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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The 1959 Annual Meeting of the NCFR has come and gone. As program chairman, I would like to express appreciation to the program committee who worked so arduously to give us what many have described as an outstanding program. Particularly am I grateful to the section chairmen and their program participants for seeing that every meeting directly complemented the general theme of the Conference: "Growing Individual Values Within the Family".

Several "actions" were taken at the Board meeting prior to the Ames Conference about which I want to comment. Plans were completed for publishing a book of readings based primarily upon articles from our own journal, Marriage and Family Living, probably in late 1960 or early 1961.

The Future Plans committee presented a proposition, accepted by the board, setting into operation a major research project for which we are now seeking funds. This project will make a detailed study of the many contributions being made to the field of family life today. It will reveal neglected areas and bring about a re-focusing that might sharpen NCFR's contributions to the field, as well as guiding many other organizations and individuals in their programs. You will be hearing more about this plan as it gets underway.

For more than a year we have had liaison with the International Union of Family Organizations, discussing the possibility of a joint meeting with them in 1960. David Mace, who has represented us in Europe in discussing these plans, was present at the Ames Board meeting when plans were formulated. This will be the first time that the IUFO has met outside of Europe.

The approved plan is as follows: The meeting will be held August 23-26, at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, beginning with a reception for international visitors on Tuesday night, and closing with a plenary session on Friday evening.

There are eleven member organizations of the IUFO in the U.S., of which the NCFR is one. Therefore, the meeting is set up as follows: It will be an annual meeting of the IUFO in conjunction with the annual meeting of the NCFR, sponsored by these eleven member organizations.

This is a major undertaking, and will tax our resources, but it should be one of the most stimulating things to have happened to the NCFR, and should serve well in focusing the eyes of the world upon the needs of the family. We are hoping also that it will be a stimulus to integrating, at least on the conferring level, the many movements in the interest of the family in America. Putting on an international conference is going to be a new experience for many of us Americans. To find a program that will split the difference between the relaxed, gracious living, take your time and get to know each other approach of the European conferences and the compressed, tightly scheduled, sometimes forgetting the social amenities approach of American professional conferences is going to be a challenge in itself. The multi-lingual needs, too, should add some interesting side lights for many Americans.

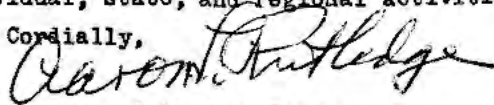
Your president has been appointed Chairman of the planning committee for this international meeting, and will need all of the help you can give. There will be sub-committees in charge of local arrangements, financing, interpretation and translation into four languages, coordination of sponsoring organizations, enlisting the enrollment and participation of representatives of many nations, post-conference professional contacts for international delegates, etc., as well as a program committee. These committees are already hard at work.

Financing such a meeting is a major undertaking. Each of the sponsoring member organizations of the IUFO is asking those of its members who can do so to make a special contribution for this cause immediately. There must be many NCFR members who could contribute five or ten dollars or more to see this undertaking to a fitting climax. In the initial stages we are planning with a shoe-string budget in mind, but it would be much more meaningful to do it on a more comfortable scale. You may send your contributions immediately to Mrs. V. W. Jewson, 1219 University Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota, earmarking them for the IUFO meeting.

We will keep you informed as plans for the IUFO conference materialize, and as other plans for carrying out the program for NCFR are made.

Will you keep us informed of your individual, state, and regional activities and needs?

Cordially,


Aaron L. Rutledge, President

C.B.S. SERIES ON "WOMAN". We would like to call your attention to an irregularly scheduled series of public service programs being produced by the C.B.S. television network. This series, produced by James Fleming, is aimed at the millions of women who view TV in the afternoons. Thus-far, programs have focused on "Do They Marry Too Young?" and "Are Women Losing Their Femininity?" Our own president, Aaron L. Rutledge, has been serving as a consultant, and is a participant in the next program, "The Marriage That Failed", tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 9th, from 11 A.M. till 12 noon, E.S.T. The final program in the 1959 series will be "You Can't Raise Children by the Book". The series may continue in 1960.

SEX TAPE AVAILABLE. One of the highlights of the annual NCFR meeting at Ames was the dialogue on "Sex Ethics, Sex Acts, and Human Need" between Dr. David Mace, marriage counselor and professor of family life at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and Dr. Walter Stokes, marriage counselor and psychiatrist of Washington, D. C. At the close of the session, Aaron Rutledge was deluged with requests that the recording of this session be made available for professional use. He has obtained permission from the discussants to reproduce this tape for use in graduate classes, counseling courses, family life discussion groups, etc.

