

Conference and Annual Meeting

**THE NATIONAL
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PROGRAM

Theme:

“MENTAL HEALTH, MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY”

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PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS OF N.C.F.R. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Meetings of Executive Committee, Board of Directors (old and new) and Editorial Board will meet at Hayden Hall, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 7:00-9:00 P.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 14 and 15.

NOTE: SPECIAL FEATURE

The National Institute of Mental Health, The National Association for Mental Health and The Massachusetts Association for Mental Health are not only furnishing the N.C.F.R. with speakers for General Sessions but providing us with a Consultant Service as well. Alan Miller, M.D. represents NIMH, Mr. Edward Linzer the NAMH, Dr. Samuel Grob and Mr. Edward Lichtenstein the MAMH. Requests for appointments should be made at the Registration Desk as early during the Conference as possible.

THE REGISTRATION DESK will be open Wednesday from 4:00 until 8:00 P.M. and at 9:00 A.M. each Conference day, in Hayden Hall, 685 Commonwealth Avenue. Dr. John T. Greene, Boston University, is Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee.

Those holding advance reservations may go directly to Shelton Hall, 91 Bay State Road, or Myles Standish Hall, 30 Bay State Road.

FOR WEDNESDAY ARRIVALS, the *Mass Media Section* will show selected films, two sessions, for use in family life education activities. At the Registration Desk you will receive a list and description of the films to be shown as well as time and place.

7:30 P.M. Preview and discussion of new films, Hayden Hall.

Presiding: Wallace Fulton, Equitable Life Insurance Society, Chairman, *Mass Media Section*. First showing in New England of the new film "Human Heredity." Introduction by Theodore B. Johannis for the E. C. Brown Trust. Round-up discussions led by Wallace Fulton and Theodore B. Johannis. "The Special Case for Film Reviewing."

Thursday, August 16

7:30-8:30 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Registration (continued)

9:30 A.M. First General Session, Hayden Auditorium

Presiding: Judson T. Landis, President, N.C.F.R.

Invocation: Reverend Arthur Tripp, Arlington Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

Greetings: Dr. Harold Case, President, Boston University.

Presentation of President: Gladys Groves, Past President, N.C.F.R. Judson T. Landis, Department of Home Economics, University of California, Berkeley. Keynote Address: "The Challenge of Family Life Education."

"What We Know About the Family and Its Mental Health Functioning." John Spiegel, M.D., Lecturer in Social Relations, Department Social Relations, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; A. R. Mangus, Ph.D., Professor, Sociology and Rural Sociology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Discussant and Discussion Leader: Gerald Leslie, Ph.D. Purdue University, Lafayette.

12:00-1:00 P.M. Luncheon

SECTION MEETINGS

Thursday Afternoon, August 16

1:30-3:00 P.M.

I. *Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Colleges.* Hayden Hall, Room 116

Section Chairman: Robert O. Blood, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"Teaching Ethical Values Through the Marriage Course."

Presiding: Hazel Ingersoll, Department of Family Relations and Child Development, Oklahoma A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Pro: Henry A. Bowman, Department of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Con: Richard Kerckhoff, Merrill Palmer School, Detroit, Michigan.

II. *Religion and the Family.* Hayden Hall, Room 222

Section Chairman: Reverend Wesley A. Kemp, First Methodist Church, Rockaway, New Jersey.

"The Relationship of Religious Influences to Family

Stability and Its Effect Upon the Mental Health of the Individual."

Reverend Wesley A. Kemp, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Rutherford, New Jersey. (Introduction of the theme and participants)

Dr. Henry R. Brandt, Teacher-Counselor, The Clara Elizabeth Fund For Maternal Health, Flint, Michigan. (From the viewpoint of a counselor to parents and families)

Reverend LeRoy Loats, Presbyterian Chaplain, Colorado A. & M. College, Fort Collins, Colorado. (From the viewpoint of a counselor to college students)

Sister Loretta Maria, Director, Department of Sociology, College of St. Elizabeth, Convent, New Jersey; Chairman, Committee on Education, Morris County Mental Health Assn. (From the viewpoint of a counselor to college girls)

Chaplain Keith Keidel, Protestant Chaplain, State Mental Hospital, Greystone Park, Morris Plains, New Jersey. (From the viewpoint of a counselor to the mentally-disturbed)

Discussant: Lester Dearborn, Director, Counseling Service, Boston, Massachusetts.

