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IT IS A WHOLESOME SIGN for an organization when a great many of its members are faithfully working to promote its objectives. We cannot record all that is going on but the following items are evidence of "men at work" in the interest of NCFR. Your President is greatly pleased with the teamwork that is being shown on the Council varied activities.

WALLACE FULTON, Chairman of the Future Plans Committee called a meeting in New York City, January 24. Those able to attend were Ernest Osborne, Ellis White, Gunnar Dybwad, Gerald Leslie and David Treat. Communications were reported from Joseph K. Folsom and Nelson Foote. Free from the necessity of having to make administrative and policy decisions (always the responsibility of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors) the Committee was able to look at problems regarding organization, financial support, the Journal, membership and other matters in an objective manner. Mr. Fulton has prepared a report which is circulating among the Officers and Board. Highlights of the report will be in the May News Letter.

RAY MANGUS, General Program Chairman, Section Chairmen and Ed Dager, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee have put in hours of conscientious labor so that you might read about the Purdue Conference and Annual Meeting, August 21-24. The enclosed preliminary program is amazingly complete at this early date. Anyone who is at all concerned about the family life movement cannot afford to miss this meeting. Purdue will be the place to meet The Family Life name people. Do make your plans now to attend and let the Local Arrangements Committee have your registration soon. It will help them tremendously to make this Conference a memorable one for you.

THEODORE B. JOHANNIS has agreed to be the next Chairman of the Membership Development Committee. While officially he assumes the full duties of this role only at Purdue in August, nevertheless, he will actually be working closely with Mildred Morgan in the next six months so that the program begun under Mrs. Morgan will gain even more momentum.

CONGRATULATIONS to Harold Christensen. The February Journal, the first under his editorship, was a heavy assignment because of the short time elapsing between the Research Conference in November and the deadline for the copy of this issue. Sincere thanks to Donald Brieland and the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund for assisting the February publication.

CURTIS AVERY, Director, E. C. Brown Trust is publishing and mailing the May News Letter. Ted Johannis is handling all details. We thank them sincerely for this contribution to NCFR. Deadline for material in the May News Letter is March 28. Mail to David B. Treat, 302 W. Second Avenue, Flint 2, Michigan.

AARON RUTLEDGE, Merrill Palmer School, Detroit, has accepted the Chairmanship of the Budget and Finance Committee for 1957-1958. Members of his Committee will be announced in the May News Letter.

MRS. JEWSON'S regular monthly narrative reports to Executive Committee members and Directors indicate a well organized office which is handling more NCFR business each month. There have been several changes in staff. Miss Margaret Splan has assumed the office responsibilities formerly handled by Margaret Benton.

THE JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT is more favorable than was anticipated. A reason for this is that the Membership Development campaign, under the guidance of Mildred Morgan our President-elect, shows steady progress. One of our big problems would be solved if all members promptly remitted their renewal dues. Sending out reminder notices is time consuming and costly. Your help is needed!

YOUR BALLOT IS ENCLOSED Our Constitution requires a double slate. The Nominating Committee had scores of names submitted by mail to them for their consideration. They prevailed upon sixteen fine people to allow their names to be placed on this ballot. Most of the folk would prefer not "to run against" the persons who oppose them, but that's the way it has to be. Who will serve NCFR's objectives best is the membership responsibility which is yours as you vote. Instructions about voting are on the ballot.

A MULTI-PROFESSIONAL "FIRST" The Illinois Maternal Welfare Committee is to be congratulated. It sponsored the First Illinois Congress on Maternal Care at Springfield, February 13-14. Registration exceeded expectations. Nearly eight hundred doctors, nurses, nutritionists, social workers, health educators and hospital administrators attended scores of round tables, even breakfast sessions were held. The organization of such a complex conference was remarkable. Nicholas J. Eastman, M.D. of John Hopkins, a principal participant, spoke on the topic, "The Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Obstetrics". Your President addressed three hundred and fifty at the dinner session using "Complete Maternal Care - A Family Affair" as his topic. The outstanding characteristic of the meeting was the way in which the medical profession gave its leadership for an interpretation to the other disciplines represented of "the team approach" to obstetrics. It was an excellent display of professional responsibility.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM KEPHART, University of Pennsylvania will be our official representative at the Sixty-first Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia, April 5 and 6, 1957.

