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Environmental or Conservation Education in the community and assisted the three instructors along with other fine resource personnel from many state agencies.

The success of this project was due largely to the enthusiasm, interest, and concern of the Des Moines County ECEC, UNI officials, along with the cooperation of many organizations and school districts.

#### NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NSTA NAMED

President of the National Science Teachers Association, Elaine W. Ledbetter, announced the appointment of Robert L. Silber as executive director designate of NSTA at the 1973 NSTA Annual Convention in Detroit in March. He will succeed NSTA Executive Secretary Robert H. Carleton. Mr. Silber, presently Assistant to the Director, Membership Division, American Chemical Society, will join the NSTA headquarters staff at the end of the summer when Mr. Carleton leaves the post after 25 years as executive secretary.

As executive director of the National Science Teachers Association, Mr. Silber is expected to head a staff of 26 co-workers at the NSTA headquarters office and oversee professional activities and projects, publications endeavors, and managerial and fiscal affairs.

His professional experience consists of eight years of high school science teaching in Illinois and Indiana, and 13 years with the American Chemical Society in Washington, D.C. Prior to his present post with ACS, he served the society as education secretary; in membership and field (affiliate) relations; and in conference planning, including international conferences here and abroad.

The National Science Teachers Association is an associated organization of the National Education Association and an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It is the world's largest organization dedicated to the improvement of all areas of science education at all grade levels. Its 40,000 members and subscribers include classroom science teachers, college professors, and others interested in the advancement of science teaching.

#### ISTJ CALENDAR

October 11-14, 1973: National convention of the National Association of Biology Teachers, St. Louis, Missouri. Contact: Clarence Lang, NABT National Convention Chairman, Clayton High School, #1 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, Missouri, 63105.

October 12 and 13, 1973: Southwest Iowa Environmental Education Conference in Crescent, Iowa at the YMCA.

October 19 and 20, 1973: Iowa State Education Association Convention at Des Moines.

November 1-2, 1973: UNI Science Symposium for high school students. University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Contact: Dr. Robert Goss, Director, Department of Biology, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

November 8-10, 1973: National convention of School Science and Mathematics Association, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Dr. Lynn Glass, SSMA National Convention Chairman, College of Education, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50010.

February 15, 1974: Winter meeting of the State Science Supervisors at Des Moines.

February 25-March 2, 1974: AAAS Convention, San Francisco, California.

March 1 and 2, 1974: Science teacher short course at Ames, Iowa.

March 15-19, 1974: National convention of the National Science Teachers Association, Chicago, Illinois. Contact: Ms. Alicia McKelvie, National Convention Coordinator, NSTA Headquarters, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

April 18, 1974: Spring meeting of the State Science Supervisors at Upper Iowa College, Fayette, Iowa.

April 19-20, 1974: Iowa Academy of Science, 86th Session, Upper Iowa College, Fayette, Iowa.