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OPEN LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The Board of Directors of the Iowa Academy of Science is most happy to announce the appointment of Dr.



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Robert W. Hanson as part-time Executive Secretary of the Academy. Dr. Hanson is at present professor of physical science at the University of Northern Iowa, where he has been teaching since

1963. He earned his B.A. degree in chemistry and mathematics at Bemidji State College, his M.S. in inorganic chemistry at the University of Minnesota, and the Ph.D. in science education at The University of Iowa.

Dr. Hanson is well acquainted with science education in Iowa at many levels. His doctor's thesis was on science programs in Iowa high schools, and much of his work the last few years has been guiding the graduate

work of science and mathematics students attending the Academic Year Institutes at the University of Northern Iowa. In addition he has taught in four other colleges and universities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa, and served as radio operator in Europe in World War II.

For many years the Academy has felt the need of a paid secretary, and several of the past presidents have called attention to the significant improvements in the work of the organization which such an officer might help bring about. Several members of the Board have been well acquainted with Dr. Hanson for many years, and it is largely the confidence resulting from this association that has resulted in the present appointment. We feel this ushers in a new era in the development of the Academy.

Martin L. Grant

President, Iowa Academy of Science



One historical aspect in the history of the Iowa Science Teachers is shown in the picture above. Mrs. B. Goetch of Story

City was then President of the Iowa Science Teachers Association. She is talking to the sister and faces the camera. Rex Morrison and Herman Kirkpatrick of Roosevelt High School in Des Moines are talking to Lyle Anderson of Waterloo. David McCalley and Dr. R. E. Yager are in the background. Others have not been identified. It was at this meeting that the major discussion concerned the proposed merger of the Iowa Science Teachers Association with the Iowa Academy of Science and the formation of the Iowa Science Teachers' Journal. Iowa Science Teachers have developed their ideas into a strong section of the Iowa Academy of Science since this small beginning.