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THE YEAR THAT WAS

The year 1964 was a year of progress for the Iowa Science Teacher's Association. Our newly revised constitution enabled us to elect officers by mail, making possible greater continuity between the officers, executive committee, and regional directors.

Another step of progress was the affiliation with the Iowa Academy of Science. Being a section of the Academy, the science teachers now have a forum in which to present ideas on teaching, laboratory work, and curriculum revision. The papers presented at the April meeting in Decorah were as well received as those at any of the meetings of our National Science Teacher's Association.

The publication of the *Journal* was probably our most important step forward. Here is another opportunity for the science teachers of Iowa to express themselves. Dr. Robert Yager and his staff are to be congratulated for their efficiency. The *Journal* has been well received, not only from Iowa's teachers, but from those in surrounding states too. A comment often heard from others is, "I wish our Science Teacher's Association had a publication as good as yours."

For me this past year has been challeng-

ing. To Dave Fagle and the executive committee, may you have the loyal support given me this past year.

Lyle Anderson, President, 1963-1964

IOWA SCIENCE TEACHER'S ASSOC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Meeting - October 16, 1964

Receipts	
Balance brought forward	\$ 381.05
Dues	425.00
ISTA Journal subscriptions	14.00
ISTA Journal advertisements	340.50
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	\$1162.55
Disbursements	
Postage	\$ 65.35
Iowa Academy of Science dues ..	295.00
Travel expenses	30.85
National Science Teacher's Association delegate	50.00
National Association of Biology Teachers dues	45.00
Printing	113.99
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	\$ 600.19
Balance On Hand	\$ 562.36
Roger Volker, Treasurer October 16, 1964	

NEWS and NOTES

Detroit CASMT Convention

ISTA can find pride in the number of members who were involved and present in Detroit over the Thanksgiving weekend for the CASMT convention. It proved to be a particularly fine one with many new ideas gained by all.

Gerald Krockover of Middle School in Bettendorf is the ISTA affiliation representative for CASMT. He can be contacted concerning membership information. The Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers is an organization with a national meeting always near Iowa, a meeting always during a vacation period (Thanksgiving), and a publication ready for receiving articles from science teachers. The organization is smaller than other "nationals" and hence tends to be more personal and yet a national organization.

Another Visiting Physicists Program

The American Association of Physics Teachers-American Institute of Physics under a grant from the National Science Foundation will again sponsor visits by Iowa Industry, College and University Physicists to high school Physics Classes in the State during the 1964-65 school year. High

school physics teachers interested in arranging a visit are asked to contact:

Edwin M. Vaughan
State Chairman - Iowa for VSPHS
% Research Office, R&D Directorate
U.S. Army Weapons Command
Rock Island, Illinois

ISTA at ISEA

October 6 found a significant number of ISTA members present for the annual fall meeting in Des Moines. This year the meetings were held in Veteran's Auditorium which proved to be an excellent place for persons desiring to spend only part of their time in the several meetings. President Fagle is to be congratulated on his organization of a fine meeting. Paul Schenken arranged for three fine section meetings at the secondary level. Viola Caldwell's junior high meeting featured Dean Chalmer Roy and his explanation of the ESCP work. Florence Freberg headed another most impressive section meeting of the ISTA elementary group.

The new section chairmen have much to measure up to as they plan for the 1965 fall meeting.

Any Other News

If we forget to include a news item in

this section, please feel responsible! It is up to you to submit ideas for this section of your Journal. When one attempts to be a reporter for all science teaching news in the state, one soon discovers that it is an impossible job. Help is needed!

Regional NSTA Meeting

Dean Stroud of Des Moines is to be congratulated for his fine work in organizing and administering the October 2-3 Regional NSTA meeting held in Des Moines. The program proved exceptional. Many ISTA members were a part of the program. Many others received the benefits of attendance.

Let's hope that it will not take another fifty years before we can host another regional meeting in Iowa!

Advertising for This Journal

We are looking forward to expansion of membership and size of this Journal. This is possible with your help in enlisting the help of more advertisers.

Sister Mary Martina of Dowling High in Des Moines has recently assumed the advertising editorship as her work as ISTA secretary. She has arranged for the additional advertisement in this issue and has completed arrangements for significant increases in future issues of Volume 2.

If you will contact persons in your area who might place advertising orders, Sister Martina will follow through with an official contact. This is one positive way that every member can do his share of the work of the Association.

Sister Martina is to be congratulated upon the vigor with which she has embarked on this new position!

New Members

If you have not renewed your ISTA membership it is now due. Thirty new members were accepted at the October 16 meeting in Des Moines. We are anxious to grow even more during our 1964-65 year.

Lyle Anderson, our retiring president, has accepted the important job of membership chairman. He has already begun an extensive campaign to double our membership. All old and new members are hereby requested to assist. Have you secured two new ISTA members during the last month?

Contact Lyle Anderson, West High, Waterloo, for information concerning membership. Lyle will also be glad to take care of your five dollar dues. He will see that your name is added to the 1964-65 "Actives". Act today!

Ford-FSAA Program

This is the youth activities program of

the National Science Teachers Association. Specific information is available from NSTA Headquarters, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. The Ford-FSAA program is one of the few national youth science programs which was requested, designed, and conducted by science teachers. Its function is to help the teacher develop extra-class activities which extend the day-to-day classwork by providing students with opportunities to pursue their individual interests. Any secondary school science club in the United States may receive a charter as a chapter of FSA.

A Sponsor's Guidebook, a quarterly newsletter, suggestions for projects, and membership materials including membership lists, individual card, pins and insignia are available. The Ford Motor Company is the chief sponsor. However, other awards are provided by various organizations and industries.

The Ford-FSAA program is one which has been in keeping with modern philosophy of science education from the beginning. Several other programs now emphasize real research and preparation of a manuscript rather than the 'show and tell' idea which has characterized the Science Fair movement. However, this evolution has resulted from these pioneer efforts of NSTA and some of their special boards and committees.

Junior Academy Symposium

The Iowa Academy of Science selected eighty-five talented secondary school students to participate in the first Symposium to be conducted with funds from the National Science Foundation. These students were selected on the basis of their past records in science courses in their schools. Scientist-advisors who are members of the Senior Academy are working with each of the participants.

A final prospectus has been prepared for each research problem. It is anticipated that each participant to prepare a preliminary report of the work by April 1. Sixty of these participants will be selected as finalists. Their expenses will be paid for a two day meeting of the Junior Academy at the University of Dubuque on April 23 & 24. Here they will present their papers before the membership. These reports will later be printed as a special volume of the **Proceedings of the Junior Academy**.

Affiliated with the Iowa Junior Academy

Is your school a member of the Iowa Junior Academy of Science? If not, write today to Frank Starr, East High, Waterloo, for membership information. Your