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# NEWS LETTER

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

With this issue of the Newsletter, along with wishing you well in whatever you are doing to make family life more meaningful, either personally or professionally in the year ahead, we want to share with you a few of the highlights of our Annual Meeting of the NCFR at Purdue University, August 21-24. Deep appreciation goes to Dr. Ray Mangus, Ohio State University, who served as Program Chairman for the 1957 meeting. The theme was Family Competence and Family Living: Interprofessional Approaches. Never have we had a program so well planned to implement the theme and never have we had a program planning group which used so many of our own well-equipped members to bring us their thinking. We took great pride in this fact.

Dr. Evelyn Duvall dealt with Education, Dr. Aaron Rutledge with Counseling, and Wallace C. Fulton, our chairman of the section on Mass Media, spoke on Communication of Ideas Pertaining to Competence in Family Living. Only for the area of Economic Competence did we need outside help. Dr. Meno Lovenstein of Ohio State University brought us a most thought-provoking message.

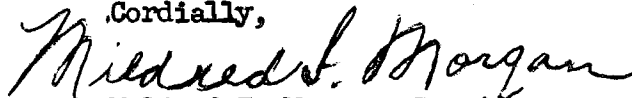
Perhaps it was the combination of theme, good program planning, both for the general sessions and the Section Meetings, as well as dedicated leadership throughout the Board and the Membership that made one sense at the Purdue Meeting a new enthusiasm and interest in the National Council on Family Relations. Several Section groups are planning work throughout the year, with a National committee to help re-think the place and function of Sections in NCFR. Other committees hard are work already are the Program Committee for the 1958 Annual Meeting to be held at the University of Oregon, Eugene, August 19-23; the Nominating Committee; the Membership Development Committee; and the Future Plans Committee.

Also, beginning this year is a new venture, long desired,--an Exchange Bulletin for High School Family Life Educators. This will be an added section of the Journal, with reprints sent to public high schools throughout the country. It is to be a real exchange, so if you have ideas or contributions, send them to Christine Beasley, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Editor.

You can see by this statement that we are not just an Annual Meeting and a Journal (MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING). Rather, we are a devoted group of people, representing many different professions and fields of interest, working together for better family living in America. We have unlimited potential--Let's realize it.

As your president for this year, may I urge you to write me, personally, giving me positive suggestions as to how better to do our job.

Cordially,



Mildred I. Morgan, President  
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS  
(Dept. of Home & Family Life, Florida  
State University, Tallahassee, Florida)

## OTHER NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT PURDUE

A policy was formulated making life, endowment life, and emeritus membership available. Information can be obtained from the National Office.

Dr. Beulah Gillaspie, president of the American Home Economics Association, reported on the AHEA's proposal for a research institute to further the well-being of the nation's families. The Board voted that NCFR give an expression of interest and cooperation in the movement. A liaison committee made up of Gerhard Neubeck, Christine Beasley, and Marvin Sussman, Chairman was appointed.

A committee consisting of Wallace Fulton, Jessie Bernard, Bert Glassberg, and Marvin Sussman was appointed to study the function of sections. There is a possibility of a new section on gerontology.

The Membership Development chairman reported the following interesting statistics: Total membership in 1945--592; Total membership in August 1956--1857; Total membership in August 1957--2594. In addition, in August 1957 there were 819 library subscriptions to MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING.

Harold Christensen, editor of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING is in Denmark on a Fulbright this year. Gerald Leslie, Sociology Department, Purdue, is acting editor.

The newly revised Constitution will be published in the Journal in February.

The program committee for the 1958 Conference consists of Henry Bowman, Chairman, Ivan Nye, Dorothy W. Gibson, Faye Goleman, Don Carter, James Peterson, Katherine Reed, Elba Crum, and Gerald Leslie.

