

NASSW

Membership Newsletter

September, 1950

I. ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL SITUATION AND PLANS

The May issue of the Newsletter carried the President's report presented to the membership at its annual business meeting in Atlantic City in April. It carried too, the report of action taken by the Executive Committee at its May meeting, following the membership meeting.

Other background information you will recall is that following Miss Rannell's report to the membership meeting, the membership requested that the Board reconvene for a special meeting to reconsider its decision to close the office. Out of this came Board and membership decision for the special appeal last spring and the final decision of the Executive Committee in May.

A total of \$4,000.00 of the \$7,000.00 deficit has been raised, leaving \$3,000.00 to be obtained as of this date. This amount of \$4,000.00 includes the pledges due this fall.

Miss Bertha Leming, Treasurer, is chairman of the Finance Committee. The assignment to this Committee by the Executive Committee is "to work out and effect a plan for raising money through individuals and organizations for financing the Association for the ensuing fiscal year as well as for the future."

Following are members of the committee: Jane Wille, Opal Boston, Alma Laabs, Ruth Smalley, Gladys Dobson, and M. Ethel Batschelet.

Several members of the Committee met together in Chicago in August. The Committee expects to have some definite plans formulated by the end of this month. Likely a number of the members in various areas will be asked to aid the committee in putting plans into operation. Anyone who would like to help with this important Committee work is urged to write Miss Bertha Leming, Director, Dept. of Social Service, Board of Education, 150 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Committee will also welcome any suggestions from you, of specific plans projects which might be useful.

II. ASSOCIATION STANDING COMMITTEES

Personnel for Standing Committees is not yet complete, but following are reports to date:

NOMINATING: Sara Kerr, Detroit, Chairman
Supervisor of Visiting Teachers
Board of Education, 453 Stimson Street
Detroit, Michigan

Helen Weston, Rochester Mrs. Helen Harland, Champaign, Illinois
Grace Mitchell, San Diego Mrs. Grace Hyndman, Cincinnati
Florence Donohue, Minneapolis Mrs. Dorothy A. Berry, Houston
Irma Mohr, New York City

(Several others not yet replied)

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Helen P. Roell, Indianapolis, Chairman
Assistant Director in charge of North District
Social Service Department
Indianapolis Public Schools, 3401 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Gleo Bingham, New Orleans Rachel Jacobs, Detroit
Virginia Kuhlman, Nashville Louisa Fenstermacher, Minneapolis
Martha Jane Hitchner, Rochester
(complete for Central Committee. Other members will be asked to
participate in plans for membership during the year)

BULLETIN: Clara Colteryahn, Pittsburgh, Chairman
Supv. Dis. #3 - Home & School Visitor
Lincoln School, Lincoln & Frankstown Ave.
Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania
Jane Wille, Pittsburgh
(other members and Bulletin Advisor still to be added)

PROGRAM: Lucile Abell, Hartford, Chairman
Consultant, School Social Work
Bureau of School & Community Services
State Department of Education, State Cfo. Bldg.
Hartford, Connecticut
(replies not completed)

EDUCATION: Florence Poole, School of Social Welfare Administration
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
(Committee roster to be fluid in sub-committees this year
pending needs of Study of Content of Practice and Education
for School Social Work).

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES: Opal Boston, Dept. of Social Service
1500 E. Michigan St. Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Region I - Marian Schumacher, Schnecktady
- Region II - Margaret Carson, Philadelphia
Co-worker - Charlotte Jackson, New York City
- Region III - Grace Lee, Georgia
- Region IV - (Reply not received to date)
Co-worker - Mrs. Providence Velasco, Tampa
- Region V - Ruth Karlson, Urbana, Illinois
- Region VI - Alma Laabs, Minneapolis
- Region VII - Mrs. Marguerite Robb, Colorado Springs
- Region VIII - Mrs. Dorothy A. Berry, Houston
- Region IX - Miriam Spreng, San Diego

Report on regional representative plans and activity will appear in
November Newsletter.

III. SUMMER OFFICE ACTIVITY

Your Executive Secretary spent ten days in Texas. Part time was as a
consultant in Teacher and School Administrator Workshops at the University
of Houston and the remainder was an Institute for Visiting Teachers sponsored
by the Worden School of Social Work, San Antonio.

A week was spent assisting with the West Virginia Attendance Workers

There were 70 Georgia visiting teachers in the six-week workshop at the University of Georgia to which the Executive Secretary gave leadership. We all worked hard!

Such teaching assignments aid the Association since monies received go directly to the Association. Several years ago the Board decided that some such assignments should be carried out as one means of assistance. Regular office detail is carried on from the field during such periods.

IV. MAIL VOTE FOR DUES INCREASE

When this Newsletter reaches you, you will have the letter from the President concerning the Board's recommendation for an increase in membership dues. Please remember to return your vote before October 20th.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Executive Committee of the NASSW will meet on Saturday, September 23. A report from the Finance Committee will be made and further activity planned. The November Newsletter will carry additional material on this, as well as other progress reports.

VI. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING

The Minneapolis Foundation granted two scholarships of \$1000. each for the school year 1950-51 for second year students for training in school social work at the School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. There are no stipulations regarding location of work following training except that they take positions in school social work.

VII. MEETINGS TO BE NOTED

National League to Promote School Attendance. Annual conference will be held October 16-19 at Richmond, Virginia. The committee has arranged its program on the theme "Promoting School Attendance Through Development of the Whole Child." Among other well-known speakers will be Robert C. Tabor, Director, Pupil Personnel and Counseling, Philadelphia. Mr. Tabor will discuss "How May Authority Be Used Constructively As It Relates to Child Growth?"

National Conference of Social Work. The Conference dates are May 13-18, 1951 at Atlantic City. The Hotel Chelton has been assigned as headquarters hotel for NASSW. Reservations for rooms should be made by writing to
National Conference of Social Work
Housing Bureau
16 Central Pier, Atlantic City, New Jersey

If you have suggestions for the program, please send them to our Program Chairman, Miss Lucile Abell. (Address on previous page).

VIII. NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Miss Miriam Spreng, Visiting Teacher, San Diego, is President this year of the California Teachers' Association, southern section.

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A number of school social workers are members of the California State Committee on School Personnel Workers' Credential. The Committee is working on qualifications for various special services personnel such as psychologist, counselor, school social worker, etc. There are sub-committees for each. These groups have been working for a number of months and meetings will continue this fall.

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The Illinois Manual for the Visiting Social Counselor Program (school social work) will be available by November 1st. Mr. Ray Graham, a member of our Board, is Director of the Illinois program for Special Education of Exceptional Children. This Manual gives the philosophy, plan and organization of the program in the state, and qualifications of personnel. The Manual should prove useful, not only in Illinois, but for school systems throughout the country.

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The Minnesota State Mental Health Authority matched funds with two Minnesota school systems - Austin and Mankato - to employ school social workers on a demonstration basis this year. Miss Alma Laabs has given assistance to these groups.

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Two good articles interpreting school social work have come to our attention. One, in Illinois Education, February 1950 is entitled "Children Have Problems" and interprets the program in the schools of Champaign, Illinois. The other, "Visiting Teachers in Houston", appears in Texas Trends, Spring 1950 (Publication of Texas Society for Mental Hygiene). The latter article was written by a staff member, Mrs. Dorothy A. Berry.

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Inquiries have come from several groups relative to forming state or local chapters of NASSW. Texas visiting teachers have a Constitution and By-laws Committee at work. Mrs. Eva Athas, Orange Public Schools is chairman. Detroit has made inquiry through Mrs. Sarah Terrill. The Illinois committee is at work with Viola Konzomer, Oak Park, as chairman. Miss Mary Storey, Sandy, Utah has indicated that the group in Utah wishes to proceed.

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Some Annual Reports have reached the office recently. They include: Reading, Pa; Houston; Champaign, Illinois; Hillsborough County (Tampa) Florida; East Orange, N. J.; Gary, Indiana, and an illustrated booklet "Visiting Teachers in Action" from Louisiana. We are very glad to receive all such reports.

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A July Newsletter from Louisiana notes a two-day state visiting teacher conference in April.

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The Newsletter from the Attendance Assistants in Florida includes a summary of the address given at their spring meeting. The talk "Human Relations Aspects of Visiting Teacher and Attendance Service" was given by Miss Margaret Bailey, School of Social Work, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

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Mrs. Elizabeth DeSchweinitz, well known to many of you, gave leadership for a visiting teacher workshop this summer at the University of Maryland.

Mary Calvort, School of Social Work, University of South Carolina, and others directed a workshop for attendance workers in South Carolina this summer.

Mrs. Lois Sentman, School of Social Work, University of West Virginia; Miss Jane Wille, Supervisor Home and School Visitors, Pittsburgh Public Schools; and your Executive Secretary assisted with the workshop of the West Virginia attendance workers. This latter is planned through Mr. H. Cliff Hamilton, State Department of Elementary Education, West Virginia.

Mrs. Providence Velasco, Director of Attendance in Hillsborough County Schools (Tampa), and her staff are working with the school and other appropriate individuals and groups toward developing a program of case work service in their schools. During this past year the School of Social Work at the Florida University, Tallahassee is providing some regular case work consultant service to assist the school social worker, Miss Delia Perez and the psychologist, Mr. James Jordon.

IX. MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Miss Garnet Larson, now with the School of Social Work, University of Nebraska, and formerly a school social worker, has written three effective articles for interpretative purposes. We believe that faculty in Schools of Social Work will find them valuable teaching aids also. The articles appeared in issues of the "North Dakota Teacher" and permission was granted to the Association to mimeograph these for distribution at cost.

The articles are: Horse's Neck
Douglas, Good Morning!
To Sing With the Angels

Copies are 15c. each from NASSW office.

The flyer enclosed acquaints you with three half-hour dramatic sketches for parents about the climate of the home. These sketches, published by National Committee for Mental Hygiene, are planned for parent meetings and should be followed by discussion periods. These sketches should be of real interest to many of you.

X. STUDY COMMITTEE - CONTENT OF PRACTICE AND EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

The first meeting of the joint AASW-NASSW Advisory Committee will meet in New York on Friday, September 29. The November Newsletter will carry roster of the committee and progress report. This is a most important project and many of you will be called upon to help.