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# NEWS LETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

In the late fall of 1947, I made my first journey across the Atlantic (which I have now crossed 36 times!) in order to attend the N.C.F.R. Conference in New York City. I would probably never have thought of coming had it not been for the encouragement of David Fulcomer, whom I had met when he was in London, wearing his country's uniform, during World War II. It was he who set up a program for me that made the trip possible.

It was a wonderful experience to meet so many of the men and women whose big books I had read with such profit, and to find that they were such warm, human, friendly people. The N.C.F.R. had great interest for me. In the year 1938, when it was established by a group of forward-looking professional people, a similar group in England set up the Marriage Guidance Council, with very similar aims. I had become Director of the M.G.C. For a number of years the two movements had grown, on similar lines, but completely unaware of each other's existence. Then N.C.F.R. members visiting England had begun to seek us out and establish contact. I believe I was the first M.G.C. person who was able to reciprocate and make direct contact with the N.C.F.R. by attending one of its Annual Conferences.

What would I have thought, I wonder, if some fortune-teller had predicted, in New York in 1947, that fourteen years later I would be responsible for the program of the N.C.F.R. Conference, and become its President! Yet that is exactly what has happened. As I contemplate this I am filled with wonder and gratitude. This is a very great honor you have bestowed upon me--a British citizen--and I want you to know how deeply I appreciate it.

I feel that the recent meetings in Salt Lake City were a remarkable testimony to the strength, the maturity, and the dynamic life of the N.C.F.R. I know I was taking considerable risks in choosing the most controversial issues in our whole controversial field as the very center and focus of our plenary sessions. This could have ended in disaster. But I had deep confidence in the capacity of our members to rise to the challenge. They did so magnificently, as anyone who was present will testify.

A letter has just reached me from someone who was there, and who says--"It was by far the most interesting, the most stimulating, and the most worthwhile professional meeting I have ever attended." Another correspondent reports that he overheard a young professional man from a rather remote region say--"After being buried where I am, what an intoxicating experience! I wish it could go on and on!"

It has been a particular pleasure to me to succeed Harold Christensen. Presiding over the Salt Lake City Conference in his own home community he was indeed the local boy who had made good! I have worked with Harold for two years--I was closely associated with him in the planning of the International Conference in 1960--and I know better than anyone with what devotion and dedication he has served his term of office. It will indeed be hard to fill his shoes!

Yet in another way it will not be so hard. One feels about the N.C.F.R. that it is very much a going concern. It is impossible to imagine a better administrative Executive Officer--yes, that's her new title, please note--than Ruth Jewson, or a better Editor for our journal than Ivan Nye. And with Wally Fulton already breaking all records for getting next Year's conference set up ahead of time, and Eleanore Luckey playing a leading role in the local arrangements team, we are already assured of another good conference next year in Connecticut.

This is a propitious time for the N.C.F.R. Interest in the welfare of the family has never been so high or so widespread as it is today. It is becoming, too, an intelligent and creative interest. We have moved out of the rather anxious, querulous "can-the-family-survive" phase, to a realization that of course it will survive, but that we have the responsibility to enable it to adapt itself to an era of phenomenal social and cultural change. Our programs in teaching, in counseling, in research, in community service are becoming decidedly more realistic and relevant as they shed elements of starry-eyed but false idealism on the one hand and of panic-stricken alarm on the other. We seem to be on the way to building nearer to the solid rock.

Even the fact that some of our activities--marriage courses for instance--are getting some vigorous criticism these days may be a healthy sign that we are being challenged to justify what we are doing. If we know that our work rests on sound foundations, we have nothing to fear. Often, indeed, it is only when a project draws criticism that it has the chance to establish its bona fides and to gain the attention it deserves.

If this message sounds like a paean of praise, that is precisely what it is meant to be! The N.C.F.R. is not perfect. I have been busy setting up several committees to enquire into its imperfections and to look for remedies. But it is my impression that it bears, on the whole, the marks of an organization that is in good shape, getting on with the job to which it has set itself. I am proud to be the President of the N.C.F.R. at this time. I hope you are equally proud to be one of its members.

Sincerely yours,

David R. Mace

TAPES ARE AVAILABLE!

The four plenary sessions of the 1961 N.C.F.R. Annual Meeting have been taped on high quality polyester tape, and may be purchased from C. Jay Skidmore, President, Utah Council on Family Relations, Utah State University, Logan, Utah. A set of all four speeches is \$10.00; or any two may be selected, to be put on tape, for \$5.00.