THE INVITATIONAL GROVES CONFERENCE meetings are to be held at the Kellogg Center. The Michigan Council on Family Relations will be hosts for the Fellowship Hour Monday, April 29. MCFR people have been invited to join conference members for the dinner. Irma Gross, Home Economics Department, Michigan State College is in charge of Local Arrangements.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MARRIAGE COUNSELORS meet at the Kellogg Center for a clinical session 8:30 P.M., Sunday, April 28. "The Conduct of the Emotional Phases of the Counseling Relationship" will be the topic presented and discussed. Lester Dearborn is President of AAMC. Ralph Bridgman, Program Chairman says: "Early arrivals for the Groves Conference are invited to attend the clinical session".

AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING has been called for April 27 and 28 at the Kellogg Center, M.S.U., East Lansing. This two day session will precede the Groves Conference.

STATE AND REGIONAL COUNCILS are distributing more than twenty five hundred copies of this issue of the News Letter. Most of these go to those who are not currently members of NCFR. We cordially invite all of them to join our fellowship. Send name, address and check for \$6.00, individual membership, to the Minneapolis office.

MISS MYRTLE CHAMBERLIN, Chairman PARENT EDUCATION SECTION, urgently requested that we print the topics that will be considered by the Parent Education Section at Purdue in August. She would like those who wish to participate in these groups to notify her. Send choice of group to her at 3300 Chester Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

PARENT EDUCATION SECTION groups will study these topics:

1. Professional Leadership Training - George Chamis, Mott Foundation and Clara Elizabeth Fund, Flint
2. Training Lay Leaders - Nona Goodson, Florida State University
3. Diagnosing Child Behavior - William Marshall, Clara Elizabeth Fund, Flint
4. Observation Techniques for Parents - Katharine W. Taylor, Baltimore Publ. Schools
5. & 6. Family Interaction Focus - Pre-School Child Content - Luella Rampe, Dir. Family Life Ed., Cleveland Family Service Ass'n.
7. Communicating with Parents - Anne Falther, Dir., Cleveland Family Health Ass'n.
8. Using Mass Media - Freda Kehm, Dir., Ass'n. for Family Living, Chicago
9. Evaluating Parent Education - John Chantiny, Child Welfare, Iowa State

YOUR PRESIDENT, David B. Treat is attending the Illinois, Ohio and Missouri Council meetings this spring. Mr. Treat will represent NCFR at the National Catholic Welfare Conference meeting in Milwaukee, March 18-22 at the invitation of Msgr. DeBlanc, Director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

A NEW NAME? Most of the changes suggested by the Constitution Revision Committee chaired by Donald Brieland are simply in the interest of a more smoothly operating organization. NCFR membership would approve these in a routine manner. However, there is one major alteration.

The Committee has suggested a shift in name from The National Council on Family Relations to The National Council on Marriage and Family Living. The Board of Directors at Boston last August conducted a straw vote which showed almost unanimous approval for such a shift. The Board believed some other changes were necessary and instructed the Executive Committee to consider these at the November 1956 Executive Committee meeting. The Committee made those adjustments and approved printing the proposed revision before the vote of acceptance or rejection by the membership. The suggested revisions will appear in the May Journal. Vote on the revised Constitution will be called for at the Annual Meeting in August at Purdue.

Reasons advanced by those in favor of the change of name were that "Relations" was more general than "Family Living" and "Family Living" coincided with the title of our Journal. On the other side are those who believe that the name of the Organization has become a symbol and that while it may not be exactly definitive, symbols are not lightly discarded. Another reason advanced for not changing the name is that a great many State and some Regional Councils have patterned their names on the original title of the Organization. Still there is not uniformity among the titles of State and Regional Councils. Some have said, "Would it be desirable to have all State and Regional Councils have a name patterned after the parent organization?" These people have suggested that the parent organization might ask for greater conformity in the phrasing of titles by State and Regional groups.

