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With this Newsletter we are very pleased to enclose a brochure of the preliminary program for the NCFR 1958 Annual Meeting. HENRY BOWMAN, Program Chairman, has put in long hours of planning so that it may be as complete as possible at this early date. TED JOHANNIS, Local Arrangements Chairman, has handled details of housing, meals, meeting rooms, etc. Plan to attend the Twentieth Anniversary Meeting at which NCFR will look at the past, the present, and the future developments in marriage and family living. This is doubly important at a time when there is an all-out emphasis on Science Education at the expense of Education for Family Living. Send your registrations soon to Ted Johannis.

DAVID TREAT, Director, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, Flint, Michigan, is printing and distributing the May Newsletter. We thank him sincerely for this big contribution to the Council.

The Executive Committee and as many board members as possible met in Washington, D.C., April 12-13, 1958, prior to attending the Groves Conference. At that time Gerald Leslie was appointed the new membership development chairman, Peg Hendricks the new nominating committee chairman, and Dave Treat the new budget committee chairman for 1958-9. MILDRED MORGAN, president of NCFR, has given much time and thought to the building of membership in different committees. She reported the following at the Washington meeting:

- a.) Future Plans Committee --With Wally Fulton as Chairman, we planned for the following people to serve as a "face to face" group in New York City: Clark Blackburn, Gunnar Dybwad, Ernest Osborne, Mary Lois James, Ellis White, and Gerald Leslie (he served on N.Y. group last year, and both N.Y. and reactors group this year). It was agreed that we would invite the following people to serve as "reactors" across the country, in order to get more nation-wide thinking on plans suggested: Dorothy Dyer, Reuben Hill, Hazel Ingersoll, Judson Landis, Gerald Leslie, Aaron Rutledge, Rex Skidmore, and David Treat.
- b.) Committee to Study Function of Sections in NCFR--At the Chicago meeting, Blaine Porter was asked to serve as chairman to carry forward this study on which Marvin Sussman and a committee did splendid work at the Purdue meeting. The following people agreed to serve on this committee: Bert Glassberg, Nona Goodson, Peg Hendricks, Dick Kerckhoff, Marvin Sussman, and Wallace Fulton, ex-officio.
- c.) NCFR Representatives for the 1960 White House Conference--Aaron Rutledge as Vice President, and Ruth Jewson as Executive Secretary, were appointed to serve in this capacity. They attended one of the Planning Committee meetings in Chicago in March.
- d.) Conferences and Meetings Inviting NCFR to Send Representatives--With the help of Ruth Jewson, appointments were made which covered most of these meetings. An example is Edward Pope's attending, on December 6, the meeting of the Council of Population and Housing Census Users. Everyone who has been appointed has been most gracious in writing a report.

Mildred Morgan and Ruth Jewson attended the Executive Committee meeting of Tri-State in New York, January 17th. Mildred will also attend the South Carolina State Council meeting June 6th at Columbia, S.C.; and the Oklahoma State Council meeting May 16th. In addition, she will speak at the dedication of the new Home

Economics Building at Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha.

HAROLD CHRISTENSEN, LESTER KIRKENDALL, and KATHARINE WHITESIDE TAYLOR will represent NCFR at the World Family Congress to be held by the International Union of Family Organizations in Paris, June 15-23.

REUBEN HILL, Chairman of the Burgess Award, urges that research proposals in the broad area of courtship, marriage and the family, be filed for the Ernest W. Burgess Award to be made at the Oregon Conference. For information refer to the announcement in the May Journal; or for a detailed outline, write the National office.

THE TEACHER EXCHANGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY LIFE EDUCATORS became a reality in February, 1958, when it made its appearance as an eight page section in MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING. Christine Beasley, University of Tennessee, is the editor. Associate editors are Elizabeth Force, Judson Landis, Charles Martin, and Rex Todd Withers. Reprints of the Teacher Exchange and a cover letter were sent to the 28,200 public, private, and parochial high schools in the United States; to some 750 teacher supervisors, heads of departments, and extension specialists in family life; and to over 200 editors of educational journals. Future copies will be sent upon request. We anticipate a mailing of around 4000 in May. Another blanket mailing probably will be made next February. This project is being subsidized by the American Social Hygiene Association. Sales of the Teacher's Kit the NCFR has available at \$2.50 have boomed since the Teacher Exchange was published.