TOPIC: Difference, Tolerance, and Cooperation  
Presiding: Harold T. Christensen, Purdue University  
SPEAKER: Obert C. Tanner, Professor of Philosophy, University of Utah  
Speed 3-3/4; Time 1 1/2 hours

TOPIC: Religious Differences  
Presiding: Harold T. Christensen, Purdue University  
MODERATOR: Wallace C. Fulton, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York City  
PANEL: Jerome D. Folkman, Temple Israel, Columbus, Ohio; Father John J. O'Sullivan, St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota; Charles W. Stewart, Iliff Seminary, Denver, Colorado; Lowell Bennion, LDS Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Speed 3-3/4; Time 1 1/2 hours

TOPIC: Ethical Differences

Presiding: Harold T. Christensen, Purdue University

MODERATOR: Wallace C. Fulton, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York City

PANEL: William H. Genne, Dept. of Family Life, National Council of Churches, New York City; Blaine M. Porter, Brigham Young University; Walter R. Stokes, M.D., Washington, D.C.; Clark E. Vincent, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland

Speed 3-3/4; Time 1 1/2 hours

TOPIC: Ideological Differences

Presiding: Harold T. Christensen, Purdue University

DIALOGUE: "Family Patterns and Goals in the USA and in the USSR," David R. Mace, American Association of Marriage Counselors, Madison, New Jersey; and Eleanore

B. Luckey, University of Connecticut

Speed 3-3/4; Time 1 1/2 hours

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

One of the finest and certainly the largest display of books was on exhibit at the 1961 Annual Meeting of the NCFR. A 60-page Bibliography with cover and binding was prepared which lists all the books and pamphlets on display and includes the name and address of each of the publishers who sent publications for exhibit. The Board of Directors voted to sell the Bibliography at cost and had additional copies printed so that those who did not attend the Conference, but who would like this very excellent Bibliography for their use, could obtain it. See order form at the end of this Newsletter for procedure in ordering copies.

REPORTS FROM THE SECTION MEETINGS AT SALT LAKE CITY

RELIGION: Donald F. Schroeder, Detroit Council of Churches, speaking about "Differences revealed at the North American Conference on Church and Family," indicated that to the surprise of many there were no significant "differences" producing controversy. Apparently professional church workers were "ready" to face "Sex Ways in Fact and Fiction," the study book prepared and distributed ahead of time by specialists in the fields of science who were conference leaders.

Paul Hansen, St. John's Lutheran Church in Denver, made a study of his own church and surveyed the position of the major faiths and denominations, in preparing a paper on "Ministering to the Inter-faith Marriage." In his experience and judgment, most ministers do not know about the surprising number of inter-faith marriages they have in their churches, and neither they nor the major faiths and denominations have any tangible program for ministering to these families.

Charles W. Stewart, Iliff Theological Seminary in Denver, presented case studies to illustrate the counseling approach to "Ministering to the Divorced." Psychological and emotional effects and adjustments were considered. His paper, while not saying so in so many words, strongly supported the wisdom of training in pastoral counseling, and education for marriage and family life for all ministers. He assumed and asserted the priority of the welfare of persons over doctrine in ministering to the divorced.

Bert Glassberg, M.D., St. Louis, Missouri, demonstrated how scripture may be used to counterbalance the prejudicial use of scripture in marriage counseling. He spoke on "The Bible as a Tool in Marriage Counseling," pointing out the weakness of the "proof-text" misuse of scripture by patients.

W. Clark Ellzey, Professor of Family Life, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri was the Chairman of the Religion Section.

COUNSELING: Maurice Karpf, Consulting Psychologist, Beverly Hills, California presented a paper, "Extra-Marital Affairs and Their Relation to Marital Stability and Instability." He stressed that the counselor should regard such affairs objectively, without passing moral judgment; and should utilize them as a stimulus to serious analysis of the state of the marriage and the seeking of remedial measures. Cases were cited where the

opposite result occurred, mostly because of the severe moral rigidity of the offended spouse. Discussion of the paper was led by Paul Vahanian and Gerald R. Leslie.

James A. Peterson presented a paper on "The Treatment of Impotence and Frigidity in Relation to Infertility." He pointed out that there is mounting evidence of a relationship between infertility and poor sex adjustment, and that medical specialists in the infertility field are increasingly turning to marriage counselors for collaborative aid. The paper was discussed by Walter Stokes, Paul Vahanian, and Gerald Leslie.

The second meeting of the Counseling Section was devoted to an open end discussion by Gerald Leslie, Paul Vahanian, and Walter Stokes of areas of husband-wife differences. The panel also considered problems arising from the counter-transference relationship during the course of counseling.

Clark E. Vincent, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland was Counseling Section Chairman. Walter R. Stokes, M.D., Washington, D.C., presided over the meetings.

**RESEARCH SECTION:** Like most other parts of the Salt Lake meetings, the research sessions were an obvious success. It would be a bit ethnocentric to claim that the research meetings were "more successful" than the other section meetings, but it can hardly be denied that the research sessions had the largest attendance. (3 out of 4 sessions carried S.R.O. signs!)

NCFR members will be glad to learn that over the years, (a) the number of sessions devoted to research papers has increased; (b) the number of papers submitted has increased; (c) the attendance at the research sessions has continued to grow; and (d) the quality and significance of the papers have improved to the point where reported NCFR research is on a par with that of other social science organizations.

