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NCFR ANNUAL MEETING. With this Newsletter you will find enclosed a copy of the preliminary program for the 1959 Annual Meeting at Ames. Reservations may be sent to Dr. William Kenkel, Local Arrangements Chairman, Dept. of Economics and Sociology, Iowa State College, Ames. Attendance is open to all.

A NEW NCFR COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LAW. Henry Bowman announces the appointment of Thomas P. Monahan, Municipal Court of Philadelphia, as chairman of a new Family Law Committee for NCFR. Dr. Monahan will appreciate having all interested persons communicate with him about matters which should be the concern of this committee.

AWARD FOR NCFR PRESIDENT. The American Social Hygiene Association presented Dr. Henry Bowman, president of NCFR, with an Honorary Life Membership in their organization on Jan. 12th in Austin, Texas in recognition of his work in the family life field. Dr. N. Norman Orgel, ASHA Board member, gave the award at a dinner meeting co-honoring Dr. Bowman and members of the 1959 Seminar on Marriage and Family Counseling for Chaplains of the U.S. Air Force.

TEACHER EXCHANGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY LIFE EDUCATORS. With the cooperation of the ASHA, the Teacher Exchange has been appearing as a section in the Journal since February, 1958. For a year it was distributed in reprint form as a free service to high school family life teachers. It is now being transferred to a subscription basis, at \$1.00 a year. NCFR members are urged to do all that they can to publicize the Exchange and to encourage its use. Sample copies will be sent upon request. The Editor of the Exchange is Dr. William M. Smith, Jr. of Penn State. He will be happy to receive articles for possible publication.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING. The First White House Conference on Aging is to be called by the President in January, 1961. National organizations such as the NCFR are being offered the opportunity to take part.

THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY AT THE UNIV. OF MICH. announces publication of a series of five syllabi in Social Gerontology, edited by Dr. Irving L. Webber, Univ. of Florida. Each syllabus consists of a course outline and annotated bibliography of scientific literature in the field of aging designed for the use of college and university faculty interested in or preparing to offer courses in social gerontology. The syllabi and their authors are: 1.) "The Economics of an Aging Population", by Walter H. Franke and Richard C. Wilcock, Univ. of Ill.; 2.) "The Psychological Aspects of Aging", by Raymond G. Kahlen, Syracuse Univ. and Woodrow W. Morris, State Univ. of Iowa; 3.) "The Sociology of Aging and the Aged", by Irving L. Webber, Univ. of Florida and Gordon F. Streib, Cornell Univ.; 4.) "Social Welfare and the Aged", by Gordon J. Aldridge, Mich. State Univ. and Fedele S. Fauri, Univ. of Mich.; 5.) "An Interdisciplinary Course in Social Gerontology", by Bernice Neugarten and Robert J. Havighurst, Univ. of Chicago, and Claire F. Ruder, M.D., U.S. Public Health Service. Single copies are available at 15¢ each, or 50¢ for the set, from the Institute, at 1510 Rackham Building, Ann Arbor.

PLEASE SEND THE NAMES of new Regional, State, and Local officers to the NCFR office, so that we may keep our record up-to-date. We also appreciate receiving news of Council activities.

THE SOUTHEASTERN COUNCIL is conducting a regional study of the effect of membership in clubs on educational and vocational aspirations of young people and of their parents for them. Dr. Irwin V. Sperry will lead the program in N.C., and is also regional chairman of the project. Other participants are Dr. Stanley E. Fowler in Georgia, Dr. Harold D. Holloway in Tenn.; and Dr. Helen R. Marshall in Ky. In addition, many Southeastern Council members are carrying on independent family life research.

The new officers for the Southeastern Council are: President, Dr. Irwin Sperry, The Women's College, Greensboro, N.C.; First Vice-Pres., The Rev. J.O. Kempson, Columbia, S.C.; Second Vice-Pres., Dr. Bessie V. McNeil, East Carolina College; Sec., Dr. Stanley E. Fowler, Univ. of Georgia; Treas., Dr. Robert Sanders, Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Next fall the Council will meet with the South Carolina Council Oct. 25,26,27, 1959.

