



*For our "Bulletin Board" special this time we'd like to make use of an article which appeared in the Fall, 1985 issue of "The Ledger" — newsletter of Loveland (Colorado) Protestant Reformed School. For the Loveland constituency, Principal Tom DeVries wrote a short account of last fall's Teachers' Convention in Iowa. That convention, incidentally, was noteworthy in this respect that at none other of our 30 previous conventions were there so many teachers present, from so many schools, from so many parts of the country. Even all the way from Lynden, Washington! But... let's hear it from Mr. De Vries. The pictures are from the camera of Mr. Skip Hunter, principal of Northwest Iowa (Doon) Protestant Reformed School.*

On October 17 and 18, all four teachers (from Loveland) attended the thirty-first Protestant Reformed Teachers' Institute Convention at Hull and Doon, Iowa. These institutes are usually held in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area, but this year's meeting was held in the west as a concession to the western teachers. Although we in Loveland are not members of the Institute, the invitation was to us, also. Teachers attended from all of our schools except the one in California.

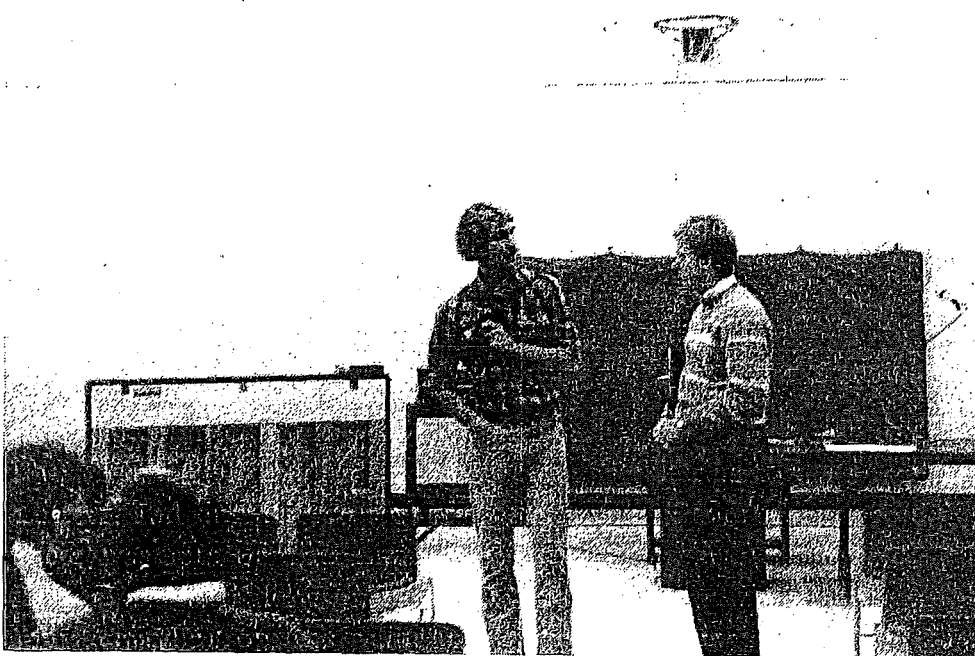
The thirteen hour trip from here to Iowa can be boring, but in this case it was not. The time held something for everyone. The fall colors were at their peak in the Platte and Missouri river valleys. We followed the old Oregon Trail for about 200 miles, and passed the site where Lewis

and Clark buried Sgt. Floyd in 1803. There was time for reading, knitting, and singing *Psalter* songs. There was lots of discussion, including a rather long one (two hours, maybe) on the value of science to the child of God, and as to its place in the school curriculum. The fertility of the heartland was evident; we passed hundreds of miles of fields full of corn, milo, and soybeans, still unharvested because of the wet conditions.

Most of the activities of the convention took place on Thursday. The day began at Hull school with a speech by Rev. Kamps on "The Spirituality of the Protestant Reformed School Teacher." That evening we attended a banquet at Doon

Church and heard an address by Rev. Bekkering on the topic "Teaching Children Christian Virtues." The heart of the convention was the activities that took place during the day Thursday, and on Friday morning. We met in separate sectionals, and listened to teacher presentations on such subjects as: teaching music, working with learning disabled children, teaching Bible at various levels, how to inspire children to write, use of computers in the classroom, and how to get more variety in teaching methods.

We saw many new faces in Iowa — some of us also met former teachers, students, and colleagues, and old friends. The experience was worthwhile, both in what we learned and in what



*Our Hull Hosts Conferring*

we shared as children of God with a common interest. Our thanks go to the members of the Institute that made the convention possible.

Our trip home was uneventful. We left Hull just before noon and drove all day through a light rain, arriving home just before midnight. □■□

### JUST FOR FUN!!

*A "mixer" activity at the Convention banquet was this game called "Who Am I?" Each of the sixty teachers present had earlier been asked to write on a piece of paper an interesting fact of his own personal history. The papers were collected and the facts compiled on a single sheet,*



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*with blanks before each fact, so that the conventioners could try their hand at matching facts with faces. The idea was that they guess identities and then confront the person with "Did you ever pan for gold in Alaska?" (That was Rod Kreuzer, by the way.)*

*Just for fun, we'll give you a few facts, with names to try to match (howbeit with a few extra thrown in for good measure). In our June issue, if you can wait that long, we'll give you the answers. Here are some:*

### Who Am I?

\_\_\_ 1. All my possessions were washed out to sea in a storm.

\_\_\_ 2. I taught only one year in South Holland, but in that year I had 3 future ministers in my class.

\_\_\_ 3. I am in my 25th year of teaching, 25th year of marriage in a school 25 years old.

\_\_\_ 4. For one year I was the world's only male Prot. Ref. teacher.

\_\_\_ 5. I once got caught in a revolving door with a lady.

\_\_\_ 6. My birthplace was the Netherlands.

\_\_\_ 7. When I was born, my mother used scotch tape to hold my ears back. But it didn't work.

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| b. Dave Harbach      | j. Lamm Lubbers    |
| c. John Hilton       | k. Harry Langerak  |
| d. Bill Joostens     | l. Vern Huber      |
| e. Doug DeBoer       | m. Gen Lubbers     |
| f. Beverly Hoekstra  | n. Ron Koole       |
| g. John Kalsbeek     | o. Fred Hanko, Sr. |
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*Colleagues Socializing*