So many interesting papers were given, it is difficult to pick out specific reports as "highlights." Insofar as the audience was concerned, the Carpenter-Christensen paper on Premarital Sex, and the Blumberg paper on Skid Row were among those which drew the greatest response. For the statistically-minded, the panel discussion on Census and Vital Statistics data yielded an immense amount of new information.

NCFR is indebted to David Heer, of the U.S. Census Bureau, and Hugh Carter, National Office of Vital Statistics, for taking time out of a busy schedule to participate in the meetings. Correction: the National Office of Vital Statistics is now the National Vital Statistics Division. The Census Bureau is still the Census Bureau.

Chairman of the Research Section was William Kephart, University of Pennsylvania.

**FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS:** The first program, "The School and Community Take a Look at Teenage Marriage," consisted of reports of research studies by Lee Burchinal, Iowa State University, and Kenneth Cannon, Brigham Young University. Following the presentation, a panel, moderated by Winifred Hazen, Utah State Department of Public Instruction, discussed the questions, "Why are we concerned about teenage marriages?" Panel members were: parents, Mrs. W. McKinley Oswald and Keith Montague; school counselors, Dee Anderson and Clara Richards; school administrator, A. L. Newton; and teacher, Jessie Chambers.

Research data justifies our trying to discourage young marriage, because divorce rates are greater and educational attainments lower in early marriages. The rate of teenage marriages has remained fairly constant the past few years, but the number is increasing because there are more young people in today's society. The home, school, and community need to assume responsibility for preparing young people for marriage.

The second program, "How Shall We Teach Sex Education?" was under the direction of David and Frances Treat, Clara Elizabeth Fund for Maternal Health, Flint, Michigan. Murray Maughan, Health Program Coordinator, Logan, Utah Junior High School, told how sex education is taught to seventh graders there. Mrs. Nathan Fullmer, Jr., South High School, Salt Lake City, described the required course she taught at the senior high level for 11th and 12th grade girls. Boys are taught in a separate class by a man instructor.

All program participants emphasized the necessity of establishing a wholesome rapport between teacher and pupils. Three important factors for effective sex education classes include (1) the appropriate time in the developmental stage of the individual, (2) patience, and (3) the degree of acceptability within the community.

Myrtle Gillespie, State Dept. of Education, Cheyenne, Wyoming, was Section Chairman.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY: "Aging Patterns Around the World" was the first topic discussed. "The constantly reiterated esteem for YOUTH in our culture is largely responsible for the present predicament in which we find ourselves as we examine attitudes on AGING. We must launch some sort of education (to be nurtured in the home) to show that older folk are worth living with for their great spiritual strength, their experience, and wisdom" ...was the keynote message of Charles Taylor, Brigham Young University. The panel, introduced by William T. Van Orman, Denver, Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, focused on the aging values held in Finland, Korea, and India. The speakers, Vuoko Vanaanen, Kim Kichuen, and Uma Salunkhe, each expressed the feeling of his family-centered-living, where grandparents traditionally dwelling with their children are revered, obeyed, and honored. They are shock-absorbers and peace makers, as the younger generation grows in the age-old patterns. The problem of aging must be solved at the source of restlessness: the family and community.

"Provo's (Utah) Experiment in Delinquent Rehabilitation:" Erdwin Pfuhl, Whitman College, Washington pointed out that delinquent boys are simply trying to satisfy their basic needs as are all other children; and the Provo Experiment is basic, as it reveals motives and provides help. Judge Monroe Paxman, from whose Juvenile Court the boys are referred, introduced Lamar Empy, the Director, who said that the strategy is rapid rehabilitation of the boys, that little is done with their families, for this would call for change of broader culture patterns that the project includes. They deal with the boys in a group therapy situation with each returning home at night. The project concerns itself with two areas: (1) Motivation-the setting up of discussion groups to work out their aggressions and their values, and to find themselves in relation to others; (2) Hard challenging work with the regular city and forest employment. It is shared phenomena- a way of giving social and economic satisfactions. The children can be identified early with the watchful cooperation of court and schools; and already observable good results are showing. Write Stella H. Oaks, assistant mayor of Provo, for free printed material on the experiment.

"An Aroused Community Upgrades Movies:" J.C. Moffitt, Superintendent, Provo City Schools, declared in the introduction that "The American people can have the quality of movies they want to have. The ticket you buy is your vote of confidence." Mrs. Smoot Brimhall, chairman of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, Utah, told of the PTA decision to educate and inform the public on current movies showing in Provo; and to use only the positive approach of publicizing the good ones, not censoring the bad. A committee, including both college and high school students and PTA members, views the movie on its first night and before leaving confers according to the following criteria: How did you feel about this movie? Do you feel repaid for buying your ticket, and would you recommend this to your friends as representative of basic American values? They decide by majority, and inform the manager immediately. The public is immediately informed of the good pictures by press and radio, and by placing a big star on the poster in the marquee. Schools are notified if the picture is especially educational. Results: Managers of the theaters, by a distinct change in policy, are seeing that all matinees are good for children. If the night show is not appropriate for youth, they bring in special children's shows. Citizens are all aware now of the service and other nearby cities are taking up the practice. Individuals are calling and writing their opinions to both managers and PTA officers. Letters came in abundance at the time of the Academy Awards objecting because no movie fit for family attendance was recognized. Parents are movie conscious!

