

[before August 27, 1951]

National Council on Family Relations

Preliminary Program

Annual Conference

August 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1951

College Camp

(On Lake Geneva), Wisconsin

Preliminary Program—1951 "Family Style" Annual Conference

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS

1126 East 59th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois

August 27-August 31, 1951, College Camp (on Lake Geneva), Wisconsin

Theme: *Family Roots for Mature Living*

Highlights—Family participation (tents, cottages and facilities for family living)

Fellowship, fun and relaxation (all-conference dining room)

Minimum of papers (discussion of pertinent focussed questions)

Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth recommendations sifted and weighed for action

Special Children's Program through the day

GENERAL SESSIONS

August 27—8:00 P.M. *Opening Session*

Roll Call of States and Regions

Panel—*The Challenge of the Mid-Century Conference*

August 28—9:00-10:30 A.M. *Heartwood and Growing Edge of Family Living*

An honest and cooperative attempt to examine our shibboleths and cherished assumptions through whole group sharing of small group deliberations of basic values and significant change

August 28—8:00 P.M. *Inner Bonds of Family Life*

Presentation of carefully selected recorded family conversations which give insight into some of the more subtle inter-personal relationships in the family followed by interpretation of implications by panels representative of the various emphases and interests in the Council. General discussion

August 30—9:00-10:30 A.M. *Pacing Wartime's Threat to Family Life*

Brief characterizations of current and potential problems facing the family in cold war and in hot:

- 1) Adjustments to the absence of husband and father
- 2) Impacts of war-induced attitudes and behavior on children
- 3) Hasty marriage and family instability
- 4) Fluid sex mores brought about by wartime conditions

Buzz Sessions and general discussion

August 30—8:00 P.M. *Open Session*

For creative "follow-up" discussions either on a whole conference basis or in sections based on several foci of interest

August 31—9:00-12:00 A.M. *Final General Session*

Annual Business Meeting—Election of Officers

Reports from National Committees

Recommendations, Resolutions, Plans for the Future

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC BASIS OF THE FAMILY

August 28, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

The Effect of a National Emergency upon Financial Plans of Families in the United States—Mrs. Ruth Honey, Pennsylvania State College, group discussion leader

August 29, 9:00-10:30 A.M.

Building for Maturity in Students: a Panel Discussion—Dr. Paulena Nickell, Iowa State College, coordinator
Ways and Means—Dr. Paulena Nickell

Meeting Family Problems—Dr. David Fulcomer, Iowa State College

Adjusting to National Emergencies—Mrs. Sylvia Shiras, Household Finance Corporation, Chicago

August 30, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Cooperative Family Planning—Miss Helen Cramer, University of Wisconsin, group discussion leader (invited)

Business Meeting—Election of Officers

Program of Work, 1951-52

FLORENCE MCKINNEY (chairman), Kansas State College, Manhattan

EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING IN THE COLLEGES

Our general plan is as follows. There will be no formal presentation of topics, but papers will be prepared, mimeographed and circulated for reading before each meeting. Members of Resource Committees selected for each meeting will have copies of these papers before they arrive at the Conference. They will be charged with the responsibility of generating discussion, not only between themselves and the authors of the papers, but primarily with the members of the group in attendance.

DOROTHY T. DYER (chairman), Department of General Studies, Family Life Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14

EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIVING IN THE SCHOOLS

August 28, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Topic: *How Can School Programs in Family Life Education Contribute to the Development of Mature Personalities?*—Esther Handwerk, Lake View High School, Chicago, chairman

What Are the Aims of Family Life Education?—Dr. Roy Dickerson, executive secretary, Cincinnati Social Hygiene Society

What Is the Role of the Teacher in the Development of Emotional Maturity?—Mrs. Esther Schour, Jewish Family and Community Service, Chicago

What Contribution May the Parents Expect the Schools to Make?—Mrs. Alfred King, Chicago Division, P.T.A.

Discussion to follow.

August 29, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (A joint meeting with the National Committee on Teacher Preparation)

Topic: *How School Programs in Family Life Education Are Contributing to the Development of Mature Personalities*—chairmen to be selected later

Panel Members

Mrs. Grace Ricketts, supervisor of Health and Physical Education, Elementary Schools of Alameda County, California

Mrs. Ruth Osborne, teacher of Home and Family Life, Hinsdale, Illinois High School

Mrs. Rebecca Nelson, assistant professor of Child Development and Family Relationships, Indiana University

Dr. George Douglas, professor of Sociology, Davidson College

Discussion to follow.