The Future Plans Committee has the following members in the New York City area: Wallace Fulton, Chairman, Ernest Osborne, Mary Lois James, Gunnar Dybwad, and Clark Blackburn. The Across the Country "Reactors and Contributors of Ideas" members are Dorothy Dyer and Reuben Hill, U of Minnesota; Gerald Leslie, Purdue; Hazel Ingersoll, Stillwater State U, Oklahoma; Judson Landis, U of California, Berkeley; Aaron Rutledge, Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit; Rex Skidmore, U of Utah; and David Treat, Clara Elizabeth Fund, Flint, Michigan. Any of these people will welcome receiving your ideas.

#### REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SOME OF THE SECTION MEETINGS AT THE PURDUE CONFERENCE

The Parent Education Section worked in three groups. One led by Lloyd Lovell reviewed goals of parent education methods and the research evaluation of their effects. A definition of the leader's role and a comparison of leadership training programs were focused upon in sessions led by Nona Goodson and George Chamis. Helping parents understand their children by observing them and learning the meaning of their behavior was discussed in a group led by Katharine W. Taylor, Luella Rampe, and William Marshall. Tentative future plans include looking into current parent education research and comparing different action programs. Nona Goodson, Florida State U, is 1958 chairman. Lloyd Lovell, Iowa Child Welfare Research Station, is chairman-elect.

Myrtle Chamberlin

The Research Section held four highly attended sessions. One session specifically on the theme Family Competence devoted its time to a presentation by Nelson Foote, Joseph Zygmunt, and Oscar Eggers, formerly of the Family Study Center, U of Chicago, on their research and theory of interpersonal competence. Openly they analysed the successes and failures of their work. Sheldon Stryker and Irving Siegal were lucid discussants and suggested new directions for research in this important area.

Donald Longworth, Sociology Department, Bowling Green State U, Bowling Green, Ohio was elected 1958 chairman of the Research Section and F. Ivan Nye, State College of Washington, vice-chairman.

Anyone that has completed a research project or plans to complete a project by August 1958 is requested to send a brief description of the project to Donald Longworth. Preliminary program planning for the annual meeting in Eugene, Oregon must be completed by November 15, 1957.

Marvin Sussman

The discussants at the Religious Section meetings at Purdue were Rabbi and Mrs. Jerome Folkman, Temple Israel, Columbus, Ohio; and Dr. and Mrs. Linus Maino of the U of Detroit. The first meeting focused on the religious significance of the love-sex relationship in marriage and brought out the advisability of integrating human love, as between husband-wife or parent-child, with the love of God. The discussants were prac-

tical to the extent of recommending methods by which this integration of human and divine love might be made more real, especially to the child.

Friday's meeting was fruitful in its emphasis on couples being willing to pay the price of love, not only for the good of the children, but as a means of perfecting their own personalities. Religion with its stress on parents as baby-sitters for God is essential in helping parents rear, not just sons and daughters, but independent persons unfettered by the ties of possessive love.

John Knott

At the first meeting of the Marriage Counseling Section Dr. Herbert Silverman, head of the Psychology Department, VA Mental Hygiene Clinic, Detroit, presented a case illustrating "A Child Problem as Symptomatic of Personal and Marital Stress in the Mother." This was the case of a small boy with enuresis and other problems which had not been helped by counseling. After giving the intake and diagnostic information, Dr. Silverman sketched many possible approaches to this problem that might be taken by varying disciplines. Then he returned to the way he handled the case, choosing to focus upon the mother. After a few sessions she was unable to accept the interpretation that she needed more intensive help and dropped out. There was an active discussion of what might have been done with the case. The group was especially helped by Dr. Silverman's frank and non-defensive examination of his own feelings in this situation.

The second session focused upon Marriage Counseling and Preparation for Marriage. One of the films on marriage made by the U of Michigan, "When Trouble Comes," was shown to the group. Then William Smith, Jr. of Pennsylvania State U led a discussion of "Before Trouble Comes," with a focus upon preparation for marriage.