"Communities in Action:" Rocky Mountain Project:" Elizabeth S. Force, American Social Health Association, moderated a panel arranged by Dorothy T. Dyer, Utah State University, on grass roots approaches in four states to awakening communities to their problems. Reports were given "with apostolic fervor" and details can be had by writing Utah State University, Logan. Victor A. Christopherson, University of Arizona, reported a mass media success story from that state. Mrs. Paul Stone, New Mexico, told of expanding family life education in the schools and community; and of work with adult Indians. R. DeVerl Willey, University of Nevada, explained the plans evolved by the townspeople of Sparks, Nevada, to focus study groups on child needs. These groups turned into action groups as vision of needs was caught. Utah's report was from Dee Anderson, West High School, Salt Lake City. He told of teenagers and parents finding great communication with each other on a level that can be permanent with the ones involved, and a pattern for use by others. It was the "how" each was done that made this session of great interest to all.

Section Chairman was Stella H. Oaks, Director of Adult Education, Provo City Schools, and Assistant Mayor of Provo.

**PARENT EDUCATION:** Edward V. Pope, Federal Extension Service, moderated a panel discussion on "Understanding Our Differences As They Are Reflected in our Child Rearing Practices." The following religious positions were presented:

The **MORMON**, by Wayne J. Anderson, University of Minnesota: Mormon parents believe that they as well as their children are God's spirit children who have entered this earth life for further schooling. Consequently, Mormon fathers and mothers consider it a deep privilege to have children, and cooperate with God in teaching them proper principles of living. The individual's free agency (freedom of choice) is respected and children are directed by love and understanding. It is believed that the child should be guided in its physical, mental, and spiritual development according to the Word of Wisdom, a revealed doctrine.

The **JEWISH**, by Robert Jacobs, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, St. Louis, Missouri: Jewish children absorb four distinctive values in their homes: a central concern for family life, a preoccupation with things intellectual, a sense of community with all Jews, and an emphasis on the goodness of this life. Home ceremonies and rituals which involve the children provide a "way of life" which inculcates these values.

The **PROTESTANT**, by Mildred I. Morgan, Black Mountain, North Carolina: Because Protestants are a heterodox group, practices differ or might even be contradictory. There is, however, a similarity along with significant differences. Many Protestants seek to educate rather than to indoctrinate; they emphasize freedom to make choices and to grow in religious life and faith rather than authority of creeds or clergy. It is generally recognized that the greatest religious influence in child-rearing practices is the religion lived by the parents in their day by day experiences in home and community.

The **CATHOLIC**, by Father Joseph F. Linde, Reno, Nevada: The whole Catholic Family climate is based on a sacramental system which runs from life to death. Proper example set by parents is of prime importance in guiding children. There is nothing superstitious about religion. Catholics feel that if good things in life come to them it is the result of righteous living. The Church is very active in doing what it can for the education of its members.

The **NON-RELIGIOUS** position was expressed by Richard Kerckhoff, Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit, who reviewed the contributions of organized religion to the task of child rearing, and concluded that these tasks could more easily be accomplished without the aid or interference of religion. Such goals as providing a humanistic and rational atmosphere for children were emphasized and the approach to these goals without the aid of religion was espoused.

At a section meeting on "How Can Children Be Taught Tolerance and Cooperation?" Joan Glad, Psychologist, and Ronald Wade, Medical social worker, Crippled Children's Services, Utah State Department of Health, discussed how parents can teach their children to accept and cooperate with children who are different from themselves in one way or another with regard to the facts concerning the problem, the feelings about the problem, and the possible actions which might be taken to help cope with the problem.

Following the formal presentations, a panel of parents from Salt Lake City, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Kaiser, and Mr. and Mrs. William Riley, and their children, discussed the question of differences in terms of physical handicaps, nationality, and personal values. It was brought out that accepting the differences in people does not mean accepting their values, or lowering one's standards; rather, tolerance means looking beyond the differences, to the common needs, aspirations, and endeavors of human society in a world where cooperation is becoming essential to survival.

Eleaore B. Luckey, University of Connecticut, was Chairman of the Section.