Questions and discussion from the floor.

III. International Section. Hayden Hall, Room 224

Section Chairman: Eugene Link, State University Teachers College, New Paltz, New York.

"The Family Approach to International Understanding."

Dorothy Fahs Beck, Family Service Association—Middle East

Beulah M. Link, Family Life Studytour Leader—Israel.

Film on Kibbutz Life.

Paul Landis, State College of Washington—Europe.

Film on Family Life in Kenya.

3:30-5:00 P.M.

IV. Marriage and Family Research. Hayden Hall, Room 116

Section Chairman: Theodore B. Johannis, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

"Differences in Stress and Ethnic Family Background" Paul Barrabee, Boston, Massachusetts.

"Some Characteristics of Parents of Asthmatic Children." George Fitzelle, Division of Child Development and Family Relations, School of Home Economics, University of California at Los Angeles, California.

"Family Relationships as Viewed by Teenagers." Stanley E. Fowler, Division of Home Economics, Mississippi Southern College, Mississippi.

V. Parent Education. Hayden Hall, Room 222

Section Chairman: David Rauch, Adult Parent and Family Life Education, Great Neck Public Schools, Great Neck, New York.

Opening Session

Presentation of an actual case record of a parent discussion group. Salvatore Ambrosino, Staff member—Child Study Association of America, New York City.

Workshop Groups

Using the case record as a focus, the section will be divided into groups of ten for thorough discussion of topics pertinent to group parent education such as: Who attends discussion groups; why do they attend; what should be the role of the leader; planning content material; handling individual problems of group members; relationships between group education and group therapy; meaning of anxiety in group education; evaluation of parent groups; and similar topics.

Workshop Consultant: Ernest Osborne, Education for Marriage and Family Life, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

John G. Chantiny, Child Welfare, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Ralph Eckert, Family Relations, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.

David L. Levine, School of Social Welfare, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Mae T. Mooney, Director, Family Life Education, Family Service Association of Greater Boston, Boston, Massachusetts.

Harriet C. Nash, Consultant on Early Childhood and Parent Education, Connecticut State Department of Education, Hartford, Connecticut.

Edward V. Pope, Extension Specialist in Child Development and Parent Education, Federal Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Aaron M. Stern, M.D., Hemlock Drive, Orange, Connecticut.

Myra De Haven Woodruff, Chief, Bureau of Child Development and Parent Education, New York State Department of Education, Albany, New York.

Special Workshop meeting for people who will be in attendance at the Conference on Thursday and Friday only but not Saturday. Gladys G. Jenkins, Parent Group Leader, Anniston Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

VI. Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Schools. Hayden Hall, Room 224

Section Chairman: Dale L. Womble, Division of Home and Family, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

"School Administrators Examine Family Life Education."

Paul Gossard, Superintendent of Schools, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Douglass Brown, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Miss Helen Vazanian, Principal, Day Junior High School, Newton, Massachusetts.

"Counseling the Adolescent—Possible Approaches."

George H. Finck, Marriage and Family Counselor, Juvenile Welfare Board, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mrs. Marjorie Cosgrove, Director, Family Life Education, Highland Park, Michigan.

Thursday, August 16, 6:30 P.M.

*Fellowship Dinner
Hayden Hall*

Presiding: Mildred Morgan, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, Chairman, Membership Development Committee. Roll Call of State and Regional Councils.

"Memories, Mummies or Members?" David B. Treat, Director, Clara Elizabeth Fund, Flint, Michigan, President-Elect, N.C.F.R.