THE TRI-STATE COUNCIL held its annual spring meeting at the Stamford, Conn. Museum and Nature Center May 16th. Dr. Abraham Knepler led a symposium on "What's Happening in Pastoral Counseling and Family Life Education?" Participants were Dr. Eleanor Hamilton, Hannah B. Weiner, the Rev. John B. Conley, and the Rev. Jervis Zimmerman. LaFoy Richman, ASHA Associate Executive Director, spoke on "Sex and Adolescence: A Progress Report on Current Research". Council President is Wallace Fulton, Bureau of Public Health, Equitable Life Assurance Soc., N.Y.

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST COUNCIL held its annual conference Mar. 19-21 at Montana State Univ. The theme of the meeting was "The Family and Mental Health". Dr. Reuben Hill, Director, Minn. Family Study Center, gave two addresses: "New Child Rearing Ideas and Practices, What are their Consequences?" and "What's Happening to Father? Changing Father Roles". Section meetings were held on Teaching Family Relations in the Schools, Children and Youth in the Community, Counseling and Guidance of Family Members, the Family and the World of Work, Family Life Education Through Pre-School Groups, the Health Professions and the Family, and Research on the Family and Mental Health.

The president of the Council is Bruce Brown, Montana State University.

THE ILLINOIS COUNCIL held its annual meeting at the Univ. of Chicago Mar. 13-14. The theme was "With What Image of Marriage and Family Do Each of Us Operate?" Ross Snyder spoke on "Critical Issues in the Image of Marriage"; George Gerbner on "Images of the Family in Popular Culture"; Helen Sholtis on "Marriage Counseling and the Image of Marriage With Which We Seem to be Working"; Jordan Scher on "An Existential Concept of the Family Unit"; Bernice Neugarten on "Image of Marriage Roles and Fulfillment in the Later Years of Life" and Russell Becker on "Becoming Married; Denial and Affirmation as Revealed in the Couple's Communication Patterns". In addition there were forums on "Ethical values of high-schoolers; validation, void, or vacillation? What is the role of the adult?" and on "What idea and value system concerning marriage and family life shall we teach?"

The new officers of the Council are: President, Dr. Madrigale McKeever, Bloomington; First Vice-Pres., Dr. John Kinneman, Ill.State Normal Univ.; Second Vice-Pres., Dr. Catherine Rockwood, Northern Ill. Univ.; Sec.-Treas., Dr. Clark H. Bowman, Ill. Wesleyan Univ.

THE OKLAHOMA COUNCIL held its 11th annual conference at the Univ. of Tulsa April 10th, with 250 educators, ministers, and welfare workers present. The theme was "Approaches to Mental Health Within the Family". Dr. Konstantin Geocaris, Director, Hillcrest Psychiatric Clinic, Tulsa, gave an address on "Factors Affecting Marriage and Family Life". Dr. Sandor B. Kovacs, Univ. of Tulsa, was the moderator of a panel on "Sharing of Responsibilities for Maintaining Stability in Family Life".

The new officers of the Okla. Council are: President, Dr. Elizabeth Starkweather, Oklahoma State Univ.; Pres.Elect, Dr. Edwin Fair, Kay Guidance Clinic, Ponca City; 1st Vice-Pres., the Rev. Robert Raymond, First Presbyterian Church, Okla. City; Sec.-Treas., Teresa M. Knight, State Health Dept., Oklahoma City.

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL had Dr. Frank Barron, from the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, as speaker at its Nov, 1958 mtg. He reported on "The Characteristics of Creative Individuals". This was a summary of findings of a study at the Institute of Personality Assessment and Research at the Univ. of Calif., Berkeley. The substance of the study can be found in the Sept., 1958 issue of "Scientific American". In March, their spring conference, held at the Univ. of Calif., had as its theme "How Can Communities Help Teenagers?" Participants were: Dr. Portia Bell, Hume, Calif. Dept. of Mental Hygiene; Dr. Bruce Jessup, Stanford Univ.; Carl Mays, American Friends Service Committee; and Dr. Arthur Roth, Kaiser Medical Foundation.