WORKSHOPS, INSTITUTES, AND CONFERENCES

Since the March Newsletter was published, we have received the following additional notices:

Dr. Claude E. Arnett, Professor of Marriage and the Family, and Chairman, Division of Social Science, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, announces a Marriage and Family Workshop from June 2 - June 21, sponsored by the Department of Home Economics and the Social Science Division. The workshop is set up to assist teachers, ministers, social workers, parents, and others who are called upon to teach, advise, or counsel in matters pertaining to dating, courtship, marriage, and adjustment following marriage. The first and third weeks will be directed by Miss Kathryn Whitten, Head of the Department of Home Economics; Professor Roy Durham, Associate Professor of Sociology; and Dr. Claude E. Arnett. The second week, June 9-14, will be directed by Dr. Paul PoPONoe, Director of the American Institute of Family Relations; and Mr. Roy Dickerson, Executive Secretary of the Cincinnati Social Hygiene Society. Double sessions will be run during this week for the benefit of both students and the public at large. Both undergraduate and graduate credit, one to three hours, will be granted to students in Home Economics or Social Science, who successfully complete the required projects.

George T. Fitzelle writes that the Division of Child Development and Family Relationships, Department of Home Economics, University of California at Los Angeles will offer courses in Child Development, Family Relationships, and Family Economics during the six week summer session, June 23 - August 1.

A course for parents on "Parenthood in a Free Nation" will be given by the Family Life Education Department of the Seattle Public Schools from April 8 to May 27. The class will meet from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Seattle Public School's Administrative and Service Center, 815--4th Avenue.

A workshop in Family Education will be offered at Alabama State College during the 1958 summer session. Enrollment will be open to public school teachers; health workers; and volunteer leaders in educational, religious, and recreational organizations. For information write to Mrs. Catherine B. Gordon, Alabama State College, Montgomery.

The summer session of the Hartford School of Religious Education of the Hartford Seminary Foundation will be held June 16-28. For information write Daniel F. Kraft, Director of Summer Session, 55 Elizabeth Street, Hartford 5, Connecticut.

The Department of Human Development and Family Relationships at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, is sponsoring a three-day institute, July 8-10, with the theme, "Understanding Human Behavior". The Featured guests will be Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Overstreet.

Boston University Summer Term, in cooperation with the School of Education and the School of Theology announces a workshop in Family Life Education and Marriage Counseling, July 14-25, for teachers, counselors, ministers, young people, married couples, parents, and all others interested in guidance for marriage and family living. Each day there will be lecturers representing the fields of medicine, religion, sociology, psychiatry, marriage counseling, and others, followed by small group discussions. For information write Dr. John T. Greene, 236 Bay State Road, Boston 15, Massachusetts.

The Third National Conference on Family Life of the Methodist Church will be held in Chicago October 17-19, 1958.

The North Carolina Council of Churches held a workshop on the family in Durham in April.

REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL COUNCIL NEWS

NCFR board members are available to attend State and Regional meetings. This year JESSIE BERNARD attended the Ohio meeting; BERT GLASSBERG the Missouri meeting; REUBEN HILL the Kansas and Nebraska meetings; HENRY BOWMAN the Texas and Louisiana meetings (and he will attend the Utah meeting in July); DEAN JOHNSON the Michigan fall workshop; PEG HENDRICKS the Ohio Regional Conference; and WALLY FULTON the Michigan and Southeastern meetings.

Elaine Porter, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, Chairman of the Utah Council, reports that the Utah Council will have four meetings this year. Its winter quarter meeting was held February 15th on the campus of the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. Following a luncheon, an informal symposium discussed the question, "Should Family Relations and Preparation for Marriage be Required for High School Graduation?" The symposium members were Dr. E. Allen Bateman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Miss Winifred Hazen, Consultant of Family Life Education, State Department of Public Instruction.