**EDUCATION IN THE COLLEGES:** The one consistent impression that carries over from the papers and discussion of the college section is the current interest in values on the part of those who are trying to deal with the vexing problems of college students. Amy Gerling's paper (University of Wichita) summarized a research project on inter-generational differences in accepting moral values. Bernard J. Oliver's paper (Chapman College) dealt with the contribution that research and values make in a functional preparation for marriage course. Almost one whole section meeting was devoted to Richard Klemer's research project in which he investigated student reactions to the Kirkendall Poffenberger exchange which centered on the most efficient means to

inculcate values and influence morality. (Richard Klemer is at the University of Alabama.) The only exception was Gordon Shipman's contribution, which had to do with the profound impact of the use of autobiographical investigations and role playing in influencing attitudinal change. (A two-page summary of the Shipman paper is available to anyone who writes him at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 3203 Downer Avenue, Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin.) All of the papers seemed to reflect an increasing concern on the part of both teachers and college students for the clarification of ways of effectively approaching somewhat more stable norms of social and sexual behavior. There were many polarities in terms of the methodology by which to implement that goal, but there seemed to be a rather rare consensus about the need and urgency of reaching it.

James A. Peterson, University of Southern California, and Director, Peterson-Guedel Family Center, Beverly Hills, was Chairman of the Section.

**EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** At the first meeting Vladimir de Lissovoy, Pennsylvania State University, presented a report on his research on head banging in young children, its description, incidence, and suggested causes. Two points of interest not revealed in other studies were (1) that incidence is most frequent in last-born, and (2) that there was a high rate of otitis media among those studied, suggesting a relationship between head banging and pain relief.

The paper presented by Harold Feldman, Cornell University, was entitled, "The Personal Relationship between Parents of Preschool Children." The paper covered only part of a larger study involving marital satisfaction of 852 upper middle class couples. Findings presented were very provocative. He concluded that the whole family should have time for pairs of family members to be together as a means of reducing stress and strain unique to this period.

Laura Preston, Syracuse University, presented an outline for "A Study of Factors in the Child's Early Home or Nursery School Experience Associated with His Overtly Expressed Reflections about Himself." The study is to be continued at Syracuse University with the hope of determining a better understanding of the guidance which would encourage development of healthy concept of self.

The second meeting of the section was devoted to a symposium and discussion of the "Relation of Maternal Employment to Children's Psychological Development." Owen Morgan, Merrill-Palmer, reviewed some of the limited research in the area, and pointed to the confusion and inadequacy of available findings re substitute care, paternal attitudes, anxiety in parent and child, etc. Glenn Hawkes, Iowa State, reported on the Conference on Day Care of Children and the social implications of their recommendations. Each of the two mother members of the symposium presented a personal view based upon her own experiences: Mrs. Roy Hawkins, the working mother, and Mrs. Richard Dunn, the mother who worked only in her home and did volunteer community work. The major conclusion was a recognition of a tremendous need for actual study in the area.

Since Section Chairman Donelda Clark, Triange Nursery School, Dearborn, Michigan, was unable to attend the conference, Esther Middlewood, Chief, Mental Health Education, Michigan was substitute chairman.

RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NCFR, AUGUST 25, 1961

WHEREAS, at the present time the statistics of marriages and divorces for the United States are far less adequate than is true of most countries of the Western world, and

WHEREAS, the NCFR is greatly interested in statistics of marriages and divorces for the United States that are complete, comprehensive, and meaningful, and

WHEREAS, at the present time many States have inadequate registration of marriages and divorces recorded at the State level, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Public Health Service has established a Marriage Registration Area, presently including 35 States, and a Divorce Registration Area, presently including 20 States, and

WHEREAS, the criteria for including States in these Areas are objective and reasonable and in the interest of securing good national statistics,

NOW THEREFORE, the NCFR in Annual meeting assembled urges all States to take such steps as are necessary to participate fully in this program, including becoming a part of these registration areas; and asks each member of the NCFR to support this program in his own State to the end that all States will participate in the adequate collection of these important data.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS IN THE U.S.A.

As the newly-appointed President of the National Council on Family Relations, I warmly welcome this resolution.

When I came to live in this country from England twelve years ago, I was astounded to find that reliable statistics concerning American marriage and divorce--particularly concerning divorce--were not available. I had simply taken it for granted that a country with so many competent social scientists, and so proud of its reputation for efficiency, would keep accurate records, as most other civilized countries do.

At a World Congress on Population in Italy in 1954, the Soviet delegates looked rather foolish when they were asked for figures about their country's population, and were unable to offer anything better than guesses. Their government had either withheld the figures, or it didn't have them.

I wonder how many Americans realize that, at an international conference on marriage and divorce, their delegates would be placed in a similar position. Representatives from most other Western countries could give precise and accurate figures. The Americans could offer only guesses.

Are these statistics important? Yes, they are. Imagine an engineer trying to build a bridge without being allowed to make the measurements he needs. Imagine a scientist being denied the facts he considers essential to do a first-rate job. This is the predicament in which American social scientists find themselves.

Why are these figures not available? Some States are keeping excellent records, but certain other States are not. The result is that the United States as a whole ranks well below most European countries in this respect.

I believe that these facts are simply not known to most Americans. I hope this resolution will make the picture clear, and lead to appropriate action on the part of the governing bodies of the States concerned.