President of the Northern California Council is Curt Demele, Palo Alto Senior High School.

THE GEORGIA COUNCIL held its biennial meeting April 2-4 at the Univ. of Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, as part of the Conference on Community Education. Featured speakers were David B. Treat, Director of the Clara Elizabeth Fund of Flint, Mich.; Wallace Fulton, Public Health Associate, Equitable; and Phillip Klein, President of Adult Education Association of America and of Harcum Junior College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

President of the Council is Dr. Elizabeth Sheerer, Univ. of Georgia, Athens.

THE OHIO COUNCIL held its annual spring meeting March 7th at Ohio Wesleyan Univ. The theme was "Looking at Ourselves; a Critical Evaluation of the Family Life Movement". Dr. William M. Smith, Jr. of Penn State was guest speaker on the subject "The Family Life Movement; Perspective and Prospects". Sectional meetings were held by the college, high school, research, community, and church groups. President of the Ohio Council is Dr. Donald Longworth, Bowling Green University.

THE IOWA COUNCIL planned a marriage counseling workshop for the latter part of April, with outstanding representatives of medical, religious, and legal points of view, regarding the problems of marriage adjustment at the community level as viewed by their respective professional concerns. They are preparing an annotated bibliography of selected films concerning family life. Dr. Lloyd Lovell, Univ. of Iowa, is president of the Council.

THE UTAH COUNCIL held a meeting in November, with a panel discussion on the topic of education for family living at different stages in the family life cycle as the program. Dr. Don C. Carter, College of Family Life, Utah State Univ., is president of the Council.

THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL is planning, with the co-sponsorship of other organizations, a series of workshops on methods of marital counseling. The first, to be held in the fall of 1959, is designed for professional persons on an inter-disciplinary basis, including social workers, sociologists, clergy, attorneys, psychologists, and others. Subsequent workshops in the spring and summer of 1960 are designed for non-professional social welfare personnel in the state. It is hoped that as a result of these meetings a long term project for additional meetings of this same sort can be instituted. The meetings will be held through the facilities of the Continuation Center of the University of Minn. National leaders in the field of marriage counseling will participate. President of the Council is Dr. Francis Gamelin, Robbinsdale Schools.

THE NEBRASKA COUNCIL held its annual spring meeting Mar. 13th at the Univ. of Nebraska. Dr. Lemo Rockwood spoke on "Attitudes of the Farmer and His Family". Officers of the Council are; Chairman, Dr. J. Joel Moss; Vice-chairman, Dr. Walter Juergensen; Secretary, Mrs. C.K. Ross; and Treasurer, Mrs. Leota Traver.

THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL met May 1st at Flint. Dr. Ernest G. Osborne, Teachers College, Columbia, addressed the luncheon meeting on "Achieving Mental Health in the Community". The morning program featured a panel discussion on unusual family services offered in Flint. Included were explanations about the reproductive education classes of the Clara Elizabeth Fund; group therapy at the Flint Child Guidance Clinic; and the role of the community school director in improving family mental health. During the afternoon there were group discussions of the family life cycle. President of the Council is Dr. Alvin Loving of Flint College.

THE INDIANA COUNCIL had its annual conference at Valparaiso Univ. May 1-2. The conference theme was "Uniting for Family Life". The principal speaker at the Friday night banquet was John Vaghinger, Garrett Biblical Institute. Saturday morning Edward Dager reported on his high school study mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter. Then a panel of people from the areas of church, school, court, probation, and medicine discussed the topic "What the Professions Can Do to Strengthen Family Life". President of the Council is Reuben D. Behlmer, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis.