August 30, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Topic: *How Can We Cope with Specific Problems in Teaching Family Life Education?*—Lester A. Kirkendall, associate professor of Family Life, Oregon State College, chairman

Group discussion of problems which have been submitted will be aided by a group of resource persons who have had practical experience in the field

Business Meeting—Election of Officers

Progress Report

Future Plans

MRS. ESTHER HANDWERK (chairman), 7312 Eastlake Terrace, Chicago 26, Illinois

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY

August 28, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Discussion: *The Total Program of Family Life Education in the Community*. Special groups to be reached; needs to be met; goals to be set. (Special attention to be given to the findings of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.)

August 29, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Discussion: *How Can a Family Life Program Be Initiated in the Community?*

The village and rural community?

The small town?

The city?

August 30, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Discussion: *Unmet Areas in the Community Program and How These Needs Can Be Met*

Out-of-school youth

The aged

The handicapped families

Broken families

The lack-of-vision families

DONALD F. SCHROEDER (chairman), 2426 Bassett Place, Flint 4, Michigan

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

August 28, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Principles of Marriage Counseling

Panel Discussants

Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, Beverly Hills, California

Dr. Abraham Stone, Marriage Consultation Center, New York City (invited)

Mrs. Gladys Groves, Marriage and Family Council, Inc., Chapel Hill, North Carolina

August 29, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

A Clinical Approach to Homosexuality

Dr. Robert W. Laidlaw, American Association of Marriage Counselors, New York City

Dr. Robert G. Foster, The Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas, discussant

The Concept of Emotional Maturity as It Relates to Marriage Counseling

Walter R. Stokes, M.D., Washington, D.C.

Dr. Ernest G. Osborne, Teachers College, Columbia University, discussant (invited)

August 30, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Premarital Sex Relations: The Facts and the Counselor's Role in Relation to the Facts

Panel Discussants

Dr. Nadina Kavinoky, Pasadena, California (invited)

Dr. Ralph Eckert, South Pasadena, California

Dr. Ben Timmons, University of Illinois

Dr. Reuben Hill, University of North Carolina

Dr. Dorothy Dyer, University of Minnesota

Dr. Albert Ellis, New York City

ROBERT A. HARPER (chairman), Merrill Palmer School, Detroit, Michigan

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LAW

August 28, 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Licensing of Marriage and Family Counselors. Discussion of pros and cons of licensure, technical problems and recommendations

Participants

Edward Di Grazia, Chicago, Illinois

Albert Ellis, New York City

Walter R. Stokes, Washington, D.C.

August 30, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Business Session—Election of Officers

Plans and Projects

ARTHUR GOLDBLATT (acting chairman),

33 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RESEARCH

I am suggesting the following tentative program: Tuesday and Wednesday, research papers followed by discussion; Thursday, business session, with election of officers and meeting of the old and new officers to discuss the Burgess fund and other projects.

PAUL H. LANDIS (chairman), State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington

MASS MEDIA

The Mass Media Committee is being reorganized to become a service committee for all national committees. Its members will consist of one representative for each of the twelve committees of the National Council. These members will act as liaison between their respective committees and the Mass Media Committee for the free flow of information both ways. As materials and sources are organized, a master file will be established from which anyone interested in family life education may then secure information about movies, radio, television and press helps.

The Mass Media Committee will meet Wednesday, August 29 from 9:00-10:50 A.M. for acquaintance among members and clarification of the purposes and functions of the Mass Media Committee, under the new plan.

W. CLARK ELLZEY (chairman), Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri

PARENT EDUCATION

The National Committee for Parent Education will conduct a special program on the recruitment and training of parent education leaders. This problem is of paramount concern to the joint committee representing the National Committee for Parent Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, an organization that conducts its own training workshops for lay leaders drawn from its roster of more than six million P.T.A. members. The challenge to both groups is the further development of a program designed to find those with background and personality suited to parent education leadership and to give them the training and status required to do the best possible job. Chairman and co-chairman of the Committee for this program are Eva H. Grant, editor of the *National Parent Teacher*, and David Fulcomer, professor of sociology at Iowa State College.