The outstanding contribution of the tape is its demonstration that persons of diverse beliefs in the vital area of sex can discuss any issue in calmness and in the context of friendship. Rutledge tells us that he got an excellent recording, and he is waiting to know the total number of orders before having the tape reproduced. It will be sold through the NCFR office at a nominal amount to cover the cost of the tape and handling. In order to get a copy of this tape, place your order with the office immediately. Only advance orders can be guaranteed.

1960 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE. Aaron L. Rutledge, our president, has been representing the NCFR in planning for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. One of the three major planning bodies for the conference is the committee on organizations, made up of delegates from almost 500 organizations. The working group of this committee is composed of an executive committee of thirty people, one of whom is Dr. Rutledge.

On September 21-22, the executive committee and the entire committee on organizations met in Washington. Among other items of business, the committee members were broken into small groups and assigned topics similar to those being examined at the White House Conference. In this way a junior-sized White House Conference was experienced in preparation for the real thing.

One of the major publications coming out for use in the White House Conference and afterwards will be a volume on organizational reports. This will portray the work of various organizations, including NCFR, and will also give special attention to particular projects and studies that have been completed in recent years. In response to the request carried in this Newsletter, various members of NCFR have turned in more than 50 such studies which have been delivered to the committee on studies of the White House Conference.

We will keep you informed as plans for the Conference continue to shape up.

In talking about these reports, Mrs. Rollin Brown, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the President's National Committee, said, "When the 7,000 participants meet in Washington next year, they will find set before them the facts upon which they will base their recommendations for citizen action for the next ten years."

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY OTHER STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL COUNCILS - The Minnesota Council on Family Life, at its annual meeting October 16th, voted to offer annually as many

as six one-year NCFR membership awards to promising people from the following professions: law, social work, the ministry, high school family life teaching, college family life teaching, marriage counseling, and journalism. The purpose will be to encourage their participation in the Minnesota Council and in the NCFR. Gladys Bellinger is the chairman of the Committee for Educational Awards.

NEW MEMBERS-AT-LARGE of the Executive Committee are Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc and Wallace Fulton.

MEMBERS OF THE NCFR COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LAW are Thomas Monahan, Chairman; Edward Fadeley; Nester Kohut; Max Rheinstein; Harriet Pilpel; Ralph Bridgman; Marie Kargman; Jacob Zuckerman.

DR. MILDRED B. KANTOR AND HOWARD S. GALL, St. Louis County Health Department, winners of the first Burgess Award, have received a grant from the Milbank Memorial Fund to implement it.

REPORTS FROM SECTION MEETINGS AT THE AMES ANNUAL MEETING

THE RESEARCH SECTION had Dr. F. Ivan Nye, Washington State University, as its 1958-59 chairman. Fourteen research studies relating to marriage, to children, to working wives and mothers, and to various aspects of family life were reported during the 1959 conference. Two were from larger works in press: Hazel Stanton's book on Puerto Rican families, and Bernard Farber's functional family typology as a CHILD DEVELOPMENT MONOGRAPH.

Dentler finds from continuing University of Chicago studies of the early and middle years of marriage that husbands report high levels of personal growth due to marriage. Clark Vincent suggests in his progress report that teen-age marriages are instable because of the kind of persons who marry young. Howard Stanton has evidence that Americans are concerned about autonomy as a critical skill in our culture as seen in their ability to perceive, value, and relate it to children's overall development.

Three studies of working mothers (Burchinal, Hoffman, and Sharp) indicate that the fact of a mother's working is neither good nor bad in itself for her children and family. A fourth investigation (Perry) finds that working mothers have confidence in the women who care for their preschool children and that these relationships are relatively stable and permanent. A fifth paper (Motz) explores the question of why American wives do not go into careers in science, and what can be done to encourage women's participation.

Judson Landis' current research finds that students from religious homes have attitudes and values that tend to perpetuate successful marriages. Kauffman's study finds better interpersonal relationships in emergent than in authoritarian Mennonite families. Query's study of the backgrounds of male schizophrenics finds married men better adjusted than single, and rural adolescent boys better adjusted than their city counterparts. Kenneth Cannon finds that freshmen college students who take functional marriage courses resemble other college students on all measureable variables except that they report significantly more sex, courtship, and marriage problems than do students who do not register for such courses.

The 1959-60 Chairman is Dr. Robert O. Blood, Jr., University of Michigan.