Gerhard Neubeck of the U of Minnesota was elected chairman and David Fulcomer of Iowa State U, co-chairman for the coming year.

An on-going project of section members was instituted. Information will be collected on professional problems in marriage counseling today; and on experimentation and innovations in marriage counseling, both by specialists and by people in some of the peripheral counseling areas. This information will be mimeographed and made available to those present at the Purdue meetings. Other interested persons may write Gerhard Neubeck, 101 Eddy Hall, U of Minnesota.

Aaron Rutledge and Gerhard Neubeck

At the first meeting of the Family Life Education in the Community Section, David Treat, Ben Ard, and Esther Prevey described the structure and function of several family life education programs. They pointed out that community programs were unique, in that they involve people of many disciplines. It is necessary to listen to people in terms of their needs. The organization and planning of such programs was discussed at the second meeting by Mildred Morgan, Martha Johnson, George Chamis, Esther Prevey, Ted Johannis, Rex Todd Withers, and Nona Goodson.

This section is interested in learning of on-going community-wide programs.

One of the highlights of this section's program was the breakfast address, "Parent Education", given by Dr. Muriel Brown, Parent Education Specialist, Children's Bureau.

The section also co-sponsored two programs with the Parent-Education group.

The new chairman is Marie Rousseau, Oregon.

Gertrude Hendricks

At the first section meeting on Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Schools, Dr. Irwin V. Sperry, Woman's College, U of North Carolina, presented "Some Problems in an Interprofessional Approach to Marriage and Family Living in the Schools." His address was followed by a discussion of "Using Resource People to Enrich the Program in High School" from the points of view of the teacher and of the resource person. Reuben D. Behlmar, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, listed some of the resource people used in a typical high school. Sora Barth Loeb, The Association for Family Living in Chicago, represented the resource person's point of view. She discussed "Why Resource People? When to use them? Who to Use? and How to use them?"

The speakers for the second section meeting were Alberta Wells and Martha Jane Henry. They presented a report of the Preventative Psychiatric Research Project at the State U of Iowa being carried out in schools in the vicinity of Iowa City under the direction of Ralph Ojemann.

The new chairman is Florence L.D. Heal.

Irma Unruh

Other sections holding meetings were those on Education in the Colleges for Marriage and Family Living; Mass Media; and Parent Cooperative Nursery Schools. The new chairmen for these sections are respectively Richard Kerckhoff; Wallace Fulton; and Dorothea Hinman and Margaret Maddox, co-chairmen.

#### 1958 ANNUAL MEETING

All roads lead to Eugene, Oregon for our 1958 annual meeting next August 20-23. As we all like to do a bit of dreaming and planning for summer vacations by the cozy fire-side in the winter months, why not drop a postcard today to Ted Johannis, 209 Commonwealth Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon and request some materials on "what to see" in Oregon next August before and after attending the NCFR meetings. If you like to camp mention that too and a special folder for campers will be coming your way as well.

#### NEWS FROM REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL COUNCILS

##### MINNESOTA--

The Minnesota Council will continue to hold a series of informal seminars on marriage counseling. Of interprofessional nature, these seminars have been attended by case workers, court social workers, psychologists, ministers and college teachers. Consensus of opinion: A growth experience.

Their booklet on resource materials for family life education is being revised.

##### NEW JERSEY--

The N.J. section of the Tri-State Council is holding a luncheon meeting October 30, with Dr. Eugene Link presiding. Charles F. Marden, PhD, and Gerald A. Tracey, Reconciliation Masters, N.J. Superior Court, are speaking on "The New Reconciliation Procedure in New Jersey."

##### SOUTHEASTERN COUNCIL--

The Southeastern Council held its 6th Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, October 20-22. The theme was "The Role of Mass Media in Family Life Education." The keynote address, "Portrait of the Family in Mass Media", was given by Dr. Ted Landsman, The Counseling Center, Vanderbilt University.

