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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

For your president and for the association this has been a good year although we can look back and see many things that we wish we could have accomplished. Because each of you in some way has made your special contribution to the association, the program has moved forward and a closer professional bond has grown within the membership. More than ever before, individual members as well as small and large groups have taken on responsible service for the national organization; service that to a great extent had been given in the past by an executive secretary. This has often been at real personal sacrifice. We know each other better because of this and we have shared more widely and more abundantly of ourselves, our knowledge and skills. The personal and professional worth of this cannot be denied.

The association has assumed its share of responsibility in the continued planning for a single professional membership organization. A proposed set of by laws is in the preliminary stage of development and the field of social work through the various national organizations will have a final opportunity to determine what they want this new organization to be.

Association standing committees have worked diligently and successfully. Using small local groups as a nucleus, committees have achieved successful planning and action through correspondence. Chapter organization procedures are set up. Three chapters are active and three have application blanks. Others have expressed an interest in chapter status. The Finance Committee's success is briefly indicated below. Membership has increased between 15% and 20% in the past few months.

Financing the day by day work of NASSW has been and continues to be a major problem. Here, again, our membership has made great strides in assuming the major responsibility. One of the members of the Board of Directors demonstrated her faith in the association and school social work in a special contribution of \$10,000 last year. Another \$2,000 has only recently been added to this. No less important or encouraging are the many smaller contributions which have been made by individuals and groups in the past few months. The unlimited and tedious work of the Detroit chapter in the publishing, promoting and distributing RECIPE ROLL CALL still continues and points to a superb job well done.

Approaches to several foundations for grants to meet pressing needs that cannot be met by volunteer service have not been successful. More than ever before we need paid professional staff. We have not been able to give the service to the field that is so badly needed especially in the area of consultation. This is needed in our relationship with schools of education, schools of social work, state and local school administrators, etc. Now, as we move toward a single organization, there must be some assurance that, along with the plan for the program in the broad field of social welfare, plans will also be carried forward to continue a program of developing the field of school social work. This assurance cannot be had without full time professional staff. Because of the active support of many individuals and groups, the members of the National Board begin to see some hope of financing such a staff position. Because of increased income from dues, additional contributing memberships from regular members as well as from lay persons, special contributions from individuals and groups, we have been able to transfer into a savings account some of the money we had expected to use for general operating expenses. This has given the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee faith and hope that we can do the same thing next year and thus in the near future again have paid professional staff. This will not be easy, but with the expectation of the need existing only a year or at the most, two years, perhaps it can be a reality.

With this sincere hope - and almost a promise - I wish to extend to you personally and for the Board of Directors sincere appreciation for all you have done for the association and warm wishes for a good new year.

Opal Boston, President

## II. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK, MAY 9-14, 1954, ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

The conference program this year will be organized a little differently than previously. There will be two sessions for a workshop type of program. There will be opportunity for enrolling in these in advance in order that they may be planned in a more profitable manner for you. Below is a brief outline of the program. More specific details will be available later.

1. The Child's School Experience; its implications for every social worker; its meaning to the child and his parents.  
 Speaker: Dr. Fritz Redl  
 Discussant: To be announced but will be a school social worker
2. Joint Meeting with Family Service Association  
 Speaker or panel members to be announced. Content will be in area of cooperative practice in the community, clarification of roles between school social worker and family case worker, philosophy of mutual services, etc.
3. Workshop on Short Contact Services. Leader to be announced.  
 What are school social workers doing about short contact services; their nature and varieties, skills and methods involved; what part is directly with the child, etc.
4. Workshop on coordination of school social work with that of other school personnel.

This will include team work methods and processes--with principals, teachers, psychologists, remedial reading personnel, "disciplinarians", etc.

Workshops will run for two sessions and will be conducted by leaders in the field of school social work.

The meetings will be held on the following schedule:

Tuesday, May 11	2:00 - 3:30 P.M.	General Meeting
Tuesday, May 11	4:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Joint Meeting with F.S.A.
Tuesday, May 11	5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, May 13	2:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Workshops
Thursday, May 13	5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Party for membership

The Headquarters Hotel for NASSW is the Hotel Madison. Make your reservations early.

## III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Miss Carmelite Janvier, director of the division of special services for the Orleans, La., parish school board, was presented in November, 1953, with a "teacher of the year" certificate of merit by the mayor in the City Hall. Miss Janvier was chosen for this honor by the Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma "in recognition of her pioneer work, her outstanding leadership and contribution to special services to children with school problems." The association congratulates you, Miss Janvier, and we are proud to have this honor to come to one of our members who so richly deserves it. Miss Janvier has been an outstanding leader in the development of school social work on a national level. As a member of the Board of Directors, she has given active support and wise guidance to the program of NASSW.

## IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Miss Alma Laabs, chairman, reports that the finance committee is putting special

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emphasis on plans and means for raising money to meet the minimum budget as well as possible ways of increasing our income so that the organization can again employ an executive secretary. The committee has appealed to the membership to consider special projects, continuing or becoming contributing members; contacting interested lay people in making contributions or becoming contributing members.

Committee members investigated possibility of approaching foundations for a large sum of money to make it possible for the organization to have professional staff. Miss Laabs writes material was presented to a number of foundations. "In the case of some, our program did not fall within their designated program; others felt they could not venture to take on so large a financial program; others were interested but do not contribute to operating expenses of a budget--in other words, they are interested in special projects or research. The committee has worked closely with the Executive Committee, and much of the planning and work has been done jointly with that committee."

The members of the Finance Committee are: Margaret Ajax, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Marjorie Everingham, Baltimore, Md.; Barbara Hall, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Rachel Jacobs, Detroit, Mich.; Louise McKee, Berkley, Calif.; Viola Menzemer, Oak Park, Ill.; Margaret Quane, Evanston, Ill.; Florrie Still, Gainesville, Georgia and Miss Laabs.

#### V. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: APRIL 25-MAY 1, 1954, CINCINNATI, OHIO

NASSW will sponsor the section entitled "Children with Social and Emotional Problems" which will be held Saturday, May 1, 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. at Netherland Plaza Hotel. Miss Ruth Gaunt, Supervisor of Welfare Counselors, Milwaukee Public Schools, will act as chairman. The program will be a panel discussion of "The Role of Relationship with and Coordination of the Services of the Different Professional Staff Members Who Work with Exceptional Children in the School."

Panel Members: Miss Hester Burbridge, Director of Special Services, Evanston Public Schools, Coordinator  
 Mr. Keith Jewel, Chief Area Psychologist, Division of Education for Exceptional Children, Office of Public Instruction, Springfield, Ill.  
 Miss Ruth Gaunt  
 Speech Correctionist (to be announced)  
 Special Class Teacher (to be announced)

We will also try to provide an opportunity for NASSW members to get together. Members of the committee planning this program are: Ruth Gaunt, chairman; Hester Burbridge, Evanston; Jane Wille, Evanston; Margaret Quane, Chicago; Grace Hyndman, Cincinnati.

#### VI. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK: TORONTO, CANADA, JUNE 27-JULY 2, 1954

The theme of the conference is "Promoting Social Work through Self-Help and Co-operative Action." Because the conference is so close to home, attendance will be limited for the U.S. delegates. The I.C.S.W. "is a permanent world-wide organization of individuals and organizations concerned with meeting the social welfare needs of people." Registration must be made by April 1, 1954. For application and registration blanks write to Mr. George W. Rabinoff, 345 E. 46th Street, N.Y.C.

#### VII. NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Seattle, Washington: Mrs. Amorette Richards, Board member of NASSW reports that Seattle served as host city Nov. 7, 1953 for the Tri-City Conference (Portland, Tacoma, Seattle). Twenty-six persons of 30 members of the three staffs were

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present. There were three major topics: 1. How we work with children, teachers, parents; 2. Function of the school social worker; 3. Use of records with focus on purpose, method and content. Mrs. Richards wrote that everyone was very enthusiastic. Plans are underway for a second conference and there is hope that it will become an annual thing. The planning committee consisted of Louise Briuck and Ralph Schreimer of Seattle; Doris Bruce and Alice Martin of Portland, Katherine Humister and Jean Schuddakoph of Tacoma, James Chrysler of Seattle, chairman.

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Pennsylvania: Mrs. Frances Dalby, President of the Pittsburgh group of School Social Workers writes that a sectional meeting on Pupil Adjustment and Attendance Services was held Oct. 9 in Pittsburgh as a part of the Western Pennsylvania Education Conference. The theme was "How the School Uses Community Resources." Mrs. Elinor Snethen, Exec. Sec'y of Travelers Aid Society spoke. Services to families and children, as well as health, protective and recreation services were considered in discussion groups.

Tea was served following the sessions by the Pittsburgh Chapter of NASSW, many of whose members served on the various committees planning this sectional meeting.

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Texas: At the meeting of the State Teachers Association, the Visiting Teachers held their sectional meeting. Officers elected were: Mr. Juan Maso, Dallas, President; Miss Ann Stone of Austin, Vice President; Miss Gladys Felger, Houston, Treasurer.

Mrs. Clara Miller Pickens, V.T. on Houston staff, has recently been honored by an appointment to the Executive Board of the Houston Teachers Association. She will serve as Research Chairman.

The Houston V.T. Department had a Television presentation last October on the "Know Your Schools" program concerning the service of the department. Two Visiting Teachers, Mrs. Norma Stone and Miss Frances Moon, and the principal of Milam School, Mrs. Mildred Smith, had an informal discussion of the extent of V.T. services in the school and the way in which this service operates.

