 30. Mrs. Ethel Nash, President, delivered the keynote address on the theme of the Conference, "Enriching Inter-and Intra-Family Relationships". The major Conference sessions were planned around demonstrations with discussions of each. The five presented were: (1) New Techniques in Roleplaying, (2) A 4th Grade Unit in Family Living, (3) Education in Reproduction, (4) A Juvenile Court Hearing and (5) A Post Marital Counseling Situation. David B. Treat used the Dickinson-Belskie birth models to make the third demonstration with 4th and 5th grade children and their parents. George A. Douglas of Charlotte was Program Chairman and Edwin Preston of Raleigh was selected as President-elect.

Board of Directors members participating in Council Meetings this fall were Mildred Morgan in the Southeastern Council; David Treat, for the Southeastern and North Carolina Councils.

In his capacity as President of NCFR, David B. Treat is speaking at the dinner session of the Illinois Maternal Welfare Committee Meeting on February 13, 1957. The State Committee expects three hundred and fifty to register for the two day Public Health Conference.

J. Anthony Samenfink announces that the Division of Home Economics at South Dakota State College at Brookings, South Dakota is opening a Marriage Counseling Center for students and faculty in January 1957. Under his direction they are expanding its course offerings in the area of family relations.

EUROPEAN STUDY TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT The Seventh European Marriage and Family Life Tour of the National Council on Family Relations will be lead by Dr. Paul H. Landis, State Professor of Sociology at the State College of Washington. Sailing date, June 26. Return to New York, August 16. Points to visited: London, Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris. Openings available for twenty professional persons interested in a comparative study of marriage and family life. Approximate cost, including transportation from New York, board, lodging, guide service, lectures, etc., \$1289. Apply to Dr. Paul H. Landis, State Professor of Sociology, State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington.

WE ARE GLAD TO ANNOUNCE that Harold Christensen, Purdue University, becomes editor of Marriage and Family Living with the publication of the February issue.

SEND US INTERESTING ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE MARCH NEWS LETTER.

FOR THE 1957 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee: Fulton, Johannis, Christensen, Morgan and Treat will soon be drawing up a slate of officers for another year. In order to make the NCFR more democratic we are asking the entire membership to assist the Nominating Committee. Would you suggest two or more nominations for each office? Add a note indicating why this person should be considered. They should have been active in State or Regional and National Council activities. Send your list to Mr. Wallace Fulton, Equitable Life Assurance Society, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York.

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