##### TEXAS--

The Annual Meeting of the Texas Council will be held on the campus of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton on February 28 and March 1, 1958.

##### MISSOURI--

The Missouri Council will meet at Stephens College, Columbia, April 12, 1958. The Rev. William Genne, Executive Director for the National Council of Churches, Department of Family Life, will be a featured speaker. The theme of the meeting will be "What is Education for Marriage and Family Life?"

##### GEORGIA--

Dr. Elizabeth Sheerer, Georgia chairman, sent news from the U of Georgia at Athens.

New staff members in the Department of Family Development, School of Home Economics, are: Anne Hudson Carpenter who is teaching in the Nursery School and serving as a teaching assistant in family relations; and Dr. Stanley Fowler who has joined the staff as an assistant professor of Family Development. Dr. Fowler is filling a new position added to take care of increasing enrollments in child and family development courses.

Drs. Stanley Fowler and Carlfred B. Broderick have been awarded a \$2000 grant by the U.S. Public Health Service to study the heterosexual interests and attitudes of pre-adolescent children. The study will use projective techniques along with questionnaire data and will be primarily descriptive and exploratory, although some hypotheses will be tested.

##### INDIANA--

The 1958 Annual Meeting of the Indiana Council will be held at Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, April 18-19. There will be one or two joint sessions with the Indiana Home Economics Association.

The president-elect is Reuben Behlmer, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis.

OHIO STATE--

The Ohio Council sponsored a workshop on "The High School Course, Pro and Con," October 18 at Ohio State U. Among the program participants were representatives of the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health, Ohio State U, school superintendents, and co-ordinators and teachers of on-going family life programs.

YOUNGSTOWN--

The 11th Annual Family Life Institute of the Youngstown Council will be November 15th. The theme will be "Your Family in a Changing Era." The guest speaker, Dr. Phillip Hauser, Department of Sociology, Chicago U, will discuss "Our Bulging Homes."

TRI-STATE--

The annual Tri-State Council meeting was at Hunter College, October 8th. The afternoon discussion session was on Family Life Programs in the USA, with Wallace Fulton, new Tri-State president, and Geoffrey W. Estey, MD, as leaders. Dr. Harold Feldman of Cornell U spoke at the dinner meeting on "The Family in Ceylon."

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL--

The Fayette County Council on Family Relations, Lexington, Kentucky was established last year. Their 1956-57 programs covered dating and courtship. This year they are dealing with the newly married group and with those with pre-school children.

NORTH CAROLINA--

The 10th Annual Family Life Conference of the N. C. Council was held at East Carolina College, Greenville, September 22-24. The theme was "Making Family Life Make Sense." Harry and Bonaro Overstreet were featured speakers.

Dr. Edwin Preston is the new president.

UTAH--

The Utah Council met July 26th in Salt Lake City. Dr. William Reeder of Cornell U was the featured speaker. Blaine Porter is the new Utah Council president.

IOWA--

The Iowa Council hopes to have an institute on professional counseling at the U of Iowa next spring.

The Council is working on the following: (1) A carefully annotated and highly selective film bibliography for use of lay people, lay organizations, and semi-professional organizations. (2) Resources for aid to Iowa families containing a list of professional people, agencies, and organizations available.

MONTANA--

Montana State College at Bozeman holds a family life conference each summer.

MICHIGAN--

The Michigan Council annual workshop was held at the Michigan Education Association Camp at St. Mary's Lake near Battle Creek, Michigan on October 18-19.

OKLAHOMA--

Dr. Edwin Fair addressed the Oklahoma Council's annual meeting on "Recent Advances in Mental Health."

MISSOURI--

Dr. David Mace spoke at meetings in both St. Louis and Kansas City in October.

KANSAS--

The annual meeting of the Kansas Family Life Association was held at Kansas State College, October 3-4. The theme was "Marriage and Family Counseling: Community Contributions." Dr. Reuben Hill was a featured speaker. The new president is Helen T. Clark, Wichita Public Schools.