Give the matter careful consideration. Arrangements will be made for the voting in such a way that decisions will be made item by item, not "all or nothing".

NCFR STUDY-TOURS, 1957

- June 26-August 16 - Tour to England, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany Holland, Belgium, France. Cost- \$1289. Leaders: Prof. Paul H. Landis and Miss Judith Landis, State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington.
- July 29-August 25 - Tour of Mexico. Cost- \$495. Leaders: Prof. and Mrs. M. F. Nimkoff, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.

STATE OR REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

MARCH 9 The Tri-State Council plans a Winter meeting in New York City.

MARCH 15-16 The Illinois Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting is to be held at Northern Illinois State Teachers College. Prof. Ruth S. Cavan, Rockford College, Program Chairman presents the theme: "The Family Relationships of the Exceptional Child". Dr. Helen E. Sherrill, Head Home Economics Department of Northern Illinois State Teachers College, is Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee.

MARCH 22-23 The Pacific Northwest Conference on Family Relations will hold its Annual Meeting on the Whitman College Campus in Walla Walla, Washington. Speakers: Mrs. Buena-Mockmore, Dr. Lester Kirkendall and Dr. Paul H. Landis. The program includes special interest groups on Sex Education, Current Research, Current Developments in Counseling, Play Groups, Married Students and Family Living Education. The program will be geared to both lay and professional people. Dr. Ivan Nye of the State College of Washington is Program Chairman, and Dr. A. P. Bradford of Whitman College is in charge of Local Arrangements.

MARCH 29-30 The Ohio Council on Family Relations meets at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. The theme this year will be, "The Family and Its Use of Community Resources". Alfred C. Clarke is Program Chairman.

APRIL 5 The Oklahoma Council on Family Relations plans for their Annual business meeting and second one-day work conference with the State Board of Vocational Education of Okla. City.

APRIL 12-13 The Missouri State Council on Family Relations Conference will meet at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. Dale L. Womble is Chairman of the Steering Committee.

APRIL 26 The Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council on Family Relations will be held at the University of Denver. The theme of the Conference will be "Religion and Family Counseling". The Sections on Religion and Family Counseling will hold a joint meeting in the morning with a panel discussion of the theme. The panel will be composed of two psychiatrists and two ministers. They hope to carry the theme through the luncheon meeting and four section meetings in the afternoon.

APRIL 26 The Minnesota Council will have a joint meeting with the Minnesota Adult Education Council. Dr. Lester Kirkendall will be the speaker.

MAY 3-4 The Tri-State Council on Family Relations is having its Spring meeting in Connecticut on Friday evening, May 3 at Hartford and Saturday, May 4 at the Un. of Conn. at Storrs.

MAY 3 (Not confirmed) The Virginia Council on Family Relations plans to have its Annual Professional Seminar and its Annual Meeting in May. The theme is "The Healing Team and the Home".

MAY 24-25 The Michigan Council will have two workshops this year, one in conjunction with the Michigan Adult Education Ass'n. and one in the Fall.

MAY 17 Oregon Coordination Council on Social Hygiene and Family Life at Willamette University Salem, Oregon. Dr. Elio D. Monachesi, University of Minnesota will speak on the Role of Family Life in Juvenile Delinquency.

WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

The Merrill-Palmer School announces a graduate and post-graduate program of intensive research training in human development and family life. For further details, you may write Dr. Irving Sigel, the Merrill-Palmer School, 71 East Ferry, Detroit 2, Michigan.

A graduate training program in Rehabilitation Counseling is being offered by Hunter College, Office of Special Education, 695 Park Avenue, New York 21, New York.

