

this very opportunity. Some women are great organizers and masters in financial matters. Others are wonderful craftsmen and creative thinkers. Still others are hard workers and promoters of good humor and high morale. Over the years I have personally learned many practical skills and spiritual truths from working alongside of women who are gifted in each of these areas.

So let's cheerfully encourage and support these groups! Let's be kind and constructive in our criticisms and generous in our willingness to help and give. And let's remember to thank God that He uses us in *many* ways to accomplish the work in His kingdom!



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Keynote Address — Prof. Hanko



Working Coffee-breaks

33rd Annual Teachers' Convention 1987

Agatha Lubbers

More than 60 teachers from schools located in the Grand Rapids area, South Holland, Illinois, and Iowa met at Covenant Christian High for the 33rd annual P.R.T.I. Convention. One teacher came from Lynden, Washington. Teachers from the Loveland and Redlands areas were not in attendance this year.

The Convention began on Thursday morning with Registra-

tion. Mr. Doug DeBoer called the Convention to order. Opening devotions led by Mr. John Kalsbeek preceded the Keynote address by Prof. H. Hanko. He spoke on the topic, "Luther on Education."

After the lecture, a delicious brunch was served in the Hope Church basement. Teachers then reconvened at the high school.

Teachers could choose between

two sectionals. In one sectional the South Holland Staff divided teachers into three groups so they could discuss the topic "Cooperative Efforts in Planning for Bible Teaching." It was agreed at the end of this sectional that the schools and Federation should make efforts to develop a Bible curriculum. Unnecessary overlap between the church and the school ought to be avoided.

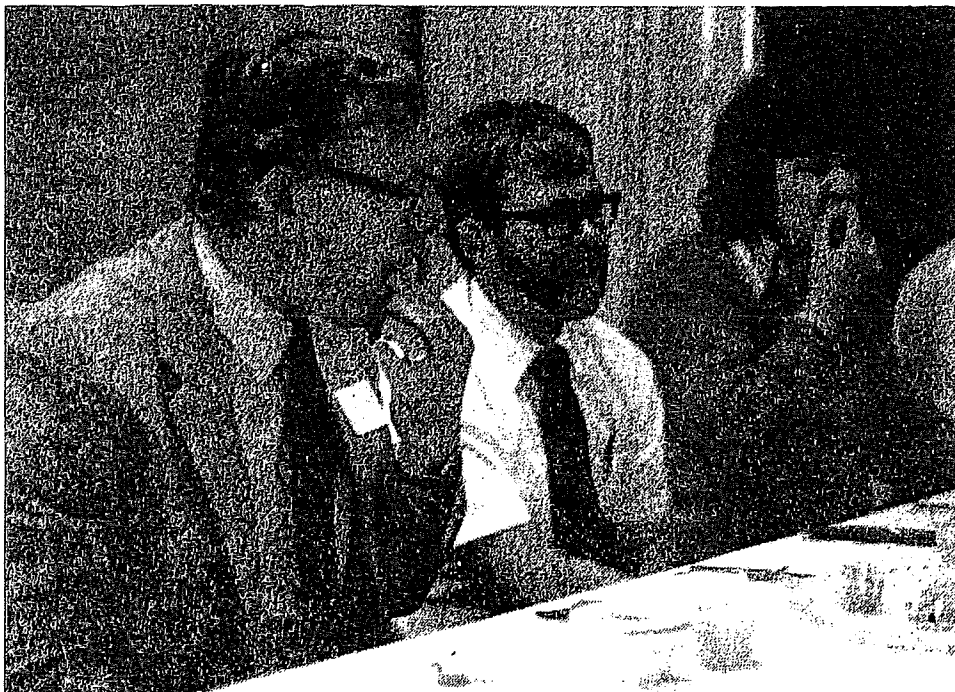
Gary Lanning led the sectional that was entitled, "Idea Session on Uses of the V.C.R. in the Classroom."