Boston Tea Party—Hosts, New England Council on Family Relations, Lester Dearborn, President.

Friday Morning, August 17

9:00 A.M. Second General Session, Hayden Auditorium.

Presiding: Alden Eberly, Associate General Secretary, Boston Y.M.C.A.

"Ways in Which the Mental Health of the Family Can be Improved." Alan Miller, M.D., Director, Mental Health Study Center, National Institutes of Health, College Park, Maryland.

Margery King, Ph.D., Director, Toronto Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association, Toronto, Canada.

Discussant: Marvin Sussman, Associate Professor of Sociology, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

10:30 A.M. Annual Business Meeting of the Council. Hayden Auditorium.

Presiding: Judson T. Landis, President, N.C.F.R.

12:00-1:00 P.M. Luncheon

SECTION MEETINGS

Friday Afternoon, August 17

1:30-3:00 P.M.

I. *Marriage and Family Counseling.* Hayden Hall, Room 116

Chairman: Mrs. Mary Osborne, Sarah Lawrence College, New York City.

"Mental Health Approaches to Marriage Counseling." Mrs. Emily H. Mudd, Director, Marriage Council of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Discussant: Aaron Rutledge, Leader of the Counseling Service and Counseling Training Program, Merrill Palmer School, Detroit, Michigan.

II. *Family Development Through Cooperative Nursery Schools.* Hayden Hall.

Section Chairman: Henry Brandt, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, Flint, Michigan.

"Cooperatives Contribute to the Mental Health of Families." Miss Dorothy Russell, Supervisor

of Cooperative Nurseries, Flint Public Schools, Mott Foundation, Clara Elizabeth Fund, Flint, Michigan; Mrs. Helen Parks, Department of Social Welfare, Children's Division, State of Michigan.

III. *Family Life Education in the Community.* Hayden Hall, Room 224

Section Chairman: Miss Fay Moeller, University of Connecticut.

Discussion Leader: Margaret Wilson, Department of Home Economics and Sociology, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

"How Wide is a Community-wide Program?" David B. Treat, Clara Elizabeth Fund, Flint, Michigan.

"The Family Counsellor Clearing House as an Agency of Family Life Education at the Local Community Level: A Proposed Experiment in Community Organization."

Harold W. Saunders, State University of Iowa. "An Experience in Group or Neighborhood Living of Twenty Couples in College Housing Apartments."

C. Jay Skidmore, Assistant Professor, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah.

IV. *Religion and the Family.* Hayden Hall, Room 222

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"The Use of Religious Resources in Counseling the Emotionally and Mentally Disturbed."

Reverend Wesley A. Kemp, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Rockaway, New York (Introduction of the theme and participants)

Rabbi Jerome D. Folkman, Temple Israel, Columbus, Ohio. (From the viewpoint of a Jewish rabbi)

Reverend Judson D. Howard, Director, Department of Pastoral Services, Massachusetts Council of Churches. (From the viewpoint of a Protestant minister)

Father John J. White, Roman Catholic Chaplain, State Mental Hospital, Greystone Park, Morris Plains, New Jersey. (From the viewpoint of a Roman Catholic priest)

Reverend Hugo A. Bourdeau, Executive Director, Marriage Counseling Service, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland.

(Discussant)

Questions and discussion from the floor (on either theme)

3:30-5:00 P.M.

V. *Marriage and Family Research.* Hayden Hall, Room 116

Section Chairman: Theodore B. Johannis, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

"Studies in Three-Generation Households." Marvin R. Koller, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, Ohio.

"Family Structure in an Urban Subdivision." Gerald R. Leslie, Department of Sociology, Purdue University, Indiana.

"The 'Personality Interaction' Approach to the Study of the Marital Relationship." Robert M. Huntington, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

VI. *Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Colleges.* Hayden Hall, Room 224

Section Chairman: Robert O. Blood, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"The Use of Role Playing in the Marriage Course." Oscar Eggers, Department of Sociology, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; Mr. & Mrs. Owen Morgan, Department of Family Relations and Child Development, Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

VII. *Parent Education.* Hayden Hall, Room 222

Section Chairman: David Rauch, Adult Parent and Family Life Education, Great Neck Public Schools, Great Neck, New York.