At a meeting of the Houston V.T. Advisory Council and at a recent open meeting of the School Board at which Mrs. Mary Medler, Director of the Department, spoke, attention was directed to the preventive work of the department in relation to juvenile delinquency and possible ways in which this service can be extended.

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Michigan: The Tri-State Conference on Pupil Personnel (Ind. Mich. Ohio) met in Detroit Nov. 12-14, 1953. Under the fine leadership of Dr. Lynn Bartlett, Director of Pupil Personnel, Grosse Pointe Schools, representatives of all types of special services did a fine job of planning. Mrs. Sylvia Schiff and Miss Sara G. Kerr represented the Detroit Visiting Teacher staff. Joe Hourihan, V.T., Grosse Pointe schools, and Allen Copley, Pontiac, served on the Program committee. Mrs. Sarah Terrill, Evelyn Gormely, Jean Beneker and Eleanor McCabe assisted in various capacities to help make the meeting interesting and comfortable for the conference members. Other NASSW members attending the meeting were Grace Hyndman and Dell McMillan of Cincinnati, Mark Roser of Gary, Ind., Miss Bertha Leming and Mr. Paul Miller of Indianapolis, Ind.

The Michigan Association of V.T. Workshop was held in East Lansing, November 19-21, 1953. Eleanor McCabe was Chairman of the workshop. Other NASSW members making contributions were Helen High, Matilda Skwor, Sarah Terrill. It was reported to be a fine meeting.

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Illinois: Mrs. Helen Harland, Director of the Visiting Counselor Service in Champaign schools advised that the Champaign-Urbana NASSW members had their annual fruit cake sale. The proceeds amounted to \$50.00 and this was sent as a contri-

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bution to the association. Mrs. Harland said that this has "become almost a tradition for NASSW." Thanks from the association.

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Minnesota: On Nov. 23, 1953, Mrs. Walter Driscoll, Vice President of NASSW, had a tea in her home in St. Paul for about 40 of her friends to stimulate interest in the association and in school social work. Alma Laabs spoke on school social work and Mrs. Gladys Griesman, Representative of Region VI, also attended. Mrs. Griesman wrote "they were all extremely interested and asked very perceptive and intelligent questions. After the talk, the importance and need for contributing members was stressed by Mrs. Driscoll. The Cookbook project was explained." Thirty-five books were sold. Also, since this meeting between 12 and 15 of this group have made contributions or become contributing members. The association appreciates the active interest and support of this group of citizens as well as the financial contributions. That kind of support will do much toward strengthening and increasing this type of service to children.

Teachers at Vocational High School, Minneapolis, are holding a series of weekly sessions on community resources for meeting the needs of young people. Alma Laabs is in charge of the series.

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Salt Lake City, Utah: Vera Christensen, President of the Local Assoc. of School Social Workers reports that "formal action was taken on Nov. 16, 1953 by that group to become a Chapter of NASSW." They are now in the process of completing formal application. The group is working on membership recruitment and several former members are applying for reinstatement.

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Baltimore, Maryland: Mrs. Sarah I. Sampson, Secretary of the Baltimore school social work group wrote that that group "is anxious to organize a local chapter of the National Association of School Social Worker." This group will be welcome in the fold when their application is successfully completed.

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Rochester, New York: Helen E. Weston, Chief Consultant of the Home and School Counseling Service in Rochester notified us that Helen Palmeter returned to Rochester Home and School Counseling staff after a two year leave of absence for study. Her first year was spent as a Smith third year student. Her second year was spent on the staff of the Boston Children's Aid Society. Miss Palmeter has been an active member of the association and was a member of the Board.

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Indianapolis, Ind.: The Social Service Dept. of the schools had a workshop on recording December 4-5, 1953. Miss Jane Wille, Consultant, Visiting Counselor service, Illinois, was the leader. Local members of the Indiana Chapter of NASSW gave a tea in honor of Miss Wille who is a member of the National Board.

VIII. PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

There has recently been completed a revision of the publication, SOCIAL WORK AS A PROFESSION. NASSW has participated in the preparation of this booklet which should serve to stimulate young people in a choice of a career in social work. Content includes chapters on: "What Is Social Work," "Talents and Preparation," "Opportunities for Employment" and "The Rewards of Social Work." For further information write to the Council on Social Work Education, 345 E. 46th St., N.Y.C.

CORRECTION: Miss Emilie Rannells of Philadelphia has called our attention to an error for Philadelphia in the Study of School Social Work Practice in Twelve Communities. This refers to Table Four on Page 12. "In the right hand column, the statement is made that counselors are on teachers' salary scale. That is correct. However, the second sentence concerning the experience credit belongs in the column to the left concerning certification requirements. It should be added to the statement concerning junior and senior high school requirements."