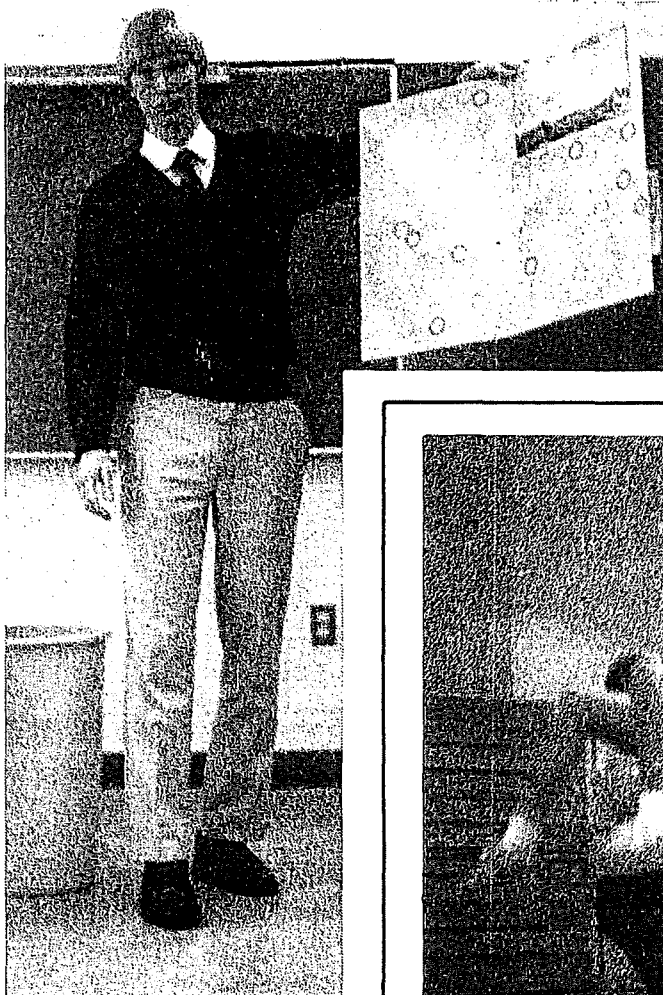
The Institute membership numbers 48 teachers and this year at least 13 more teachers were added to the membership roles so that the Institute membership is now over 60! It is a

pleasure to see new members join the Institute each year. It is particularly gratifying to some of the older teachers to see former students become members with them of this professional organization.

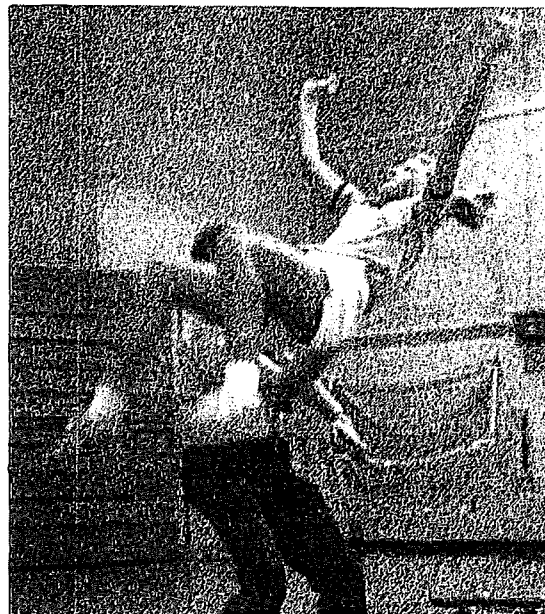
It is during the Convention that the Institute conducts the major business meetings for the year. During the course of the school year the Institute has three other meetings but the major business which includes the election of officers is conducted during the business meetings of the Convention. One of the concerns of the Institute this year was to make a decision concerning traveling funds for teachers who must come great distances to the Convention and who cannot

Brunch Time





Brian
Dykstra
on
Classroom
Games



Fred's
Flyers
in the
Gymnasium



Doug Boone on Reading



Doug DeBoer, chairman

expect much assistance from the boards in their areas.

The afternoon session of Thursday also included three other sectionals. Mr. Fred Hanko conducted a demonstration sectional using students from Hope School. It was called "Fred's Flyers: Tumbling Techniques for all Grades." Mr. Brian Dykstra conducted a sectional called "Games in the Classroom" and Mr. Doug Boone led a sectional called "Reading in the Content Areas."

Thursday evening of each Convention is reserved for the annual banquet. Wives and husbands of conventioners also attend the

banquet. A delicious dinner was served by the Catering Committee of Hope Church. Teachers were free to attend the Reformation Day lecture after the banquet.

When Friday morning, October 30, dawned clear and crisp the teachers reconvened at Covenant at 8:45 for a song service and devotions led by Mr. Jerry Koning.

Sectionals for the early part of the morning included the following:

- A math sectional, led by Mr. Vern Huber;
- Use of Daily Newspapers in the Classroom, led by Mr. and Mrs. Skip Hunter;

— Benefits of All-school Programs, led by Mr. Gerald Kuiper.

After a delicious coffee served by Mrs. Evelyn Langerak and Mrs. Linda Kalsbeek the Convention reconvened in a general meeting for all conventioners. The program featured a Symposium-Forum chaired by Mr. Calvin Kalsbeek on the topic "Academic Competition." Miss Winifred Koole and Miss Agatha Lubbers defended the position that academic competition, properly controlled, was good for our schools and the students. Mr. Doug DeBoer and Mr. Deane Wassink took the position that the results and efforts of such competition are not beneficial to the schools or the students. A lively discussion prevailed after the presentations by the members of the

Symposium, and the topic prompted many questions and comments by members of the audience.

The morning concluded with a session of unfinished business and the new president, Mr. David Harbach, led the convention in closing devotions. The teachers always enjoy the hours of fellowship provided by these conventions and a cordial spirit prevailed throughout the Convention.

The Convention adjourned after the spirited singing of "Now blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel. Who only doeth wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity; the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen: So let it be."

The Convention next year will be in South Holland.

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The Old-Timers