David R. Mace, President

1962 NCFR ANNUAL MEETING THEME SET

"Eye on the Family" is the 1962 NCFR Annual Meeting Theme. Leading figures from mass communications, government, and consumer economics will discuss family life from their vantage points and will suggest where they feel workers in family life should concentrate effort.

Scheduled to be held on the University of Connecticut campus at Storrs August 22-24, 1962, the Conference will also include an afternoon and evening excursion to Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts--a 200-year-old restored New England village featuring the cottage arts and handicrafts of our Puritan forefathers. Also being investigated is the possibility of a traditional "down-east" shore dinner combined with a trip to the Shakespeare Theater in Stratford, Connecticut. Full particulars on other side trips, such as to Mystic, Connecticut, Seaport, and the Berkshire Mountain villages will also be available.

Details about the program, featuring for the first time four sections--counseling, research, education, and special emphases--and advance registration information will be announced in the Newsletter during the next few months.

Wallace C. Fulton, Associate Director of Health Education, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York City is program chairman. Eleanore B. Luckey and Fay Moeller, University of Connecticut, are local arrangements chairmen.



Section chairmen are: Counseling, John Hudson, Merrill-Palmer, Detroit, Michigan; Research, Lee Burchinal, Iowa State, Ames, Iowa; Education, Gertrude Gass, Merrill-Palmer; Special Emphases, Joel Moss, Brigham Young, Provo, Utah, They will welcome suggestions and papers.

NCFR COMMITTEES FOR 1961-2

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COUNCIL NEWS

SOUTHEASTERN: The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations was held Oct. 15-17 at the University of Tennessee. The theme was "Youth and Parents Grow Together." Featured speakers were Evelyn M. Duvall and Wallace C. Fulton. Edward D. Staples, Director, Dept. of the Christian Family, Methodist Church Board of Education, is president.

INDIANA: The officers of the Indiana Council for 1961-2 are Keogh Rash, Indiana University, Bloomington, President; Reuben D. Behlmer, Past-President; Edward Z. Dager, President-elect; Thelma Morgan, Laverne Norris, Marion Nagler, Patsy Wilson, and Katherine Hudson, Vice-Presidents; Mary Shuttleworth, Secretary; Betty Jean Day, Treasurer.

Ed Dager, Purdue, is chairman of a committee of the ICFR to press for the passage of a marriage and divorce registration law in Indiana by the 1963 legislature.

The 1962 Annual Meeting will be in Indianapolis March 24th in Rice Auditorium at the State Board of Health, and the Indiana University Student Union Building.

MINNESOTA; Henry Bowman, University of Texas, will be the speaker at the Annual Workshop October 27-28 in Minneapolis. The theme is SEX ATTITUDES-Family, Church, and Community. Chairmen for Sections are: Francis Gamelin, Director of Academic Affairs, Robbinsdale Schools, Schools; Paul Engstrom, Director of Chaplaincy, St. Paul Council of Churches, Churches; Charles Martin, Family Life Specialist, University of Minnesota, Families; Harold Belgum, Director of Family Life and Adult Education, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and Mildred Roberts, Family Life Education Consultant, Minneapolis Family and Children's Service, Social Agencies; Paul Smith, Minister, Sallwater Presbyterian Church, Youth Organizations. Ray Kelley, St. Paul Marriage Counselor, is program chairman. Wayne J. Anderson, Univ. of Minn., is president.

KANSAS: The Kansas Family Life Association, in cooperation with the Kansas Council for Children and Youth, met October 13-14 at the University of Wichita. The theme of the Conference was "The Family-Past, Present, and Future." James J. Burr, Technical Consultant,

U.S. Dept. of HEW, gave the keynote address, on "Changing Needs of the Family and Community Responsibilities." Section meetings were on "What Should Be The Role of Community Agencies In Meeting The Moral And Spiritual Needs of Family Members?" "The Responsibility of Community Agencies And The Physical Health Needs of Family Members;" "The Community's Responsibility and The Leisure Time Needs of Family Members;" "The Community's Responsibility in Meeting The Educational Needs of Family Members;" and "The Community's Responsibility in Meeting The Economics Needs Of Family Members." Elizabeth S. Force, ASHA, was the dinner speaker; and Edgard C. Cumings, ASHA, addressed the final general session. Amy G. Gerling, University of Wichita, was program Chairman. President of the Kansas Council is Samuel Widiger, Lutheran Institutional and Hospital Chaplain, Wichita.

LOS ANGELES: The first meeting of the Los Angeles members of the NCFR was held October 20th, to hear reports of the Salt Lake City meeting. For information about this new group, write James A. Peterson, 8530 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: A meeting to reactivate this group will be held in December, in cooperation with the San Diego Council. David Mace will be speaker. Write James Peterson at above address.

NORTH CAROLINA: The North Carolina Family Life Council met in Charlotte Oct. 22-24. The theme was "Living in Balance Begins in the Family: Physical and Emotional Dynamics in Family Interaction." Keynote speakers were Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Rutherford, obstetrician and marriage counselor respectively, of Seattle, Washington; and Dr. Frances L. Ilg, Gesell Institute. Elizabeth J. Middleton was program chairman. Jesse H. Lanning, Linwood, is president.