Evelyn M. Duvall, Reporter

THE COMMUNITY SECTION, under the chairmanship of Dr. Esther E. Prevey, Director, Department of Family Life Education, Kansas City, Mo. Public Schools, adopted the theme "Community Responsibility in the Growth and Maintenance of Values" for its meetings. The program follows:

1. Dr. James W. Gladden, Prof. of Sociology, U of Kentucky, presented a paper on "Community Programs for the Growth and Maintenance of Values". He reported on a family life program developed on a community-wide council basis in Fayette County, Ky., and then presented ideas on the teaching of values and the alteration of value systems. He stated, "In static communities maintenance of values is stressed; in progressive communities the growth and emergence of new values are emphasized." He also said, "Value in systems, like road maps, have to be altered

with the social states of repair and disrepair...Young couples today are seeking to put their creativeness to work in their homes and marriages as well as in other activities."

2. The Community Section and the Iowa Institute of Gerontology sponsored a special session at which Dr. Muriel W. Brown, Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C., presented a paper on "Growing Values in Childhood and Old Age". Following are quotations from her paper. "The growing of values is a life-long process...Children learn about values from parents, teachers, friends, companions, all the people who help them to understand their everyday experiences...In later years, several sets of value patterns operate to determine what happens in the life of the individual aging person... There is evidence to indicate that the rate of decline in the power of self-adjustment and self-defense in the later years is largely determined by the social and especially the family circumstances of individuals. This raises the question of community standards and values, how these are formed, and how they influence social action, especially as this relates to the meeting of human needs... Old people are especially dependent on the comfort and psychological support to be found in family relationships. Families, therefore, need to be helped to find ways of maintaining warmth and mutuality in relationships with older members, even when needs for privacy and freedom indicate the desirability of separate living quarters. A two-generation family is not a complete family, and efforts to so regard it may be unduly wasting precious human resources."

3. An informal discussion was held on "Community Programs that Help Promote and Maintain Values". Resource people were Dr. William Carroll, Donald Gray, and Russ Mahan, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health; Mrs. Elizabeth Force, ASHA; Dr. James Gladden; Mrs. Gertrude Hendricks, Youngstown, Ohio Public Schools; and Dr. Esther E. Prevey.

Dr. Dorothy Westby-Gibson, San Francisco State College, is Chairman for 1959-60.

Esther E. Prevey, 1958-59 Chairman

The EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGES FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING Section, under the chairmanship of Dr. W. M. Smith, Jr. of Penn State University, chose "Values and the Marriage Course" for its central theme. Each session considered an area in which decisions are made or the valuing process occurs. The first two dealt with the marital adjustment areas of roles and finances; the third with the evaluation of marriage and family life education.

1. James Gladden, University of Kentucky, opened the panel on "What Shall We Teach About Roles?" with a challenge to the developmental point of view, growing out of his research. Kentucky homemakers reported holding more developmental expectations of children and husbands than they did of mothers. Mildred Morgan, Florida State, discussed the use of a role inventory, as developed by Marie Banks, to understand students' role expectations. Gertrude Gass, Merrill-Palmer School, presented research with middle-aged wives showing sources of conflicts and frustrations. Hazel Ingersoll, Oklahoma State, shared a variety of methods and techniques for teaching about family roles in a marriage course.

2. Victor Christopherson, University of Arizona, presented Mrs. Edith Neisser, who spoke on "The Many Faces of Money". Her historical treatment of the beginnings of money showed the depth of feelings about it, both in the history of the race and in the unfolding of personality. She traced within family experiences and the wider culture the sources of value about money and meanings of money which college students hold. Her down-to-earth treatment offered helpful ideas for teachers or counselors.

3. Lawrence Bee, University of Kansas, 1959-60 chairman of the Section, presided at the session on "Values and the Marriage Course: Evaluation". Glen Christensen of Utah State gave the college teachers present several eye-openers on their training and orientation to teaching in his discussion of his doctoral study. His sample was drawn from the College Section of NCFR. Richard Kerckhoff, Merrill-Palmer, reported on "Measuring Success in Marriage and Family Education". Every talk in the three sessions merited more time than was available. Interest was high and contribution of the participants were appreciated.

William M. Smith, Jr., 1958-59 Chairman

The COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOLS SECTION was under the chairmanship of LaVerne LaMaque, liaison person between the California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools and the N.A.N.E. of Southern California.

1. Mrs. LaMaque reported on "Values of the Group Experience for Parent and Child". She stated that some values are: observing and participating with one's own child in a group of his peers; helping him relate successfully and happily to children of his own age; enjoying the opportunity to play with him in an environment free from the usual distractions; helping him learn to relate to other adults who are warm and friendly; trying out new skills as a participating parent and gaining confidence and new ideas from the exchange; developing initiative, responsibility, good judgment, and leadership skills which will be helpful in many areas of living, and in other community groups; finding that these new ideas and understandings promote a feeling of greater competence in family relations and bring happiness and joy to all the family.