JUNE 3-JULY 12 and JULY 15-AUGUST 2 Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas. Two workshops in Marriage and the Family and related fields - counseling, teaching of family living courses in the high school and college. Dr. Claude E. Arnett, Chairman of the Social Science Division. Miss Kathryn Whitten, Head of Home Economics Department.

JUNE 17-21 Stout State Teachers College, Menomonie, Wisc. Special Workshops in Family Life Education. Dr. Alice J. Kirk, Dean Division of Home Economics.

JUNE 17-28 Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, Washington. Personal and Family Financial Security Education. Mr. Eugene Kosy.

JUNE 17-28 Ralph H. Ojemann, Director of the Preventive Psychiatry Research Program at the State University of Iowa, has announced that the annual workshop on "Education in Human Relations and Mental Health" will be held at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

JUNE 18-28 College of the Pacific, Stockton, California: Fifth Annual Family Life Education Workshop: The Integrated Family. Featured leaders: Dr. Clark E. Vincent and Dr. Howard C. Busching. Continuing an annual series of workshops which emphasize individual study and group discussion of special interest to all who work in any phase of family life education in schools, churches, or community agencies. Series in past years has included emphases on Educating Boys and Men for Family Life, and Splintered Families: Those affected by Desertion, Divorce, Pro-longed Illness, and Death. For further information write to Dean of the Summer Sessions, College of the Pacific, Stockton, California.

JUNE 18-JULY 25 A summer program at the Florida State University has been planned by the Department participating in the Inter-Divisional Graduate Program in Marriage and Family Life.

JUNE 18-AUGUST 10 B. F. Timmons, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Anthropology is giving a Seminar in Family Life Education for teachers and leaders in the Summer Session of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

The Home Economics Department at the University of Illinois is offering the following two special family life courses: Problems in Family Living and Seminar in Child Development. Information regarding details of these courses may be obtained from Janice M. Smith, Head, Department of Home Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

JUNE 24-JULY 5 Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo, Michigan is planning to hold a two week workshop in family-life education. Mark and Dorothy Flapan will be directors and will be assisted by various resource people of the College and in the city of Kalamazoo. Write for course description.

JULY 1-12 Dr. Lester A. Kirkendall, Professor of Family Life, Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon announces a workshop on "Understand Masculine-Feminine Roles".

JULY 1-27 Yale University announced that its Summer School of Alcohol Studies will hold its 15th Annual session.

JULY 1-AUGUST 9 The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. announces an institute on marriage education and counseling. Training may be received in both theory and practice. Special features including private conferences with faculty members, moving pictures, field trips, lectures and demonstrations.

JULY 2-30 - The Vassar Summer Institute offers three principal areas of study: (1) Child Development - for parents; Marriage and Family Relationships; Family Guidance. (2) Studies of Learning, Growth and Educational Programs - for teachers and other professional workers. (3) The Community: Organizations and Participation; Intergroup Relations. For information, write Hans Froelicher, Jr., A. B., LL. B. Director of the Institute.

Leadership for Parents & Family Life Education for adults
JULY 8-20 The Iowa State College workshop will provide training for leading adult groups in child development, family life or parent education. More information may be obtained from Dr. Glenn R. Hawkes, Professor and Head, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

JULY 8- AUGUST 16 Columbia University, New York announces their summer session. Information may be obtained from the Summer Session Office at the University.

JULY 29-AUGUST 2 The Southeastern Regional Board, Church of the Brethren, Bridgewater, Va. announces the Home and Family Life Workshop. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. William F. Smith, Associate Secretary.

AUGUST 5-16 Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, Washington. Family Life Education. Dr. Lester A. Kirkendall.

AUGUST 5-17 The American Institute of Family Relations will have its Annual workshop in the techniques of counseling at the Institute, 5287 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 27, Calif.

WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND A NEW LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO SHOULD BE NCFR MEMBERS

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I recommend that invitations for membership in the National Council on Family Relations be extended to:

1. Name _____ Address _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Signed _____
Member

May we use your name when extending the invitation to the above people? Yes _____ No _____