



Marriage and family life experts, Dr. F. Ivan Nye, left; Dr. Eleanore B. Luckey and Dr. Harold T. Christensen, are here for National Council on Family Relations meet.

## 'Just Too Young to Wed'

Parents often encourage and at the same time express alarm at the growing number of young marriages, many of which end up in unhappiness and divorce because the couples were not prepared for adult responsibilities.

**THE VIEW WAS** expressed Tuesday by Dr. Harold T. Christensen, a native Utah, now head of the Department of Sociology, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

He arrived here with other experts from all parts of the country to attend the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations Wednesday through Friday at the University of Utah. Sessions will be in Orson Spencer Hall and the U. Union. Dr. Christensen is president of the Council.

"SOME PARENTS," HE declared, "think it is cute for their junior high school children to go steady, and in other ways to

grow up before they are ready, thus being forced into adult life too soon and without proper guidance.

"Family life itself doesn't prepare them for adult responsibility as it used to. Homes are largely automatic and, in a sense, children are reared as hot house plants."

**DR. CHRISTENSEN SAID** he believes that the high proportion of young marriages is a contributing factor to a divorce rate in Utah that is above the national average, whereas in a population of this type one could expect it to be below average.

The need for this country to provide better pre-school care of children of working mothers was emphasized by Dr. Eleanore B. Luckey, head of the parent education section, University of Connecticut.

Dr. Christensen will open the first session Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Orson Spencer Auditorium.

## State Obtains Offers on 4 Road Jobs

Bids were received Tuesday by the Utah State Highway Department for \$1,800,000 in new highway work—including a 550-foot bridge.

**THE BRIDGE** is to span Cart Creek in Daggett County, completing a link between the Flaming Gorge Dam and Vernal.

U.S. Steel Corp.'s American Bridge Division, Denver, gave a \$768,781 bid for the project, the lowest of seven submitted. However, the low bid was more than \$80,000 higher than the \$708,274 estimate.

**A LOW BID** of \$241,632 was received from L. C. Stevenson, Altamont, for construction of one and a third mile of approach road on U-260 near the bridge.

A rebuilding of 10 miles of U.S. 40 between Jensen and Bonanza Junction in Uintah County drew a low bid of \$715,339 from Strong Co., Springville.

**WORK ON STATE** roads Washington County drew 10 bids, the lowest \$67,976, by L. A. Young Sons, Richfield.

The surfacing project of one and a half miles on from Hurricane to the V River Bridge and U-59 in Kane.

**THE FIFTH JOB** in opening made highway ment history: A project at \$34,755 in County drew no bids.

The half-mile project designed to surface U-182-A, Fourth East Price, from U.S. 50 to Bon College camp.

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## Other Lands Love, Respect The Aged

By MARY MARKER

Dear Readers:

We were very much interested in a panel on the aging at the recent National Council on Family Relations. This was one of the section meetings, and a young woman from Finland married to a Utahn, a young married woman from India and a young man from Korea, told about the aging in their countries.

Anyone who expected to hear about modern apartment houses, centers of creative activities, or entertainment plans to keep the aging happy, was doomed to disappointment.

Finland is beginning to feel the need of these facilities just as our own country does. Reason is their homes are smaller, modern families are becoming very crowded, and it's hard to find living space for the grandparents.

### Interesting Attitude

But in Finland, as in the other two countries, the attitude toward old age is what's interesting. These people feel that years of aging have brought serenity, and especially wisdom, and these are gifts of value to the children and grandchildren.

The old people of the family still live, as a rule, with their children, but they are not begrudgingly tolerated, as in some (certainly not all) American homes. They are honored, loved and respected. Their wisdom is regarded as of great value, and they feel a personal warmth, a sense of being needed and useful, a freedom from loneliness.

Various points were brought out. One was that grandparents are not mere baby sitters—they are teachers and guardians of their grandchildren or great-grandchildren. There is a feeling that delinquency is greatly curbed because of the care and teachings of these older ones.

