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More High School Science

Izaak Wirsup, who caused a stir last year with a report showing that Russia's science education is better than America's, suggested remedies in recent testimony before Congress. The University of Chicago mathematics professor said high schools should offer two-year courses in physics, chemistry, biology and geometry, and a new sequence of courses in technology and engineering.

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Science and Societal Issues

Science and Societal Issues, a book co-authored by Timothy Cooney, Charles Barman and John Rusch, is a newly published guide to help science teachers integrate science and societal issues in the science classroom. The book is available from Iowa State University Press, Ames.

Exploring Iowa's Past

Exploring Iowa's Past by Lynn Marie Alex is a layman's guide to the archeology of Iowa. The book explains the major periods of prehistoric culture in Iowa, the development of the state's archeological program, and how artifacts reflect the ideas, knowledge and traditions of the society that produces them.

The book also describes how to become involved in archeology as a career or hobby. The book is available from the University of Iowa Press, Order Department, Oakdale Campus, Iowa City, Iowa 52242, at a cost of \$7.95 in paper binding.

Better Science Through Safety

Better Science Through Safety is an excellent handbook for science teachers developed by the Iowa Science Safety Task Force. The book covers legal liability, eye protection, field and laboratory safety, safety for handicapped students, accident and incident reporting, first aid measures and a host of safety checklists and guides. Having this book on your desk can assure you of a safer classroom while preventing unfortunate situations that develop through ignorance of teacher responsibility in classroom safety. The book is available from the Iowa State Press, Ames.

"Nations have recently been led to borrow billions for war; no nation has ever borrowed largely for education. Probably no nation is rich enough to pay for both war and civilization. We must make our choice, we cannot have both."

Abraham Flexner