THE KANSAS COUNCIL will hold its 10th annual conference on family life at Hutchinson Oct. 8-9. The Kansas Newsletter reports that the Division of Vital Statistics, Kansas State Board of Health, has made a tentative decision to include items on occupation and religion on state marriage and divorce records, and is also studying the possibility of including an item on educational status. Successful panels on adult-teenager relationship problems have been planned and moderated by Mrs. Vivian Briggs, Extension Specialist in Family Life, in several Kansas counties. President of the Council is Mrs. Coral Aldous, Kansas State College.

THE MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL had its 5th annual meeting Nov. 6-7, 1958 at Jackson. The general theme was "Family Relations - a Teamwork Job". Wallace Fulton gave the opening address, entitled "Social Change, Social Relations in Today's Family". A psychiatrist, a minister, a social worker, and a teacher discussed "Snags and Snarls in Family Life Teamwork", with Mrs. Vera Barnett, Mississippi Southern College, as moderator. Judge William Neville of Meridian spoke on "The Court and Family Relations". Officers of the Council are: President, Dr. Bertha Fritzsche, Mississippi Southern College; Pres.-elect, Dr. N.W. Carpenter; Vice-presidents, Dr. William P. Carter and Mary W. Mahon; and Sec.-Treas., Allene McCormick.

THE TEXAS COUNCIL held its annual conference on Feb. 20-21, at North Texas State College, with the theme "Today's Family in 1979". Dr. William B. Rogers gave the keynote address on this topic. Other features of the program were an address on "Marriage and Family Research" by Elmer Knowles; and a symposium on "Today's Family in 1979 as Seen by Others". The Council plans to release four bulletins during the year: "Home and Family Life in the Public Schools", edited by Mrs. Mary Ann Duke; "Family Life and Law", edited by Reba Bucklew; "Family Life and Religion", edited by the Rev. Jack Ellzey and Sister Frances Jerome; and "Home and Family Life in College", edited by Dr. Onah Jacks. Mrs. F.E. McGahon, Director of Special Services, Galena Park Schools, is chairman of communications and publications. Officers of the Council are: President, Dr. Kenneth Evans, East Texas State Teachers College; 1st Vice-pres., Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, Mary Hardin-Baylor College; 2nd Vice-pres., Dr. Elmer Knowles, Texas Tech. College; Recording Sec.-Treas., Dr. Wathena Temple, East Texas State Teachers College; and Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Elsie Short, Texas Agric. Extension Serv.

THE LEXINGTON AND PAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL sponsored a series of three lectures on "Getting Along With Your Teenager" in Feb. and Mar. Dr. J.W. Gladden spoke on "Teenagers Need Parents, But For What and When"; Dr. Richard E. Lentz spoke on "Parents Have Problems or Teenagers Grow Up"; and Dr. Richard Kerckhoff spoke on "The Fine Art of Letting Go". In the fall the Council sponsored a series of four meetings entitled "Teen-Agers-Preparation for Adult Life". Speakers included Gerald Leslie, Edward Dager, James Gladden, and LeRoy Ulrich. Dr. J.W. Gladden, University of Kentucky, is chairman of the council.

THE SEATTLE COUNCIL meets the first Monday of every month for the purpose of inter-disciplinary sharing of ideas and information, and self-improvement. Teachers, doctors, social workers, a police woman, a Girl Scout executive, family agency workers, psychiatrists, lay parents, family life educators (adult and college level) and others compose the group. The February meeting featured authoress Madeline Gray discussing her recent book, "The Changing Years". Aino Campbell is corresponding secretary of the Seattle Council.