2. Mrs. Elba Crum, 1959-60 chairman, Consultant in Family Life Education, Seattle, Washington, reported on "Values Which Accrue to the Community" from this group experience: educating the community to values of pre-school education for children; developing standards for group care of children as well as raising standards of nursery school education; developing standards for teachers of pre-school children - not child care, but child growth and guidance; locating children early who may need psychiatric help and referring parents or children to community agencies able to give help needed; giving added support and companionship to families without fathers (men in the program supply masculine identification figures); giving security to families which comes from support of others; making it possible for fathers to participate and to learn to relate to their own children; helping to integrate mobile families with pre-school children into a new community, get acquainted, draw the community together; giving parents with professional training an opportunity to make a contribution to group and community; giving training and experience for education students, church school workers, study groups leaders, and others.

In addition, Mrs. Crum reported that Seattle offers help for parents in special areas, with Parent Cooperative Preschool Groups for parents of retarded children, planned and promoted in cooperation with the Washington Association for Retarded Children; with classes for parents of adopted children, planned with the help of the Children's Home Society of Washington; and with classes for foster parents, planned with the Washington State Department of Public Assistance.

The RELIGION SECTION meetings developed the theme "Religion In a Growing Personality", under the leadership of Dr. Edward Zerlin, Des Moines, Chairman for 1958-59.

1. Religion as it is related to a person's psychiatric problems was discussed. Rabbi Robert Jacobs, Hillel Foundation, Washington University, St. Louis, differentiated between neurotic and psychotic problems, and emphasized the importance of referral, presenting his criteria for determining whether he should do the counseling.

Chaplain Joseph Knowles, Texas Medical Center, Houston, pointed out that the minister is not only a counselor but also a friend, preacher, teacher whose relationship with the counselee extends both before and after the counselling relationship. Therefore, he cannot begin his therapeutic relationship at the diagnostic, history taking level. He also emphasized that "when the symptoms are evidence of a disease process, most ministers refer". Religious concern, however, may mean that illness becomes the crises in which the patient feels confronted and judged by life. Reality presses in and makes demands for a more adequate integration around more ultimate and satisfying values. In this instance, religious concern becomes evidence of the individual's need and demand for a more adequate meaning and purpose in life.

Dr. Charles Hillenbrand, psychiatrist, Michigan City, Indiana, noted that religion rarely or never causes mental diseases. The symptoms of neuroses, personality disturbances and psychoses are, however, colored by the religious experiences or philosophy of the individual. His main emphasis was upon the importance of diagnosing the presented problem, either as a situational or adjustment disturbance or as a psychiatric disease. He concluded that religious counselors can become qualified to deal with situational conflicts and to make presumptive diagnoses of psychiatric illness. Medical training is indispensable in the management of psychiatric illness.

2. The role of anxiety and its relation to moral and spiritual values was discussed by Father Michael O'Brien of Loyola University, Chicago; and Dr. David Edens, Counseling Service, San

Antonio. Father O'Brien commented that there is a "life anxiety" centered in the human situation which arises because the fullness of life which man desires is threatened by the uncertainties of both life and death. The healthy solution for this source of anxiety lies in moral and spiritual values, i.e., religious truths which give answers to the problem and exist independently of the problem, enabling the person to bear anxiety while he seeks the solution of problems in other areas.

Dr. Edens related economic anxiety (the "tyranny of the tangible" over other areas of the whole life of the person) with "works theology", where men anxiously try by works to earn their right to peace with themselves and God. "Faith without works is dead; works without faith is anxious."

3. Father John L. Thomas, Institute of Social Order, St. Louis; Dr. Carroll J. Wright, Counseling Center, Los Angeles; and Rabbi Robert L. Katz, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, discussed the meaning of religion to healthy people. A healthy person is one who is relatively integrated in view of his particular resources and circumstances; religion is the power for growth which helps the person move in the direction of binding life together into meaningful wholeness.

The MARRIAGE COUNSELING SECTION, under the chairmanship of Blaine M. Porter, Brigham Young University, chose as its theme "Value As Operative in Marriage and Family Counseling".

1. Richard N. Hey, Marriage Council of Philadelphia, addressed the group on "May Divergent Values Be Potentially Growth Facilitating?" Out of divergent sets of values may come the integration of one's own values with those of society and/or a marriage partner, and hence there may be a movement toward increasing maturity.

2. Walter Stokes, marriage counselor, Washington, D. C., introduced Floyd M. Anderson, Brigham Young University, whose paper was on "Value Reorientation Through Counseling". He considered the process of counseling to promote intellectual and emotional changes, along with the direct and indirect ways in which these changes may be promoted.