TRI-STATE: Hunter College of the City Univ. of New York was the site for the Annual Meeting of Tri-State Council Oct. 20th. The theme was "Family Life in Many Lands." At the afternoon workshop the film, FOUR FAMILIES was shown. This film, designed to show something of the impact of child rearing upon a society, portrays family life in India, Japan, France and Canada. Doris Ekstrom led the discussion, with panelists, Mrs. Yoshi Nogi, Jane Mayer, and Geoffrey Esty.

At the dinner meeting, David Mace and Eleanore Luckey repeated their dialogue, "Family Patterns and Goals in the USA and the USSR," first presented at the Utah Conference. Margaret Benz, New York University, is President of Tri-State.

#### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

MURIEL BROWN, Children's Bureau, and KATHARINE W. TAYLOR, Parent Education, Baltimore Schools, attended the World Congress on Mental Health in Paris in August. Katharine Taylor presented a paper on "Education and Mental Health in American Parent Cooperatives."

HUGO A. BOURDEAU, Marriage Counseling Service, Inc., Baltimore, conducted eight classes in Family Life during the 35th Annual Rural Women's Short Course at the University of Maryland in June. Topics were "Living Life to Its Fullest Through Marriage," "How to Avoid a Mediocre Marriage," "In-Laws can be Friends," and "The Aged and the Home." The Short Course, which was attended by over 1,000 women, was directed by JEANNE S. MOEHN, Family Life Specialist.

JAMES W. GLADDEN, formerly at the U. of Kentucky, is now President of the Blue Ridge Assembly, Inc., YMCA Conference Center of the South. He hopes to make this institution an agency focussing on Family Life Education.

THOMAS M. POFFENBERGER, until recently at the U. of California, will arrive in India late this month, accompanied by his family, where he will be the leader of a pilot project aimed at study of child-rearing practices in the Indian culture. He will be a member of the Iowa State University faculty, assigned to "the Baroda project." His work will be in the homes and villages of India and on the campus of Baroda University, where other members of an Iowa State team are already on the job. Each team member represents one department of the ISU College of Home Economics, and the total effort, under auspices of the Ford Foundation, is directed toward improved living standards for Indian families. Both research and development of a graduate program to prepare Indian women for leadership figure in the project.

JOSEPH S. HIMES, professor of sociology at North Carolina College at Durham, has received a Fulbright grant, and is spending the year in Finland. He is attending a seminar at the University in research in social institutions, and hopes to investigate courtship practices in Finland.

ETHEL M. NASH, Family Life Specialist at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina writes that the three medical schools of North Carolina sponsored a symposium on medical aspects of marriage problems Oct. 22 in Greensboro, made possible by a grant from the Lederle Laboratories.

At the symposium, Mrs. Nash reported on a survey, made with a NIH grant, of the practices of North Carolina physicians in relation to marriage and sex counseling. The physicians were chosen by random sampling technique and were interviewed by 5 senior medical students using a semi-structured, open-and type questionnaire. 514, representative of all the major specialties percentage-wise, out of a total of 2,535 practicing physicians were seen. The results of the questionnaire were coded and tested for multiple correlations at the Computation Center of the University of North Carolina. More than 96,000 pieces of information were collected.

JEAN LUSH, Seattle, is sociologist for a radio program for women, featured daily by station KGDN. She prepares messages purely on marriage and the family. In conjunction with the program, a counseling service is developing. The program sponsors a conference for women each year.

JESSIE BERNARD is in Washington, D. C., on sabbatical leave, studying the academic woman.

MURRAY STRAUS has moved from Cornell Univ. to the Univ. of Minnesota's Sociology and Home Economics Department.

ROY DICKERSON and RICHARD HEY were guest leaders at a Family Life Institute at Elizabethtown College in the summer. A. STAUFFER CURRY was a Panel Discussion Leader.

HAROLD CHRISTENSEN has been appointed to the National Committee on the Betty Crocker talent search, as NCFR's representative.

MOREY APPELL has moved to Madison, Wisconsin to take over Carl Roger's former post, in an effort to find which of three methods best develops teachers who have a productive impact on students. This research is a Federal Mental Health project, and his approach will be the learning-centered one.

With deep regret we have learned of the death of DEAN JOHNSON on June 7th from a heart attack; and of EDWARD SAYLER, Yankton College, South Dakota, School of Theology.

Lt. Col. GABRIEL D. OFIESH, USAF, Professor of Psychology and Management and Director of Leadership Studies, USAF Academy, Denver writes that he is teaching a required course in the Psychology of Family Relations established as a part of the curriculum for cadets at the Academy. The course is supplemented by lectures on Sunday afternoons to all cadets of the Academy who wish to attend, with their girl friends or fiancées.

THEODORE B. JOHANNIS, JR., University of Oregon, was conference leader for the Second Annual Family Life Conference at Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta June 13-15. The theme of the conference was "The Family A Decision Making Team."

