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MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Even in a science association there comes a time to pass around good wishes. So, for the Executive Committee I am wishing each and everyone of you a happy holiday season. Now to the business of this Newsletter.

THE CONVENTION

Again a reminder! The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting--Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, March 29-31, 1954. Every convention is supposed to be the biggest ever. This one looks as though it's going to break the rule-it is going to be the biggest!

Just look at the tentative program that's set up!

Monday, March 29, 1954

MORNING

Program for graduate students. A few will present their research for discussion. At their request we'll break into round tables to let them find out what the NARST membership knows.

AFTERNOON

An innovation - Abraham Raskin and Jerome Metzner - Co -Chairmen of the Atomic Energy-Educational Trends Committee are setting up a special high quality program on "new things" for science teaching. They are being assisted in certain ways by the Atomic Energy Commission.

NIGHT

Committee meetings

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1954

MORNING AND AFTERNOON

Research papers-more about those later.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

A lot of things!

1. The report of our big Review of Science Education Research Project. By then you will have received the first issue of Science Education of the project in hand and will hear about the next ones.

2. Something new! You'll hear about plans for affiliating with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The Society will then vote on it.

3. Committee reports - and we'll have plenty of time to discuss them.

NOON

Another innovation planned by Bill Van Deventer. We'll end with a luncheon and will have the speaker who will give non-technical lectures on rocketry. We have been most fortunate in obtaining an expert in the area who has much experience in speaking to lay groups:

Dr. Joseph Pinsky, Head
Armour Research Foundation
Chicago, Illinois

It's hard to figure how we could ask for more. However, if someone wants something more let us know and we'll get it - even to putting in a livestock show!

Now to get down to some specifics:

HOTEL ROOMS

Clarence Pruitt sent a letter with the following statement:

"In your next Newsletter please urge members to send requests for Hotel reservations soon and directly to Hotel Sherman. The enclosed room-rate card information should be handed to members."

Consider yourself urged to apply for your reservation soon! Now to list pertinent information:

Single Rooms	\$4.95 to 10.45
Double Bed Rooms for Two Persons	7.95 to 14.45
Twin Bedded Rooms	10.95 to 15.45
Two Rooms Connecting Bath Between:	
For 2 Persons	11.90 to 13.90
For 3 Persons	14.90 to 16.90
For 4 Persons	17.90 to 19.90

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Have you forgotten? Or are you just waiting a while? In either case here is a reminder! Remember Monday, March 29, 1954 we will present our third annual research program for graduate students (or other persons) who are working on research in science education. These programs, according to the graduate students themselves, have been outstanding. We plan (not just hope) to have even a better one this time. Of course, the important ingredient is graduate students and the only source is the NARST membership.

NOW - send the names of any graduate students (or other persons) doing research in science education. They will receive personal invitation to attend. If you have a student who is well enough along with his research to present it to the NARST for criticism let me know. These "parleys" have proved to be exceptionally good!

In any case - send me names. For those who have already done so - ^{no space}our may thanks.

FROM DR. BARNARD

Darrell Barnard sent a letter with the following paragraph. Since it gets right to the point, here it is verbatim:

"With regard to the forthcoming ^{space} issue of our Newsletter, will you please include the following statement--Members of the Association who wish to have papers presented at the next annual meeting are reminded that a copy of the proposed paper must be submitted to J. Darrell Barnard on or before the last of December. A committee will then assume responsibility for

selecting the papers that will be presented. As you have been told before, an effort is being made to cut down on the number of presentations so that more time might be allowed for discussion."

Dr. Barnard's address: Darrell Barnard
 School of Education
 New York University

FROM DR. ANDERSON

A letter from Ken Anderson says, "In the next Newsletter please stress the target dates I set forth in my mimeographed edition." Here is the information as given in the mimeographed edition:

"I am suggesting the following target dates for the preparation of our second annual review:

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| September 1, 1953 | Chairman should contact all committee members on or before this date regarding the annual review. |
| October 1, 1953 | Chairman should have assigned each committee member a specific task. |
| January 1, 1954 | All abstracts of reviewed research should be in the hands of the committee chairman.
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| March 15, 1954 | The preliminary draft of the review by each level committee should be completed. |
| March 27 & 28, 1954 | Meeting of each level committee prior to the annual meeting for the purpose of preparing the final draft. |
| June 1, 1954 | Preparation of the final copy by the general chairman and the committee chairman." |

Congratulations to Ken Anderson for getting a show of this size on the road.

FROM DR. VAN DEVENTER

"Don't forget the luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 1954. Get it on you calendar."

Now - general information again. Shortly after January 1 you will be receiving a list of the nominees for membership into the NARST. This year the material has been prepared far enough in advance so we'll have a bit more time to do the job. Clarence Pruitt requests that you return your ballots to him as soon as possible.

Two more points and then we close:

1. As you know the first review of Science Education Research will appear in the February issue of Science Education. The issue is now being assembled. It is planned that it will reach you February 1. It may be possible that members of the NARST would like to have copies for use for graduate students for the college library, or extra copies of the issue for their own files. The price will depend on the estimated number being purchased. If you think you would like copies, please drop a card to Dr. Clarence Pruitt, 304 Walnut, Stillwater, Oklahoma, stating how many copies you might like. This does not commit you in any way. It is merely a means for determining whether plans should be made to expand the printing.

2. Clarence Pruitt also has stated that he will be the grateful and willing recipient of any dues for 1953 that have not yet been sent in. He will also willingly accept any dues for 1954 from those who may wish to send them in advance.

Looking this over - it seems we've asked a lot - so we'll summarize briefly and ask you - please, now, right now, help us by stopping everything to do these tasks. It's guaranteed that it won't take more than 15 minutes.

1. Send for your reservation at the Hotel Sherman
2. Send the names of graduate students or other persons doing research to me immediately.
3. Send Clarence Pruitt a note letting him know tentatively how many of the February issues of Science Education (Review of Science Education Research number) you might want.
4. Send Clarence Pruitt your dues.
5. Vote on members as soon as the material arrives.

Again - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

George G. Mallinson
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