EVA H. GRANT for Sidonie Gruenberg (chairman), c/o Doubleday and Company, 575 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York

RELIGION AND THE FAMILY

August 28, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Current Programs on Religion and Family Living

Participants

Rev. Edward Dowling, S.J., director of the Queen's Work, St. Louis

Rev. Richard Lenz, director, Department of Family Life, National Council of Churches (invited)

Rabbi Louis Mann, Sinai Temple, Chicago (invited)

August 29, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (Open to all members of the Council)

Cooperation among the Different Religious Faiths

Points of Consensus and Agreement among Catholics, Protestants and Jews—Dr. A. H. Clemens, professor of Sociology, Catholic University of America

General Discussion: How Can We Cooperate More Effectively and How Can We Better Adjust Our Differences?

Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Seward Hiltner, Chicago Theological Seminary (invited)

Rabbi Jerome Folkman, chairman of the Committee on Marriage, Family and Home of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (invited)

August 30, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Planning for the Future

1. How shall we build and maintain an effective membership in the Committee?

Who should be invited to belong?

To what extent, and how should we communicate with each other and share insights and plans throughout the year?

2. What materials on religion and family living are now available?

(All groups having such materials should send them to the 1951 Conference for exhibition)

3. What materials need to be prepared?

For parents?

For clergy and other church leaders?

For public interpretation?

For those in training?

4. What is our interpretative job?

The interpretation of family life to church leadership, on both the local and higher levels

The interpretation of the significance of religion to those concerned for family living, especially

those of our own membership

5. What research in this area seems most imperative?

6. Election of officers and plans for the coming year.

SYLVANUS M. DUVAL (chairman),

George Williams College, Chicago, Illinois

TEACHER PREPARATION

August 28, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Topic: *Some Important Factors in the Selection and Training of Mature Leaders in Family Life Education*—Lester S. Pearl, Florida State University, chairman

For the Public Schools

For Higher Education

For Community Leadership

Brief ten minute presentations by three leaders representing each of these phases followed by group discussion and the formation of some basic principles for all to consider

August 29, 11:00-12:30 P.M. (A joint meeting with the National Committee on Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Schools)

For program schedule see National Committee on Education for Marriage and Family Living in the Schools

August 30, 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Topic: *Trends in the Preparation of Teachers and Professors in Family Life and Marriage Courses*—Pauline H. Drolinger, State Department of Education for Wyoming, and Nellie Perkins, University of Illinois, co-chairmen

Results from a Study of the Training Requirements for Instructors in Courses in Marriage and Family Relationships—Dr. Gerhard Neubeck, University of Minnesota

LESTER A. PEARL (chairman),

Florida State University, Tallahassee

American Association of Marriage Counselors, College Camp, Wisconsin, Monday, August 27

American Psychological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, begins Saturday, September 1

American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, week of September 3

(Members may stay over at College Camp for the week-end preceding these professional meetings in Chicago, eighty five miles south of Lake Geneva)

Advance Registration (Add 50 cents each for late registration)

Non-members \$6.00

Members 3.50

Members' spouses 2.00

Members' children 1.00

Housing reservations go directly to George Williams College Camp, College Camp, Wisconsin. Daily rates including meals and lodging range \$5.00 to \$11.75 per person per day depending upon the accommodations. Special rates for children: under 2, \$1 a day; 2-5, 1/2 adult rate; 6-9, 3/4 adult rate.

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Daily Schedule— 9:00-10:30 General session

10:30-11:00 Mid-morning break (Special Children's Program through the day)

11:00-12:30 National Committee sessions

Lunch to dinner free for—

Family fun

Informal get-togethers

Individual conferences with experienced leaders

Boating, swimming, golf, tennis, archery, picnics, etc.

Children's activities

Movies, skits and informal presentations

Special dinner programs

General evening sessions

National Committees (Indicate your choice)

- _____ Economic Basis of the Family
_____ Education for Marriage and Family in Colleges
_____ Education for Marriage and Family in Community
_____ Education for Marriage and Family in Schools
_____ Marriage and Family Counseling
_____ Marriage and Family Law
_____ Marriage and Family Research
_____ Mass Media (movies, radio, TV, press, etc.)
_____ Parent Education
_____ Religion and the Family
_____ Teacher Preparation

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Reasonable rates for meals and lodging with special sliding scale for children:

- Children under 2\$1.00 a day
2 to 5 yrs 1/2 adult rate
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per person per day

(1950 rates may change somewhat with current situation)

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