### Is Customary

In Korea the eldest son of the family customarily takes the responsibility of maintaining his parents in his home. This, he feels, is an honor and privilege.

We could not help noticing the femininity and charm of the two young women who spoke and the earnestness of the Korean.

America will not return to this patriarchal pattern. Yet it is interesting to see a little more intimately the values of the family-structured life. People in those countries are more accepting of what trials may come along (sometimes admittedly things are very trying there), and they are more controlled and more guided in practical living by principals in which they believe.

In many of these families there is a great sense of togetherness, happiness and unity.

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# Are You Dissatisfied With Home?

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## THINK WHAT YOUR SPOUSE THINKS!

If a man thinks his wife is dissatisfied with their home, he won't be happy either.

If a woman feels her husband is happy living in the old homestead, the chances are she'll get along without a newer model.

"Whether either spouse is really satisfied with the home makes little difference," the chairman of Vanderbilt university sociology department said in Minneapolis Tuesday. "The important factor is how the other thinks he feels."

John Mogey drew his con-

clusions from a year-long study he did on community relocation in England three years ago.

The study covers 350 families living in an English village who were questioned and interviewed throughout a year as to what made them happy about their homes, their neighborhoods and their communities.

The same factors which make people satisfied with their homes make them satisfied with their neighborhoods, said Mogey.

If they feel their neighbors are happy with the commu-

nity it means they are happy themselves.

Snobbishness plays no part in these feelings, said Mogey, because physical factors have very little influence.

"The only outside factor which made any difference was the aesthetic appearance of the home. Apparently people want their house or street to look nice.

"Beliefs about a house are important, but the house as a physical object is disregarded."

Mogey feels his study of what makes people satisfied with their homes would be

useful in any kind of housing project in which people are relocated.

He said it could be directly transferred to English housing policy, which now maintains that neighborhood standards rise when families are relocated among strangers.

"Satisfaction depends on cohesiveness of families and neighborhoods, not on physical factors," he said.

Mogey spoke at University of Minnesota Tuesday.

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# Prof to Leave For Belgium

How does an American tell Belgians about family patterns?

"This will be difficult since families vary a good deal from country to country," said Dr. Reuben Hill, recent winner of a Fulbright lectureship in family sociology at the University of Louvain, Belgium.

**HILL, PROFESSOR** of sociology at the University and director of the Minnesota Family Study Center, will leave for Belgium in August to teach first and second year graduate students at Louvain.

"The emphasis of the course will be on comparative family patterns the world over, and the development of the family in western civilization. This will enable us to place Belgian family organization in its proper context," Hill explained.

During his one year stay at Louvain he will also conduct a seminar in which a study of family functioning in the city of Brussels will be compared with similar studies done in Detroit and Tokyo.

**WHAT ABOUT** language? Hill is the first Fulbright sociologist to be assigned to Belgium because of his ability to lecture in French.

Hill is married and the father of five children, four of whom will accompany him and his wife to Belgium. He is the author of many books on the subject of marriage and the family. His most recent book, which he co-authored with Evelyn M. Duvall, is the best seller "Being Married."

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## News Release

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David R. Mace, Executive Director of the American Association of Marriage Counselors, and NCFR Program Chairman, announces that an opening address on "Difference, Tolerance, and Cooperation" will set the stage for the 1961 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, to be held August 23-25, 1961 at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Discussions at the conference will focus upon controversial issues in order to determine where common ground can be found for cooperative action. Differences to be discussed will be Ideological, Religious, and Ethical.

There will be plenary sessions and section meetings, involving speakers outstanding in their fields. The section meetings, followed by discussion groups, will be on Early Child Development; Family Life Education in the Schools; Family Life Education in the Colleges; Family Life Education in the Community; Parent Education; Religion; Counseling; and Research.

Local Arrangements co-chairmen are Veon G. Smith and Hulda Van Steeter Garrett, University of Utah. For further information write Ruth Janson, Executive Secretary, National Council on Family Relations, 1219 University Ave. S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.