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NEWS and NOTES

Three Teachers Honored at Dubuque Meetings

The Iowa Section of the American Chemical Society names an outstanding teacher each year in Iowa. This group for a number of years has used the Academy meeting as the vehicle for honoring the selection. John R. Penney of Mason City was selected by the 1964-65 committee headed by Dr. Richard Campbell of the Chemistry Department of the University of Iowa. Dr. Campbell made the award Saturday morning at the Academy meeting in Dubuque.

NABT has recognized outstanding biology teachers for the last four years as a part of its Outstanding Biology Teacher Award (OBTA) Program. This year the Iowa OBTA selection was honored for the first time at the Academy meeting. Sister Mary Antonia of Dubuque was selected by the NABT committee headed by Mr. Cameron Christensen of Rockwell City. Mr. Christensen was present to make the award.

The year 1965 marked the launching of a third teacher recognition program in Iowa. The Iowa Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers began a program for honoring a secondary physics teacher and chose to use the Academy meetings as the time for announcing the teachers selected. Mr. Vern Gundersen of Mason City was selected as the first recipient of this new award. Dr. David Nelson of Luther College at Decorah was chairman of the committee selecting the teacher. Dr. David Nelson was present to make the award. See you in Des Moines later this month. Plans indicate it may be one of the best fall meetings we have ever had!

Second Year for Election by Mail

Don't forget to cast your ballot. Study the qualifications of the candidates and act accordingly. Mr. Warren Classon and his committee are to be commended for the strong slate of candidates. The job of the nominating committee is often a thankless one and sometimes even worse.

NABT Meets in Urbana

Several ISTA'ers were present for the Urbana meetings of AIBS and NABT. The program was excellent and the people most cordial. Plan to hear the special report of this convention at our fall meeting later this month.

Junior Academy of Science

Have you been exerting appropriate leadership concerning special activities for your science prone students? The new program of the Iowa Junior Academy of Science provides one of the most dynamic experiences of any for these students. Unfortunately the students usually do not locate the programs themselves. Have you done your duty?

CASMT Meeting

Before the second issue of Volume 3 is printed many ISTA members will have participated in the CASMT meeting in Chicago at Thanksgiving time. This is an opportunity for all science and mathematics teachers to attend a "national meeting" during a vacation time (no substitute teacher needed) and within driving distance.

NSTA and NABT

We still maintain our formal affiliation with NABT and NSTA. Lyle Anderson is the Iowa membership chairman for NSTA and our good president, Dave Fagle, is membership chairman for NABT.

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