See Thursday Section V. Program—3:30-5:00 P.M.

Friday Night, August 17

7:30 P.M. Third General Session, Hayden Auditorium.

Presiding: W. Clark Ellzey, Department of Marriage Education, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

"Effective Education for Mental Health in Home and Community." Edward Linzer, Director, Education Services, National Association for Mental Health, New York, New York; Edward Lichtenstein, M.S.P.H., Consultant in Community Education, The Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts.

Discussant and Discussion Leader: Samuel Grob, Ph.D., Director of Field Service, M.A.M.H., Boston.

Saturday Morning, August 18

9:00 A.M. Fourth General Session, Hayden Auditorium

Presiding: John Rock, M.D., Brookline, Massachusetts.

"The Family as the Unit of Treatment." Jules V. Coleman, M.D., Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut. Paul Barabee, Ph.D., Marriage Counselor, Research Associate, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

Discussant and Discussion Leader: Harold Christensen, Department of Sociology, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

SECTION MEETINGS

10:30-12:00 NOON

I. *Marriage and Family Research.* Hayden Hall, Room 116

Section Chairman: Theodore B. Johannis, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

"Experiments in Research Methodology."

"The Use of Observation Methods in Family Research." Robert O. Blood, Jr., Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"Role-playing in Family Interviews." Howard Stanton, Social Science Research Center, University of Puerto Rico.

"The Method of Record Linkage Applied to Family Data." Harold T. Christensen, Department of Sociology, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Discussion Leader: Marvin B. Sussman, Department of Sociology, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

II. *Family Life Education in the Community.* Hayden Hall, Room 224

Section Chairman: Miss Fay Moeller, Family Life Specialist, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.

Discussion Leader: Dr. Ralph Eckert, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.

"How Organizations Cooperate for Mental Health in the Family."

"The Asheville Family Life Education Program." Mrs. Mary Anne Duke, Texarkana College, Texarkana, Texas.

"Charlotte Public School Family Life Education Program to Mental Health." George A. Douglas, Charlotte, North Carolina.

III. *Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Schools.* Hayden Hall, Room 222

Section Chairman: Dale L. Womble, Division of Home and Family, Stephens College, Missouri.

"Teachers Examine Family Life Education—New Techniques."

Henrietta Fleck, Chairman, Department of Home Economics, New York University, New York.

Katharine Whiteside Taylor, Baltimore Schools, Baltimore, Maryland.

Donald E. Gray, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, Flint, Michigan.

Florence Davis, Illinois State Normal, Illinois.

12:00 NOON, Luncheon Meeting of new Officers and Board of Directors.

Saturday Afternoon, August 18

1:30-3:00 P.M.

IV. *Marriage and Family Counseling.* Hayden Hall, Room 116

Section Chairman: Bruce Thomason, Marriage and Family Clinic, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

"Threats to Mental Health: Communication Problems in Marriage Counseling." Robert A. Harper, Washington, D.C.

Discussant: Winston W. Ehrmann, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

V. *Family Development Through Cooperative Nursery Schools.* Hayden Hall

Section Chairman: Henry Brandt, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, Flint, Michigan.

Strengthening Co-ops for Stronger Families." Katharine Whiteside Taylor, Supervisor of Parent Education, Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland; Norma Perry, Director, Community Cooperative Nursery School, Inc., Rowayton, Connecticut; Kay Calder, Parent Education Consultant, Mental Hygiene Institute, Montreal, Canada.

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VII. *International.* Hayden Hall, Room 224

Section Chairman: Eugene Link, State University Teachers College, New Paltz, New York.

Informal Discussion

Alan Ingleby, Educational Director, Marriage Guidance Council of Great Britain.

Jacob and Ermellinda Quiambao, Family Life Teachers, Manila, Philippines.

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