RUTH DALES taught at Winthrop College and the Univ. of Maryland this summer, before returning to Florida State to help several doctoral students wind up their work.

DAVID AND FRANCES TREAT will be the featured speakers at a family life workshop sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Minneapolis Nov. 7th. The topic is "Sex Education: Facts Aren't Enough."

DONALD BRIELAND gave the opening address at the National Association for Nursery Education Conference in St. Louis Oct. 18-21. The theme was "Children in Focus." Other NCFR members on the program were: ALLAN ZACHER, PHYLLIS RICHARDS, GLENN HAWKES, AND BERNICE BORGMAN.

REUBEN HILL is the recipient of a Fulbright lectureship in family sociology at the Univ. of Louvain, Belgium, for 1961-62. He will train graduate students in family research and will carry out a replication of the Detroit Area Survey's Study of urban family structure and functioning as a practical experience for his students. Reuben Hill presented a paper at the Fifth International Seminar on Family Research at Opatika, Yugoslavia in Sept. He is chairman of the Family Sociology Section of the International Sociological Association which now operates the seminars. Following the Opatika sessions, he lectured at the Sociology Institute at Ljubljana under the auspices of the American Embassy.

ROBERT A. DENTLER, formerly of the Bureau of Child Research, Univ. of Kansas, is now a sociologist at Dartmouth.

HELEN BUCHANAN, who was at Pennsylvania State U., is Associate Professor of Child Development and Family Relations, College of Home Economics, Univ. of Tennessee.

EVELYN G. RIMEL is the new Director of Family Life Education, Stout State College, Menomonie, Wisconsin.

ELIZABETH S. FORCE, ASHA Family Life Consultant, and Associate Director, Division of Edu., participated in family life education workshops in seven cities during the summer, ranging in geographical location from the New England States to the Rockies.

DOROTHY BROWNFIELD, Univ. of Nevada, headed a Family Living Workshop at Central Missouri State College last summer. Also participating were ELIZABETH FORCE And PAUL K. HOUDEK.

FLOYD M. ANDERSON, formerly at Brigham Young, is the new Executive Director of the American Institute of Family Relations. PAUL POPENOE will retire from active direction of the Institute on October 31st, but will continue as President Emeritus.

LEONARD DEMOOR, Hastings College, has been called into active military service.

NEWS RELEASES

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SEX: The fourth annual meeting will be held Nov. 4, 1961, in the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York City. Discussants of the morning session on "Sex and Aging" will be Drs. Harry Benjamin, Lissy F. Jarvik, and Joseph T. Freeman; and Mrs. Donald Armstrong. Dr. Hugo G. Beigel is chairman.

The topic for the afternoon sessions is "Sex Factors in Schizophrenia." Discussants are Drs. Bernard D. Glueck, Jr., Jules D. Holzberg, Lothar B. Kalinowky, and Sandor Rado. Dr. Franz J. Kallmann is chairman.

THE FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA will observe its 50th Anniversary with a Biennial Conference in New York City Nov. 12-15. A half-century of progress will be reviewed and future trends in family life and family counseling will be forecast. The theme for the Conference, which will bring together authorities from all parts of the country, is "Fortifying the Family for the Stresses of the Sixties."

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIV. OF MICHIGAN: The Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science at the Univ. of Michigan offers an inter-departmental program leading to degrees combining social work with sociology, social psychology, psychology, or economics. The program prepares students for careers in research, teaching, and policy development. Students with bachelor's degrees only, as well as students with a master's degree in social work or a social science discipline, may apply for admission. Support for this advanced study is available through the Nat'l. Institute of Mental Health and Russell Sage Foundation. Fellowship applications will be received up to Feb. 1, 1962. Applications for admission only may be filed up to June 1, 1962. Write Henry J. Meyer, School of Social Work, Univ. of Michigan.

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION will hold its 89th. Annual Meeting Nov. 13-17, 1961 at Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan. Scientific sessions and exhibits will cover community health, prevention of disease and control of environmental health factors.

OHIO NORTHERN UNIV., Ada, Ohio: Ohio Northern Univ. paved the way for fulfilling the state legislature's bill to provide teachers for a course in Family Relations in the public schools, in its Advanced Workshop in Family Life Education given the first two weeks of the summer term.

Elementary and secondary teachers, parents and youth workers were enrolled. After interchange of experiences by the directors and students, the class explored the available material from curriculum outlines and program materials. The registrants developed a full outline for teaching in various situations and age levels. Special attention was given to developing a curriculum usable in the areas of public school, parent education and church groups.

Assisting with the workshop were Roy Dickerson, Cincinnati Social Hygiene Association; and David H. Markle, Ohio Northern's professor of Sociology.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH: The 11th Annual Meeting and Mental Health Assembly of the Nat'l. Asso. for Mental Health will be held at Miami Beach, Florida, Nov. 15-18. The conference will focus on Action for Mental Health.

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