3. David M. Fulcomer, Iowa State University, introduced John Hudson, Merrill-Palmer, who discussed "Values as Operative in the Role of the Counselor". Some of the value issues operative in the role of counselor as Dr. Hudson sees them are: human personality is not as fragile as many clinicians seem to want us to believe; those values frequently referred to as "middle class" are not inherently desirable or undesirable; a direct statement by the counselor does not represent a violation of the client's private world and may, in fact, increase the client's insight into his problem; values cannot (and should not) be completely isolated from the counseling setting. The crucial problem is the way in which values are introduced and how they are handled--once the therapist recognizes the clinical fact that values, per se, are an inevitable part of every counseling situation.

Chairman for 1959-60 is Dr. Paul Vahanian, Home & Family Life Department, Teachers College, Columbia.

The EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING IN THE SCHOOLS SECTION has as its theme "Schools and the Growth of Values". Florence L. D. Heal and Alberta Wells were 1958-59 co-chairmen.

1. Pamela Canine gave a paper entitled "Methods: Lines of Communication and Understanding". She stressed the importance of the teacher's evaluating herself and her students. Kay Gruenwald presented a unit "Dating: How Can It Make Me More Understanding of Myself, My Parents, and My Friends?" Mrs. Canine and Mrs. Gruenwald are experimental teachers in the University of Iowa child research program.

Dr. Charlene D. Palmer, Coordinator of Home Economics Education, University of California, delivered a paper entitled "Teaching Child Development by Relating to a Student's Current Problems". The paper stressed that the over-all goal in child rearing is the achievement of mental health for the individual and society.

2. Mrs. Heal, Chairman, Home Economics Department, Moorestown, N.J. Public Schools, gave a paper on "Values in a Group of Lower Socio-economic Students", a study of values and attitudes to these values of an 11th grade class made up of children of farm laborers and factory workers.

3. With Richard Kerckhoff of Merrill-Palmer presiding, a general discussion was held on "The

Counselor and The Teacher Look at Values in the School". Resource people were Gertrude Gass, psychologist, Detroit; John Hudson, Merrill-Palmer; and Marguerite Scruggs, Iowa State University. To open the discussion, the chairman asked for examples of problems the resource people found in their work areas.

Dr. Gass reported an incident of child behaviour as perceived in turn by his teacher and his therapist. Differences in their perception were related to the divergence of their goals and skills. In discussing this divergence, the question was raised as to the extent the teacher's role either could or should extend in the counselor's direction. Opinion cited both the positive value of the teacher's supportive efforts in the class room and the danger, in either role, of extending "help" beyond professional competence. Both teachers and counselors may well increase their skill in working with children, but some saw a better functioning in a sharp division of roles and others in a lesser compartmentalization of concern.

Dr. Scruggs presented the dilemma of the homemaking teacher as she presents middle class standards, say of cleanliness or table service, to lower class students. What of the personal stress from value-conflicts of home and school?

Teachers should not "impose" their values upon students? But does the teacher in a democratic school have a responsibility to make middle class values available, as a mobility tool, for under-privileged students? Should a teacher communicate his personal values? Which? Or should he only communicate the values of his learning area? Views were widely divergent; the dilemma was not resolved.

Mrs. Elizabeth force, Associate Director of the Education Division, American Social Hygiene Association, is 1959-60 Chairman of the section.

Florence L. D. Heal and Alberta Wells, 1958-59 co-chairmen

The PARENT EDUCATION SECTION, with Lloyd Lovell, University of Oregon as chairman, had as its theme "Parents, Educators, and Values".

1. Helen Bayer, Cornell University, presided at the first session, and introduced Father Walter Imbierski, Cana Conference, Chicago, who described the family values of the Cana Movement; A. D. Buchmuller, Executive Director, Child Study Association of America, who discussed "The Place of Values in Parent Education: The Dilemma of the Parent Educator"; and Eleanore B. Luckey, State University of Iowa, who gave a paper on "Value Orientation of Other Parent Education Movements". The several points of view iterated that values are implicit in the conducting of any parent education program, and that these values can be more effectively dealt with if they are made a definite part of the educational program. There was agreement that values can be changed more readily if they are made explicit, and that the leader's efforts to inculcate particular values are more successful when these values are already near to those held by other participants in the program.

2. Donald Brieland, Director of the Elizabeth McCormick Fund, Chicago, discussed "Implications of Recent Research for Parent Education Programs". Following Brim's analysis of the continuum of intimacy of communication in groups of varying size and personal-ness of interaction, Brieland suggested that research indicates the superior capacity of the small-group-process approach in helping individuals to achieve desired changes and increased personal competence.

Rolf Muuss, State University of Iowa, gave a paper on "Mental Health Implications of a Preventive Psychiatry Program". He summarized a series of research findings indicating that grade-school children can be helped, through a planned program of instruction, to become more understanding of and more tolerant of their own and others' behavior, and more capable of finding efficient solutions to difficulties in interpersonal relationships.

