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Summary of the Elementary Section of the Fall ISTS Meeting

Mr. D. Louis Finsand, elementary science consultant for Malcolm Price Laboratory School, Cedar Falls, was the speaker for the first session of the elementary meeting. His topic was "Science Integration: Using the National Programs with Your Science Curriculum."

Mr. Finsand discussed the philosophy and content of three of the better known programs—ESS, AAAS, and SCIS. He showed slides of elementary science classes at Price Laboratory School which depicted activities typical of the three programs. He then suggested ways in which material from the new programs could fit into a more traditional content program to make it more investigative.

Sister Mary Joleen of the Visitation Academy in Dubuque introduced the panel discussion by telling how the new activities create a sense of wonder in children which is quickly transmitted to the teacher. Mrs. Sandra Gillaspie, sixth-grade teacher in the Fairfield Community Schools, described the way in which Fairfield incorporated ideas from the experimental edition of AAAS into its science program the previous year. She felt that a classroom teacher is seriously handicapped if she has to improvise materials for use in the laboratory investigations.

Mrs. Neva Matthews of Hamburg and Mrs. Grace Wallin of Red Oak told of their participation in the Bi-State Science Project which has headquarters in Tarkio, Missouri. Mrs.

Matthews described the SCIS program for grade three and showed samples of the children's work. Mrs. Wallin told how ESS activities could be correlated with math, health, and other areas of the elementary program in grades five and six.

Miss Delsie Charais, kindergarten supervisor in Price Laboratory School, concluded by saying that before teaching the new science programs a teacher must first look at herself. Does she have the courage to try new ways of teaching? Is she open-minded and receptive to new ways of working with children?

All of the panel members spoke of the high interest children have in the new science activities.

*Submitted by Eloise Soy, Program
Chairman for the Elementary Section.*

Iowa Section of AAPT

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Iowa Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers will be held on Saturday, April 19, 1969, at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. This will be an afternoon meeting starting at 1:30. High school, junior college, and college teachers of physics may apply for membership by writing to William Azbell, Secretary-Treasurer, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. Contributed papers should be sent to the President, Donald Hutchinson, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa.