

**NASSW**

**Membership Newsletter**

**January, 1955**

## I. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT JOINS STAFF

It has become a reality! The National Board is happy to announce the appointment of Miss Marjorie Case as our Professional Consultant. She will join the staff January 3, 1955 and will be available for consultation service to the field of school social work and education. She will carry the major responsibility for guiding the association into Section status of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORK if that comes into being. This is a long awaited moment for the association as the entire membership has worked toward this goal and its achievement is a tribute to the faith and hard work of all. We can be proud of the way the association has continued to carry a responsibility to the field without staff services.

Miss Case is a graduate from the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, and was supervisor of field work students at that school after completing her degree. She has worked in public welfare in Michigan. She has been a member of the faculty of the School of Social Work, University of Connecticut. She has left her position as school social worker in the public schools in Milford, Connecticut to join the NASSW staff. She brings to the Association in the new official capacity a warm, enthusiastic approach to the job she is to fill and a real conviction and understanding of the field of school social work. After January 3, 1955, Miss Case may be reached: c/o Miss Opal Boston, 3140 N. Meridian St. #302, Indianapolis 8, Indiana.

We welcome Miss Case and hope for her the best of everything in the New Year.

## II. TEMPORARY INTER-ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

The most significant step is now being taken by the seven nation professional social work associations which have been working together toward a single membership organization, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS. You now have the final plan and the referendum. You have a ballot which gives you an opportunity to help determine one of the most important decisions for the profession of social work. Read the material carefully and return the ballot immediately in the envelope enclosed for that purpose. You will then be sure that your vote will be in order and returned in time to be officially counted. If each member casts his vote, there will be no question but that the final decision will represent the wish of the majority of the membership.

It has been suggested that there might be need for some clarification of the ballot, especially because of some concern in regard to the implications of the first two questions. If we take the action to dissolve NASSW and to approve the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, will we no longer have an opportunity to work together as a professional group with common interests in education and in this specialized service for individual children who need case work service to make the best use of his school experience. Your Board of Directors and representatives on TIAC made certain of the answer to this before considering any part in the plan. The creation of a SECTION on School SOCIAL WORK in the new association has assured for us the same kind of opportunity for working together professionally as we have enjoyed in NASSW. There should be available even more resources for carrying forward the school social work program. The Section will have an Executive Committee with officers and other members who will give the same kind of leadership as we have had, but will, of course, be responsible to the overall Board of the Association.

## II. TEMPORARY INTER-ASSOCIATION (Continued)

The pamphlet which you received with your ballot contains the details of the plan in the PROPOSED BYLAWS AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS. Also, if you will look at the last issue of the NEWSLETTER, you will find the timetable for the activities which will proceed if the decision of the seven organizations is in favor of the new single association.

Many NASSW members are participating on the local level in the plan for chapter program and organization. More than eighty of our members are serving in a responsible way on the steering committees in seventy eight chapter areas. This is good, for all of the 146 chapter areas do not have NASSW members available to serve. In addition to the eighty persons, many more are serving on other committees planning specific program.

Let us all send in our ballots and make the response as near one hundred percent as possible.

## III. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK-MAY 29 through JUNE 3, 1955, San Francisco

The conference headquarters for NASSW is to be the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. To make room reservations, do not write directly to the hotel but instead write to: National Conference of Social Work  
Housing Bureau - Room 300  
61 Grove Street  
San Francisco, California

We realize that California is a long way off for many of you who usually attend. However, from the early reports of the program committee, it promises to be a stimulating and helpful meeting for us and it is hoped that every effort will be made for as many to get there as possible. The Conference office has notified us that arrangements have been made for group travel at a favorable cost. If you are interested in this, you should write to the Sante Fe Railway Co., 72 Dixie Terminal Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Southern and Northern California Chapters have been at work for some time in preparation for our coming. As our hosts and hostesses they plan a warm welcome.

Miss Louise McKee, Chairman of the Program Committee, reports a tentative program of association meetings to be held at the conference as follows:

### Tuesday, May 31st 2 to 5:30 P. M.

Speaker 1 - To cover the role of the school social worker as a consultant and in rendering direct services to children and their parents.

Speaker 2 - To cover the area of the work of a school social worker in relation to community services.

Annual Business meeting will follow.

### Thursday, June 2nd 2 to 5:30 P. M.

Study or discussion groups will be organized around the job of the school social worker as it relates to:

III. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK (Continued)

1. Consultation and collaboration with school personnel, teacher administrator, special service personnel etc. including:
  - a. The use of the case conference and the role of the social worker in organizing this.
  - b. Helping in the clarification of roles and function.
2. Awareness and use of other community services. This would include the role of the school social worker in a protective capacity--helping to identify areas calling for community action and the unique contribution of a school social worker in this area.
3. Social case work with children and their parents--how do we deal with symptoms such as aggressive, withdrawal behavior etc.
4. The school social worker's role as a member of an inter-disciplinary team contributing to the adjustment of children having difficulty in school.

There will be a leader for each of these groups. Following the meeting of the smaller groups, all will come together for a general discussion and a summary.

There will be a booth at the conference for the association as usual and an opportunity for all to meet and share personal and professional experiences.

More details of the program and speakers will be available in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

IV. CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

Again, something new has been added! The application of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER was approved for chapter status at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, December 4-5, 1954. This group has been an active one and reports throughout the year have indicated a stimulating program. This makes a total of eleven chapters covering almost one half of the total membership of the association. We welcome them in this new capacity!

Below is a list of chapter chairmen or presidents:

Connecticut Chapter:	Miss Beth Hoffman,	Board of Education 249 High Street, Hartford
Hamilton County Chapter of Ohio:	Mrs. Grace Hyndman	Taft Rd. & Melrose Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio
Indiana Chapter:	Mrs. Meda Lorton	Pupil Personnel Center 20 N. California St. Indianapolis, Indiana
Metropolitan Detroit Chapter:	Mrs. Sarah Terrill	453 Stimson Street Detroit, Michigan
Milwaukee Chapter:	Mrs. Myrtle Payne	1111 N. Tenth Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Minnesota Chapter:	Miss Elizabeth Lang	Jefferson Jr. High School Minneapolis, Minnesota

IV. CHAPTER ORGANIZATION (Continued)

## Chapter Chairmen or Presidents (continued)

Northern California Chapter:	Mr. Edwin Laplace	23 Highgate Court Berkley 7, California
Northwest Chapter:	Mrs. Amorette Richards	815 4th Avenue North Seattle 9, Washington
Pittsburgh Chapter:	Mrs. Esther Douglass	3 Lincoln School Frankstown Avenue Pittsburgh 8, Pa.
Southern California Chapter:	Miss Margaret Hoisington	1156 Moana Drive San Diego 7, California
Utah Chapter:	Miss Vera Christensen	Board of Education 440 E. First South Salt Lake City 2, Utah

V. NOTE FROM THE FIELD

Pittsburgh Chapter president, Esther Douglas, reports that their chapter had an active part in carrying through the program in the Section on Pupil Adjustment and Attendance Services of the Western Pennsylvania Educational Conference, Oct. 15, 1954. Miss Ruth Gaunt spoke on "Some Current Trends in the Practice of School Social Work". She also attended a regular Chapter meeting. The afternoon session was group discussions on "Re-defining the Criteria for the Training and Recruiting of Home and School Visitors". Mr. O. J. Schwarm, Director of Guidance, Pittsburgh Public Schools was the moderator of a panel discussion. Panel members were Dr. Wm. Yeager, School of Education, U. of Pittsburgh, Dr. Dale Houk, Slippery Rock State Teachers College, and Dean Wilbur Newstetter, School of Social Work, U. of Pittsburgh.

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Southern California Chapter: Grace Mitchell writes that Miss Clevenger and Mrs. Driscoll entertained the U.S.C. staff and students in Miss Smalley's course on the first day of the session. This contributed much to the spirit and success of "those memorable two weeks". The October meeting in San Gabriel was devoted to a discussion of plans for a course again next summer at U.S.C. Dean Arlien Johnson attended.

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Northern California Chapter NEWSLETTER indicates a busy and stimulating program. Edwin Laplace, Chapter Chairman, represents NASSW on the East Bay Steering committee of TIAC. Subjects on the agenda for Chapter Meetings include: Progress of Pupil Personnel Credential, Civil Rights in Social Work, Local Council of Professional Social Work Organizations and others. This chapter holds its meetings in the homes of members.

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Connecticut: The school social workers of Connecticut co-sponsored a luncheon meeting at the State Teachers' Convention with Connecticut State Dept. of Education, Education Association, Association of Mental Health and the Association of School Psychological Personnel. This was held October 29, 1954. Dr. J. Blasko, Commissioner of Mental Health, spoke on "Mental Health in the Classroom".

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Texas: Gladys Felger writes that the Visiting Teacher Association and the Hogg Foundation sponsored an institute on Oct. 9-10, 1954 in Austin, Texas. Eighty six visiting teachers registered for the institute. Miss Florence Poole and Mrs. Mary Medler were directors of the two study groups. Mrs. Isabel Cromach, V. T. Austin, Texas, was the organizer of the Institute. In addition to the

V. NOTES FROM THE FIELD (Continued)

study groups there were two addresses: The Honorable J. Harris Gardner, Judge of the 53rd District Court spoke on "The Court and the School" and Miss Poole spoke on "The Visiting Teacher in the Public Schools".

Miss Felger has sent a picture of the V.T. Booth which they had for the conference. We will let you have a look at it at National Conference.

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Georgia: The annual fall conference of the Georgia Association of Visiting Teachers was held October 31, Nov. 1&2, 1954. Miss Alma Laabs was leader of the conference the theme of which was "Diagnostic and Treatment Technizues in Visiting Teacher Services". Grace Lee was chairman of the program. The V.T. NEWSLETTER reported that Miss Laabs directed the first U. of Georgia V.T. workshop and it was through her interest and efforts that Ga. Visiting Teachers first became interested in membership in NASSW.

Grace Lee completed the Masters degree in Education this summer at the U. of Ga. For the theses requirement she has written "A Collection of Readings in the Practice of School Social Work".

NASSW members had a Booth at the Ga. State Conference of Social Welfare in Dec.

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Ohio: Mrs. Grace Hyndman, V.T. at Cincimati and Mrs. Lois Cole, Shaker Heights have reported that two groups, North and South, are studying certification requirements for Visiting Teachers. Mrs. Cole reported a "stimulating meeting at Kent University in October but no definite recommendations were made at that time".

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Indiana Chapter held its annual meeting Nov. 3rd at the time of the Ind. State Conference of Social Work. Ray Graham, Director of the program for Exceptional Children in Ill. public schools spoke on "The School Administrator Looks at the Job of the School Social Worker". There was also a NASSW Booth.

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Illinois visiting counselors held a workshop in November. Miss Ruth Gaunt was leader of a one day session concerned with relationships between the visiting counselors in the schools and other social agencies in the community.

The Illinois Association of School Social Workers now are publishing a NEWSLETTER. Vol. 1, No.1 came out May 1954. Congratulations!

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Michigan Visiting Teachers announced the annual workshop held Nov. 11,12,13. Subjects of the study groups included: How the V.T. works with the child, the teacher, parents and other school personnel; How the school setting influences the goals of the V.T. program and How the V.T. program coordinates with the total school program. It was a broad program and reports were that it was stimulating and helpful.

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Wisconsin State Conference of Social Work sponsored a workshop on "School Social Work and its Contribution as a part of the Team in the School and in the Community". This was attended by social workers from the schools and from other agencies and by other school personnel. Mr. T.J. Kuemmerlein, Director of the Department of Pupil Personnel in the Milwaukee Public Schools was chairman of the meeting. Opal Boston led the discussion.

VI. COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

The annual program meeting of the Council will be held Jan. 26-29, 1955 at the Palmer House. The program is too long to put in the NEWSLETTER but if you are interested you may write to the Council, 345 E. 46th St. N.Y.C.

## VI. COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION (Continued)

The Council has recently announced publication of a new recruitment pamphlet, **DO YOU WANT A CAREER HELPING PEOPLE?** This describes opportunities in social work serving individuals, families and children. This may be secured by sending your request to the Council office at the address given above.

## VII. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Membership applications are coming in regularly which is a sure sign that recruitment committee members are doing an excellent job. We have almost 800 in our total membership with 702 Senior and Active members as of Dec. 22, 1954. Our goal is to have 1000 members by June, 1955. This does not seem impossible if we each become a volunteer member of the recruitment committee and learn to know who those people are who are not now members and discuss the value of membership to them and to the association and to the field of school social work. It would seem advisable to interpret to a prospective member the possibility of blanketing into the new organization next year. His membership dues in the new organization will not become due until one year from the date of his last payment of dues in NASSW. There is no overlapping. Help us to go over the top.

## VIII. PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Treatment of the Delinquent Adolescent, Group and Individual Therapy with Parent and Child by Harris B. Peck, M.D. and Virginia Bellsmith.

This gives an appraisal of the achievements and potentials as well as the limitations of psychotherapy in a court setting. The authors present some new, experimental methods designed to overcome the resistances characteristic of these troubled and often elusive clients.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Bargain Day has arrived for NASSW. We have reduced the price of the now famous cook book **RECIPE ROLL CALL**. You can now purchase it for \$1.50. For your copies write to Miss Alma Laabs, our Finance Chairman. Her address is: Minneapolis Public Schools, 807 N.E. Broadway, Minneapolis, Minn.

Another bargain has been offered to us if we take advantage of it immediately. AASW has offered the remaining copies of the **STUDY OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN TWELVE COMMUNITIES** by Mildred Sikkema. They have offered these free of charge if we will handle the distribution. The Executive Committee has suggested that each member have an opportunity to distribute these to persons who would make valuable use of them. Suggestions were School or Dept. of Education, State School Administrators, State Education Associations, local school administrators. You will have to take the responsibility for delivery. This should give a good opportunity for interpretation. We would like to have the names of the persons to whom you wish to give these copies. Please send your request to: Opal Boston, 3140 N. Meridian St. #302, Indianapolis, Indiana.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE, ONE PARK AVE., Room 810, New York 16, N. Y.

Your President and the National Board of Directors would like to express sincere appreciation for the fine contribution each of you have made to the association and to the field of school social work during the past year and to extend to each of you the very best wishes for a good NEW YEAR.