Lester A. Kirkendall's paper, "Implications of Research in Pre-marital Sexual Experience for Parent Education", suggested that in addition to the need for changing several current misconceptions about high-school sexual behavior, there is real evidence that a change in the evaluative framework used in examining individual sexual behavior of young men can profitably be made. The recommended evaluative framework inquires whether any behavioral acts, including sexual behavioral acts, do or promise to create interpersonal relations which promote integrity and trust, which decrease suspicion, and which erase barriers between persons and groups.

3. William Genne's paper, "The Values That Fathers Hold as Parents", described the need for paternal competence at communicating affection and for feeling affection as a person rather than as a functionary. This communication is based on subtle psychological attitudes rather than on formal modes of expression.

The three sessions emphasized that parent education can be effective, particularly in small-group arrangements, when specific value systems are clearly recognized and when specific goals are framed in tangible terms.

The 1959-60 Chairman is Dr. John Chantiny, University of Maine.

Lloyd Lovell, 1958-59 Chairman

TAPES FOR PARENT EDUCATION. The parent education staff of the Institute of Child Development and Welfare, University of Minnesota, announces the substantial revision and extending of its tape series, "Growing Up in the World Today". The series consists of twenty 15-min. tape recordings featuring faculty members discussing topics of genuine interest to parents. These tapes are prepared for use in parent education study groups. Each tape is accompanied by a specially prepared study guide to assist the group leader in planning and conducting the discussion. The Institute makes no charge for the tapes; the only cost to the user is for a blank reel and postage.

Leaflet No. 23, "Using Tape Recordings in Parent Education", discusses sources, criteria for selection, and steps in the presentation of tape recordings, and includes a complete list of the Institute tape series as well as detailed instructions for obtaining them. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Parent Education Program, Institute of Child Development and Welfare, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

THE MARRIAGE COUNCIL OF DENVER, INC. has opened in that city, with Evelyn Gaskill as executive director. Mrs. Gaskill took her work at the Marriage Council of Philadelphia. The center is non-sectarian and non-geographic. Its staff consists of six graduate social workers, who have had a minimum of six years experience in psychiatric case work. They work closely with a psychiatric consultant, with a psychiatric seminar each week.

A RESEARCH CENTER ON FAMILY DEVELOPMENT has been established in Kansas City, Missouri. This new organization will function as a department of Community Studies, Inc., and will have as its mission basic research and community action programs in the family field. Initial Center personnel are Warren Peterson, Oscar Eggers, and Jane Berry. Address inquiries to: Community Studies, Inc., 724 Railway Exchange Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri.

THE MINNESOTA FAMILY STUDY CENTER has been assigned the task of administering the University undergraduate course work in family life education, which includes over twenty sections a year of the popular preparation for marriage course and a number of sections of child development adjustment, the home and its furnishings, and consumer education. This administrative change further facilitates the graduate program of teacher training organized by the center three years ago, in which a maximum of six students a year are offered two quarters of supervised teaching experience in marriage education classes while participating in a seminar on materials and methods of functional marriage education. Dr. Reuben Hill, director of the center and professor of sociology, directs the graduate seminar; and Dr. Gerhard Neubeck, chairman of the undergraduate family life program, and his staff provide the supervision of the teaching interns.

THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION of the U.S.A. will be held November 5-8, in Buffalo, New York. William Genne and Charles Messner are program chairmen for the Home and Family Life Section.

ESTHER MIDDLEWOOD, Director, Mental Health Education, Michigan Department of Mental Health, represented NCFE at the National Leadership Training Institute, a 3-day workshop following the University of Michigan's 12th Annual Conference on Aging last summer.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN took place October 21-24 in Cincinnati. Chief convention interest centered upon hopeful developments in prevention of mental retardation and new steps in care and rehabilitation of the retarded.

THE AMERICAN FAMILY, The Joint Responsibility of Religion and Education, was the topic for a conference at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, October 8-9. NCFR members who were featured speakers were Evelyn Duvall, David Fulloomer, and Carl Reuss.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND THE PATTERNS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY was the topic for the Midwest Family Life Conference sponsored by the Christian Family Movement and the Cana Conference of Chicago for the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, in Chicago October 15-17.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

A CHRISTIAN INTERPRETATION OF MARRIAGE, by our past president, Henry Bowman, has been chosen as one of the twenty-five best books for the year published by Texas authors. Each year Theta Sigma Phi, national fraternity for women in journalism, presents a "Writers' Roundup". A special committee from this group chose the twenty-five books from eighty-five nominees. These twenty-five persons were honored in October at a special program culminating in a dinner and evening session attended by some 500 authors, publishers, and interested persons. There was much newspaper, radio, and TV publicity surrounding the event.

