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Open Letter from Consulting Editor

This issue marks the third appearance of the **Iowa Science Teachers' Journal**. Having taken part in the planning of this publication from its earliest stages to the present, I can say only that I am elated and not a little surprised. When Editor Yager asked me to serve on this project I had some serious reservations about the ability of the group to subordinate individual differences of opinion, and gain the necessary skills to put together a readable journal in three issues. The first condition, the assembly of a loyal, able, and energetic staff has been met. The people who assemble the journal every quarter have given unstintingly of their time and skills. Now the Journal must turn to its other needs.

The function of the I.S.T.A. Journal is to provide a forum for the discussion of teaching problems, techniques and ideas in the fields of Science. Such a mission presupposes a large pool of active writers and a larger pool of interested readers. It is mandatory that there be a constant and rapid interchange between writers and readers. In the end, all must do both. Furthermore, in the foreseeable future, new hands must become available to replace those that now work to assemble the quarterly Journal.

In order to fulfill our mission we need a large membership to ensure a constant flow of good articles germane to the problems of science teaching in Iowa. We need a large membership to provide critical reading of the good articles we shall get. **NO SPEECH, HOWEVER ELOQUENT, CAN BE OF ANY EFFECT WITHOUT AN AUDIENCE.** We need a large membership from which to choose the best skills in the staff positions.

WE NEED A LARGE MEMBERSHIP.

Therefore, let each one bring one. Let one brought be sent (and accompanied) to bring yet another until the I. S. T. A. is a body truly representative of the science teachers of Iowa.

Donald Biggs, Consulting Editor
Iowa Science Teachers' Journal

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