SOUTH CAROLINA--

The South Carolina Council was organized on May 27, 1957 with the Rev. J. Obert Kempson as chairman. Dr. Edward Linzer, Director of Educational Services of the National Association for Mental Health, New York City, spoke on "A fresh look at materials and resources in education for family living."

At a second conference Dr. Ernest Osborne, Professor of Education, Department of Home and Family Living, Teachers College, Columbia U, addressed the group on the topic "A fresh look at needs in education for personal and family living."

OREGON--

The Oregon Coordinating Council on Social Hygiene announces the continuance of its journal, The Coordinator, in a new printed format; subscriptions are \$2.00 per volume.

Published quarterly in September, December, March and June. For a limited time, a sample copy will be mailed on request to the Editors, Theodore B. Johannis, Jr. and Curtis E. Avery, The Coordinator, 209 Commonwealth, U of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

#### NOTICES FOR REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL COUNCILS

A Board member is available to attend your meetings. Ask for one through the National Office!

Let us know of news from your Council for the next Newsletter!

Sample Journals, brochures, membership cards, and the NCFR folding display chart are available from the office for use at Council meetings. Please push National membership by using them.

#### OTHER NEWS

##### U. S. Fulbright Program--

David Wodlinger, Director, U. S. Fulbright Programs, calls attention to opportunities for foreign study and research in Adult Education existing under the Fulbright Scholarship program. Write the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York 21, New York.

##### Fellowship--

The Inter-University Training Institute in Social Gerontology of the University of Michigan announces 35 faculty fellowships for a summer training seminar in social gerontology to be held at the U of Connecticut, August 4-29, 1958. For information write Dr. Wilma Donahue, Director, Institute for Social Gerontology, 1501 Rockman Building, U of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

##### International Association of Legal Science--

Dr. Dean Johnson represented NCFR at the fall meeting of this Association.

##### Microfilm--

All issues of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING will shortly be available on microfilm from University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

#### AVAILABLE FROM NATIONAL OFFICE

Teachers' Kits are available at \$2.50, and binders holding 8 Journals at \$3.00.

#### LETTER FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Members of the NCFR:

I would like to give you an opportunity to help your National Council on Family Relations really grow during the coming year. How? By your obtaining one new member by the turn of the year, thus enabling us to double in size. The added resources both in terms of persons actively participating in our organization and in terms of income would help us better serve America's families.

We all know others who are interested in our work and who might well be one of us. Why not invite them to join? Better yet, why not send in their membership for them today? Let's help to keep up the good work begun by Mildred Morgan and her committee last year.

Cordially,

*Theodore B. Johannis, Jr.*

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Chairman

Membership Development Committee

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

I nominate the following for membership:

Name. . . . . Address. . . . .

Name. . . . . Address. . . . .

Name. . . . . Address. . . . .

You may use my name  Do not use my name

Member's signature. . . . .

CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS OFFICES

Please use this form for suggestions for the following offices of the NCFR.

President-Elect--(one-year term followed by term as President)

Secretary--(one-year term)

Five Directors-at-large--(each for a three-year term)

A double slate of nominees is to be presented by our committee with persons elected to take office at the time of the 1958 annual meeting.

May we suggest that you try especially to include names of people who have not previously held office in the Council but who have served actively in regional or state capacities or who have otherwise demonstrated a willingness and ability to work for the advancement of the family life field. It is most important that you give a statement of reasons as well as names. May we have your suggestions in the next 10 days?

Nominating Committee: Irving De Blanc  
Glenn R. Hawkes  
Mary Lois H. James  
Donald S. Longworth  
Donald Brieland, Chairman

<u>Name</u>	<u>Suggested for What Office?</u>	<u>Summary of Qualifications</u>
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Return to: Donald Brieland, Room 200, 155 E. Ohio, Chicago 11, Illinois  
(Use the back of this sheet too!)