J. JOEL MOSS has transferred from the University of Nebraska to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He will be in the Department of Home and Family.

JANICE PARTRIDGE is a visiting instructor in sociology at Wittenberg University, Ohio.

EUGENE P. LINK is in India on a Fulbright grant for the year 1959-60.

BERT GLASSBERG lectured before Professor James' classes in Rio de Janeiro on "The Approach to Marriage" and on "Sex" during his recent trip to South America. He reports that Mr. James, who is professor of Human Relations and Marriage at the Instituto de Ensino de Administracao Cientifica, would be glad to have other NCFR members lecture to his classes.

NONA CANNON is developing a graduate program at San Diego State College.

JESSIE BERNARD has been on a trip around the world. She is teaching at Princeton this year.

WINSTON E. EHLMANN has been appointed professor of sociology at Colorado State University.

DR. NASH HERNDON AND MRS. ETHEL NASH, of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, have received a grant of \$16,900 from the National Institutes of Health, to study pre-marriage and marriage counseling practices among North Carolina physicians.

PANOS D. BARDIS, formerly acting chairman of the Sociology Dept. at Albion College, Michigan, has completed an international survey of attitudes toward the family, which has been accepted for publication. Recently he was appointed Editor of Social Science, and selected for inclusion in Who's Who in American Education. He now teaches sociology at the University of Toledo.

J. S. McCRARY, associate professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Omaha, writes that from September 19, 1959 to March 5, 1960, his department will offer a credit course in Marriage and the Family over the local TV station. The course will deal with the family as a social institution in process of change, and with factors making for a successful marriage.

REUBEN HILL, Director of the Minnesota Family Study Center and Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota, opened the third annual summer school of the National Marriage Guidance

Council in London in August with an address on "New Developments in Family Research". He also met with leaders in family life education and research in Belgium and France before attending meetings of the Fourth World Congress of Sociology, September 8-15, in Milan, Italy, where he chaired the three sessions of the congress devoted to applications of family sociology. As chairman of the family session, he also addressed a general session of the congress on "Recent World Developments in Family Sociology". Dr. Hill is author of a recent UNESCO trend report, The Sociology of Marriage and Family Behavior 1945-56. He is currently chairman of the Committee for International Family Research, which also met in Milan in September.

ROBERT G. FOSTER, Ph.D., Director of the Marriage Counseling Service and Training Program at the Menninger Foundation since 1950, will be on a twelve months' leave of absence September 1, 1959 through June 30, 1960. He will be doing some research in connection with the psychiatric clinic at Hillcrest Medical Center at Tulsa, Oklahoma; will help to establish a counseling center at the First Presbyterian Church in that city; and will teach two graduate seminars, on Human Behavior and on Counseling and Interviewing, at the University of Tulsa. In addition, Dr. Foster hopes to revise his book on Marriage and Family Relationships, and do some additional writing during his year's leave of absence.

LEE BURCHINAL will present a series of 10 one-half hour TV programs on high school aged marriages, beginning in January, 1960, over WOI, the Iowa State University TV station. The programs will be based on research conducted by Burchinal and others. At the recent NCFR meetings in Ames, a number of persons participated in filmed interviews with Burchinal which will be used in the series. It is hoped that other stations will broadcast the series.

Family research has been developing at Iowa State University under the direction of Lee Burchinal and William Kenkel. Projects now under way include the study of factors associated with high school aged marriages, the study of cross-religious marriages and divorces in Iowa, family influences upon occupational and educational plans of rural youth, interrelations between employment of mothers and the personal and social characteristics of children, the adjustment of children whose families have migrated from rural to urban areas, and precedents and consequences of role arrangements in family decision making.

Perry Jacobson and Arthur Wilke are new graduate students in family sociology at Iowa State.

FRED CLOUD, editor of "Christian Action", a Methodist youth publication, has published articles by NCFR members Clark Ellzey, David Mace, and Edward Staples in his magazine.

JOSEPH PERRY, formerly Acting Junior Sociologist with Ivan Nye at Washington State University, has joined the Sociology Department at Bowling Green State University, which recently moved to new quarters in South Hall. There is a laboratory for computation and analysis in research work.

FRANCES D. HOROWITZ has moved from the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station to Southern Oregon College, Ashland.

LILLIAN G. GENN, North American Newspaper Alliance, 2 Sutton Place South, New York 22, New York, has been pleased with the response to her request for material to be used as features in her column. She would be glad to have more material sent her, marked if it is to be returned.

ISAAC ALCABES, formerly on the staff of the Linden Hill School of the Jewish Board of Guardians, is now an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, State University of Iowa.