The Minnesota Council has just finished revising their excellent annotated bibliography, RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION. This is available for 50¢. Chairman of the Minnesota Council is Gerhard Neubeck, Assistant Professor and Student Personnel Worker, Eddy Hall 101, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

The Rocky Mountain Council on Family Relations, together with the Colorado Bar Association, is attempting to put through a bill in the 1958 State Legislature designed to improve divorce procedures in the state. The principle objects of the bill are: 1) To do away with the present interlocutory decree and six-months waiting period before a final decree. 2) To provide for at least a three months (90-day) waiting period before a court hearing of any divorce case but to have the decree be a final one once the case has come for trial. 3) To provide for some kind of counseling service to be furnished by the courts and to be as mandatory as is possible within the constitutional rights of individuals. The council

attempted to put through such a bill at the last two legislatures and succeeded last year only to have a governor's veto. It is hoped that this year the objections of the governor have been met.

The Rocky Mountain Council, through its radio and television committee, is also putting on a series of fourteen television broadcasts promoting family life education. The technique is that of dramatic skits followed by comments from professional persons. It is hoped that this series of programs may be the forerunner of a more permanent program. The Chairman is Dr. W. Arthur Shirley, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

Henry Bowman, President-elect, NCFR, gave the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Texas Council February 28-29. His topic was "Competence and Family Living: Interprofessional Approaches". Saturday morning, Dr. Bernice Moore shared with the group some significant findings from the Texas Cooperative Youth Study and moderated a symposium on "Implications of the Study for the Home, the School, the Church, and the Community." Chairman of the Texas Council is Mrs. Onita Wilson Pierce, Area Supervisor, Home & Family Life Education, Texas Education Agency, Box 780, Denton, Texas.

The Michigan Council held its spring meeting April 25, 1958, at Eastern College, Ypsilanti. The theme was Mass Media in Family Life Education. The Chairman of the Michigan Council is Esther Middlewood, Chief, Mental Health Education, Department of Mental Health, Cass Building, Lansing 13, Michigan. Dean Johnson, Associate Director, Marriage Counseling Service and Training Program of the Menninger Foundation, was the principal speaker for the Fall workshop of the Michigan Council on Family Relations. What communities are doing, what they can do, in preparing youth for marriage was the general theme for the two-day meeting. Several high school young people conducted a panel session on their reactions to the kind of classes offered.

The Seattle Council on Family Relations holds bi-monthly breakfast discussion meetings regularly. One of their recent topics was "Fathers' Role in Our Culture." The Chairman is Mrs. A.H. Arenz, Seattle Public Schools, Administrative & Service Center, 815 Fourth Avenue North, Seattle 9, Washington.

The Pacific Northwest Family Relations Conference was held at the University of Washington March 27-29. Dr. Ashley Montague, the keynote speaker, addressed the group on "Value Determinants and Conflicts in Today's Family." The Chairman is The Rev. Troy Strong, First Methodist Church, 5th Avenue at Marion, Seattle, Washington.

The Oregon Co-ordinating Council will substitute the program of the NCFR Annual Conference for its usual spring conclave.

The Illinois Council on Family Relations held a conference on "The Adolescent and the Family", March 14-15 at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Features of the program were:

"The Adolescent: Inner Controls in an Outer Directed Society"--Dr. Jordan Scher, Department of Psychiatry, Northwestern University. Comment by Dr. O. W. Mowrer, University of Illinois.

"Insights into Adolescent Sex Behavior"--Dr. Lester Kirkendall, Professor of Family Life, Oregon State College, Oregon.

"High School Marriages in Illinois and School Policies Regarding them"--A survey and interpretation by Miss Grace Beeling and Dr. Ruth Cavan of Rockford College.

"The Future of Family Life Education in Illinois High Schools--in the light of current emphases on science and math and college entrance pressures."

Report and proposals by Ruth Osborne, Hinsdale High School, Hinsdale, Illinois.

"Helping Young People and Their Parents Develop Authenticity and Depth Relationship: A Report of A Church Program"--The Reverend Clinton Ritchie,

Glenview Community Church, Glenview, Illinois.