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, INSTITUTES, TOURS, CONFERENCES

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK. Workshop on Family Relations, June 29-July 17. 3 hrs. credit. Taught by Dr. William F. Knoff, Dr. William P. Mangin, Dr. Elizabeth M. Maxwell. Workshop on Education in Family Finance, June 29-Aug. 7. 6 hrs. graduate credit. Faculty of 9. For brochures giving eligibility, objectives of workshops, topics for discussion, possible scholarships, etc. write the Syracuse Univ. Division of Summer Sessions, 805 S. Crouse Ave., Syracuse 10, New York.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. 12th Annual Conference on Aging, June 22-24, Mich. Union, Ann Arbor. Theme: "Designs For Retirement". 5 conferences offered, on Retirement Financing, Retirement Health, Retirement Housing, Preparation for Retirement, Uses of Retirement. Write Dr. Wilma Donahue, Chairman, Division of Gerontology, 1510 Rackham Building, Ann Arbor.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING. A three day workshop for individuals who may have local, state, and national leadership responsibility for activities leading up to the White House Conference. June 24-26 at the Univ. of Mich. immediately following conference on aging. Conducted by the Special Staff on Aging, U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, in cooperation with departments and agencies of the Federal government and other agencies. For registration, write to the Special Staff on Aging, U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D.C.

THE MERRILL-PALMER SCHOOL. Workshop in Family Life Education, July 13-24. 2 semester hours credit. Staff, Drs. John W. Hudson, Richard K. Kerckhoff. Intended to give high school family life teachers an intensive survey of current thoughts and developments in the field. Workshop in the Individual Student Conference in Family Life Education, July 27-31. 1 semester hour credit. Taught by Dr. John W. Hudson. For either the beginning or experienced teacher of personally oriented courses. Will concentrate on aspects of individual student guidance around personal problems.

Merrill-Palmer offers a graduate training program in Family Life. Education grants and fellowships are available for qualified persons. One of the special features available to students in the Family Life program at the Merrill-Palmer School is the opportunity to have experience in counseling with individual and family members around normal developmental problems. All inquiries should be addressed to Dr. John W. Hudson, 71 Ferry East, Detroit 2.

ONE-MONTH STUDY TOUR OF FAMILY LIFE AND EDUCATION IN SCANDINAVIA AND RUSSIA, Sat., June 20 to Wed., July 23, arranged by Horizons Unlimited Conference Tours. Leader: Dr. Katharine Whiteside Taylor, Educator and Family Life Specialist. Provides in each country interviews and discussions with experts, visits to schools, social agencies, public offices, private families. All basic travel by air, lodging, portorage, transfers, tips: \$1,400. For further information or registration write: Horizons, AISF, 483 State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. A family conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 16-19. Dr. Sylvanus Duvall will address the Thursday evening session on "What's Happening to our Families Today?" The program speaker on Friday and Saturday will be Dr. Evelyn Duvall. There will also be several Work Group Meetings. Write the Rev. Leon Smith, 414 Wesley Memorial Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

EASTERN WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Cheney, Washington. Family Life Workshop, June 15-26; 7 wks. course in Marriage and the Family and in Child Development. Both taught by Ruth Osborne

INTERNATIONAL UNION ON FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS. International Conference in Vienna, Sept. 7-10. Theme: "The Offsetting of Family Burdens as a Point of Social Welfare Policy." We would appreciate it if any NCFR members planning to attend would notify the National office.

THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CHILD BUREAU, Lisbon, June 8-14, 1959. Theme: "The Child and His Vocational Future".

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN, INC. Annual convention October 21-24, 1959 in Cincinnati, with general sessions, workshops, and exhibits on all phases of mental retardation. Registration is open, and the NARC invites members of professions who are interested in the welfare of the mentally retarded to attend. Write NARC Convention, 99 University Place, New York 3, New York.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY RELATIONS. Training course for Teaching Childbirth Education, June 22-26, from 9-5 daily, covering a full 40 hours of concentrated work. Taught by Dr. Mary Jane Hungerford, Ass't Director of Education and Supervisor of the Childbirth Training Program. Write American Institute of Family Relations, 5287 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 27.