CLARK ELLZEY, chairman, Department of Marriage and the Family, Stephens College, was one of the speakers at a Multiple Discussion Series on Four Aspects of Marriage, Romantic, Emotional, Physical, and Financial, presented by the Kansas City Social Hygiene Society in October. He also met a group of professional youth workers in October in Kansas City to discuss teen-age marriage, and addressed the delegates of the 4-H Clubs from four states. The first week of November, he will meet all the Nebraska Methodist ministers in seven districts, discussing pre-marital counseling. Later in November, he will address a state conference on sex education in Dayton, Ohio. In January, he will discuss Christian family life at a Midland, Texas training school sponsored by the Council of Churches. In February, he will speak to several groups at Columbia College, South Carolina, on preparation for marriage.

STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL COUNCILS

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE KANSAS FAMILY LIFE ASSOCIATION was held October 8-9 at Hutchinson, Kansas, with Dale L. Womble as program chairman. The theme was Family and Community--Interdependence. Judson Landis spoke on both days. Other features included a large family life book display; a preview of the TV production film "Do They Marry Too Young", by special arrangement with CBS-TV; panels; special reports; reports from state leaders; a tour of the state reformatory; and previews of the latest family life films. In addition to news about their annual conference, the Kansas Newsletter gave information on marriages and divorces in Kansas and neighboring states.

THE UTAH COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS held their annual meeting on June 26. An afternoon session discussed the need for marriage counseling service in Utah. At the dinner meeting, Wallace Fulton talked on some of the trends and thinking about family living, education, and marriage counseling on the national level. Officers are: President, Veon G. Smith; Vice-President, Kenneth Cannon; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary G. Lowe; Past President, Don C. Carter.

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RELATIONS will be held in Portland, Oregon on October 24-26. Ernest Osborne, Professor of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, will be keynote speaker. Mrs. Osborne will also be on the program. Program chairman is Dr. Curtis E. Avery, Director of the E.C. Brown Trust, Portland. Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, Executive Secretary, Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association, Salem, is president. Dr. Harry Armsworth, University of Idaho, is president-elect. Curtis Avery is vice-president. Fern Matzke is secretary-treasurer.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRI-STATE COUNCIL was October 16 at Hunter College. Dr. Catherine Gilman, Dept. of Family Life Education, Syracuse U, moderated a panel on "Community Resources for Pre-Marital Family Life Education; Special Meaning of the Engagement Period" in the afternoon. At the dinner meeting, Dr. Jerome K. Myers gave an address on "Community Mental Health and Family Life Education".

The Tri-State meeting in New Jersey was held September 17 at the Princeton Inn. The theme of the meeting was "New Jersey Youth in a Decade of Great Transition".

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS was October 21, at Oklahoma State University. The morning program featured a discussion on the White House Conference. Hazel Ingersoll, Oklahoma State University, presented highlights from the Ames meeting at the luncheon. Dr. Richard Kerkhoff of Merrill-Palmer spoke in the afternoon on "Survival Tactics for Family Living", and at the dinner meeting, discussed the Merrill-Palmer Development Program. Dr. Elizabeth Starkweather, Stillwater, is president.

THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL ON FAMILY LIFE held its annual meeting at the Center for Continuation Study, October 16. Dr. Aaron Rutledge spoke on Values. Preceding the dinner, a reception was held for him and for Dr. Emily Mudd, Director of the Marriage Council of Philadelphia. Officers are: Gladys Bellinger, president; Wayne Anderson, vice-president; Ruth Jewson, secretary; Charles Sweet, treasurer.

The U of Minnesota, through its Family Study Center, The School of Social Work, and its Center for Continuation Study, conducted an Institute on the Interdisciplinary Approach to Family and Marriage Counseling on October 16-17, in cooperation with the Minnesota Council on Family Life.

The institute was under the leadership of Drs. Mudd and Rutledge.

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE IOWA COUNCIL are: William Kenkel, Iowa State U, president; Lloyd R. Young, Graceland College, vice-president; Eleanore B. Luckey, Iowa Child Welfare Research Station, secretary-treasurer.

MRS. F. I. CHAPMAN, Suite 207, Hawthorne Lane Medical Building, Charlotte, North Carolina is the new chairman of the Charlotte Council.

DR. N. W. CARPENTER, JR., Mississippi College, Clinton, will succeed Bertha Fritzsche as Mississippi Council president this fall.

BERT GLASSBERG, St. Louis Board of Education, has succeeded W. Clark Ellzey as Missouri Council president.

MRS. C. K. ROSS, 3315 North 58th Street, Omaha, is the new Nebraska Council president.

ALEENE CROSS, Head of Home Economics Education, University of Georgia, is now president of the Georgia Council.