Chairman of the Illinois Council is Professor Ross Snyder, Chicago Theological Seminary, 5757 South University Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

The Georgia Conference on Family Life is preparing for a conference in the spring of 1959 on family life education at the community level. Plans were laid at a one-day workshop April 11, 1958, for the executive and steering committees. Chairman is Dr. Elizabeth Sheerer, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

The New England Council held a conference at Boston University April 25-26. The Friday night speaker, Professor Albert Morris, Chairman, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Boston University, had as his topic The Family, Delinquent? On Saturday morning Dr. Joseph K. Folsom, Professor of Sociology at Vassar, spoke on The Family's Responsibility in Juvenile Delinquency. This was followed by a panel on Counseling the Alcoholic and the Family. At the Saturday afternoon meeting Dr. Novell Peterson, Gordon College, spoke on Can Problems of Marriage Be Adjusted Through Group Therapy? Lester Dearborn, retiring president, announces that John Greene, Boston University, will take over the presidency of the New England Council this month.

The Indiana Council on Family Relations was a participant in the Family Life Clinic sponsored by the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 21 and 22. ICFR used the National Council's display and made a major effort to acquire memberships for NCFR and for ICFR at this clinic. ICFR also held its 1958 Annual Conference in Terre Haute, Indiana, on April 18 and 19 in conjunction with the meeting of the Indiana Home Economics Association. The theme was "Strengthening Family Life Education in Indiana." An attempt was made to secure members for both ICFR and NCFR from among the ranks of Indiana's Home Economists. Chairman is Dr. Gerald R. Leslie, Professor, Department of Sociology, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

The Missouri Council on Family Relations held its annual meeting on April 12 at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. William H. Genne, Executive Director, Department of Family Life, National Council of Churches, spoke on the need for preparation for marriage. A panel in the afternoon made up of Dr. Jacob S. Roden, Head of the Department of Obstetrics, University of Missouri Medical School; Mr. Anthony DeMarinis, Executive Director, Family and Children Service, St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Sylvia Lee Conklin, Education Chairman, Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas City, Missouri; and The Reverend Charles A. McEwen, Executive Secretary, Board of Education, Southwest Missouri Conference of the Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, discussed "What is Modern Preparation for Marriage and Family Life?" Dr. Bert Glassberg, St. Louis, Missouri, is Chairman of the Program Committee.

Tri-State announced that upstate New York held a workshop at Syracuse University February 14-15 for teachers of college courses on family relationships and child development. Free discussion on factors related to such teaching was led by Dr. Harold Feldman of Cornell and Dr. Elizabeth Manwell of Syracuse. Their spring meeting will be held Saturday, May 17th, at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. Tri-State Chairman is Wallace Fulton, Public Health Associate, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York, New York.

The Ohio Council on Family Relations held its annual spring conference at the College of Wooster March 8, 1958. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jessie Bernard. Her subject was "The Honeymoon". She reported on research findings as they apply to the need for increased education for marriage, and also proposed an action program for the prevention of much of the instability surrounding today's marriage. There were sectional meetings throughout the day led by outstanding people in Ohio. Chairman of the Ohio Council is Mrs. Oscar W. Hendricks, Coordinator, Family Life

Education, and Executive Secretary, Family Life Council, Board of Education,
20 West Wood Street, Youngstown 3, Ohio.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council was held in Nashville, Tennessee, in October, with representatives from 9 states present. The keynote address, "Portrait of the Family in Mass Media" was delivered by Dr. Ted Landsman of the Counseling Service of Vanderbilt University. This was followed by a panel, "How Can Mass Media Strengthen Family Living", chaired by Elizabeth Carmichael. During the remaining two days, addresses were given by William F. Moynihan on "Ratings and Standards in Commercial Television": Mrs. Margaret Dawson on "Television's Effect on the Home"; Mr. Roger Woodburn; Miss Leah James; and Mr. Wallace Fulton.

Please send the names of new Council officers to the NCFR office, so that we may keep our records up-to-date.

NCFR display materials are available upon request from the office.

OTHER MEETINGS

The topic for the Pennsylvania Welfare Forum's 48th Annual meeting in March was "The Changing Family Scene--A Challenge to Community Services". Several NCFR members, among them William M. Smith, Jr., Muriel Brown, Judge Paul Alexander, and Clark Blackburn were on the program.

The 85th Annual Forum of the National Conference on Social Welfare will be held in Chicago May 11-16. Copies of MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING will be exhibited.