THE RELIGIOUS COUNSELING CENTER. Workshop on "The Challenge of Living in the Extended Family", at Hobby Crest, Hamlin Lake, Ludington, Michigan, August 22-29. Write the Rev. H. W. Yoder, 8930 Northland Drive, Rockford, Michigan.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

THE REVEREND JOHN CHARLES WYNN of Philadelphia has recently been appointed to the Chair of Christian Education at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N. Y. For the past nine years he has directed the family life program of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

EZRA VOGEL writes from Tokyo that the Tokyo Metropolitan Marriage Guidance Center celebrated its 25th anniversary February 23. The Center provides free consultation services, as well as various educational programs. It was founded by Mrs. Takako Tanaka, a former student of Prof. Ernest Burgess, and she continues to direct its busy program. In addition, the wards of Tokyo also have public Marriage Consultation Centers, and the 25th anniversary of the Metropolitan Center coincides with the 5th anniversary of the federation of Ward Marriage Consultation Centers.

J. JOEL MOSS, associate professor of Home Economics at the Univ. of Nebraska, is conducting a 15-week TV series entitled "Your Marriage". While putting major emphasis on the marriage relationship, the series also deals with parent-child and family-community relationships. His class watches the series in the classroom. Following the show, Dr. Moss returns to the classroom to lead a discussion on the subject matter featured in the program. Filming the program to make it available to commercial TV stations in Nebraska is under discussion.

THE REVEREND W. A. TYSON, minister at the Parkway Heights Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss. writes that he had been a minister for 44 years. This has involved a great deal of pre-marriage and marriage counseling. Dr. Tyson is a charter member of NCFR.

DR. FLOYD M. MARTINSON, Professor and Head of the Dept. of Sociology and Social Work, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota is offering a 2-credit course on Marriage and the Family as a part of the Minnesota Private College Hour, over the Twin City educational Television channel, KTCN-TV, Channel 2. Dr. Martinson spent last year at Tulane Univ., studying in the area of values and contemporary sociological theory with Professor William L. Kolb.

DR. EDWARD Z. DAGER, Purdue University, is in the process of completing a study of family life education in the high schools of Indiana. The first phase of the study, a mailed questionnaire to all principals in Indiana high schools, resulted in a phenomenal 96% return. The second phase, underway, involves a mail questionnaire designed to ascertain the nature and content of course offerings and needs of all Indiana high school teachers who are teaching family life. The third phase will consist of an experimental workshop on family life education involving 30 specially selected high school teachers. Marjorie Cosgrove of Highland Park will conduct the workshop.

DR. DEAN JOHNSON, Menninger Foundation, spent January in San Juan at the invitation of the Puerto Rican government. He conducted a workshop for social workers and marriage counselors.

JAMES R. HINE, McKinley Foundation, Presbyterian Student Center at the University of Illinois, is teaching a new course on "Christian Marriage and Family Life", under the program of the University of Illinois.

DR. E. THEODORE BAUER, sociology professor at Morningside College in Iowa. is conducting a college credit television course on marriage in his state.

DR. CLARK CASE, Senior Psychiatrist and Consultant, DR. ROBERT G. FOSTER, Director of the Marriage Counseling Service and Training Program, and six men in advanced training in marriage counseling, all from the Menninger Foundation, had a two-week field-study tour visiting clinical and educational centers between Topeka and New York. Time was spent with the Association for Family Living, Chicago; with Dr. Carl Rogers, Madison, Wisconsin; with Mr. David B. Treat, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, Flint, Michigan; at the Catholic Social Services and the J. L. Hudson Co., Detroit; at the Domestic Relations Court, Washington; at the Marriage Council of Philadelphia; and at several New York agencies.

DR. THEODORE BOVET of Basel, Switzerland has founded an Institute for Marriage and Family Relations. He is collecting bibliographies, documents, pictures, and addresses from all over the world on the science of marriage and the family. The Institute gives service to marriage counselors, ministers, and doctors; exchanges information with similar institutes in foreign countries; and calls small interdenominational conferences on marriage and family life.