TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL PROTESTANT REFORMED TEACHERS' CONVENTION



Covenant Christian High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, was the site of the 27th annual Protestant Reformed Teachers' Convention. Over 40 Protestant Reformed teachers gathered for two busy days filled with speeches and presentations. We are grateful that God in His Grace makes possible these days of fellowship and professional growth.

CONVENTION, 1981

CONVENTION PICTURE

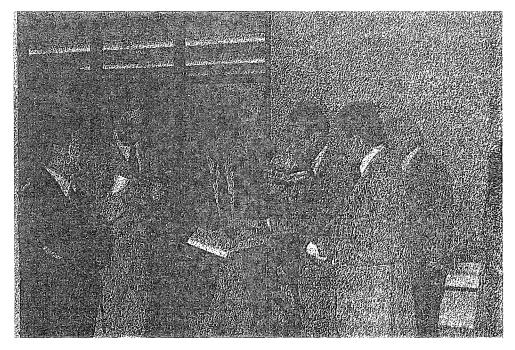


The beautiful fall weather was just right for an outdoor picture. Pictured here, left to right, are:

Don Doezema, Jim Huizinga, Rick Noorman, John Zandstra, Fred Hanko,
Jerry Kuiper, Darrel Huisken, Cornie Doezema, John Buiter,
Cal Kalsbeck, Tim Orme, Peter VanDer Schaaf, Antoinette Quenga,
Candace Hoeksema, Grace Faber, Winifred Koole,
Dave Harbach, Ron Koole, Melanie VerHey, Sandi Kooiman, Gertrude Hoeksema,
Gladys Koole, Hulda Kuiper, Lois Kregel, Marilyn Decker, Jane Petersen,
Skip Hunter, Vern Huber, MaryBeth Lubbers, Judi Doezema, Marilyn Schipper,
Ignacio Quenga, Roderick Kreuzer, Judy Booth, Mariel Petersen,
Jeanette Van Egdom, Anita DeJong, Agatha Lubbers,
Joel Sugg, Ken Feenstra, Gary VanDerSchaaf, Lamm Lubbers,
Ed Karsemeyer, Harry Langerak, Barb Hunter.

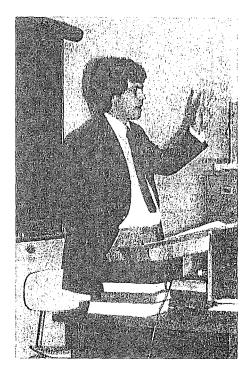


More than 12 separate presentations were made throughout the two-day convention. Generous amounts of time were given for active participation and discussion.

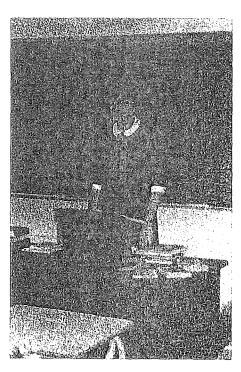


One of the most enjoyable features of a convention is the informal discussion that takes place after the speech.

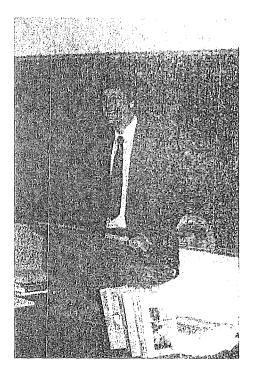
CONVENTION SPEAKERS



Gary VanDerSchaaf gave a presentation on "Fantasy Literature."



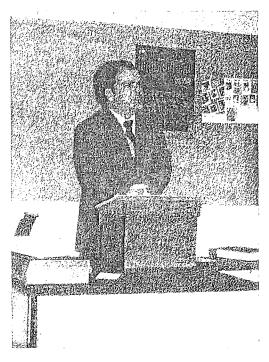
Gertrude Hoeksema gave a primary sectional on "Wise Choices for Literature."



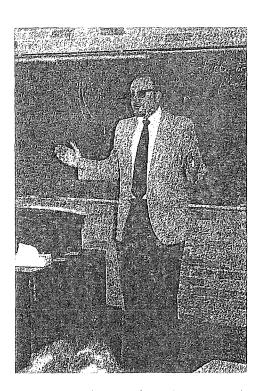
Rick Noorman spoke on "P.E. and Play Theory."



Fred Hanko talked about a problem in history: "When Do You Throw the Book Out: Textbook Selection."



Rev. Haak, pastor of Southeast Protestant Reformed Church, delivered the keynote address. His speech, "Telling the Greatness of God's Strength," was based on Psalm 78:4-7.

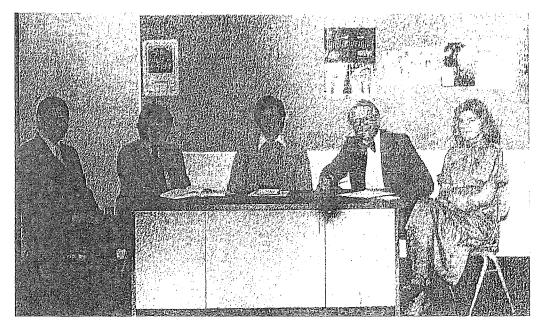


Gerald Kuiper, who directs choir at Covenant Christian High School, presented "Directing Techniques For Elementary Teachers."



A history "Show and Tell" offered several new ideas for teachers of history. Joel Sugg, from Katy, Texas, is seen demonstrating a device for teaching chronology.

RETIRING INSTITUTE OFFICERS



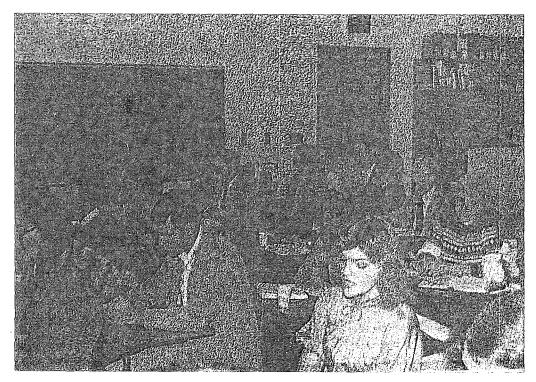
The Institute Board is responsible for planning and conducting the annual convention. Retiring officers from left to right are:

Harry Langerak, Vice-president; Gary VanDerSchaaf, Treasurer; Peter VanDerSchaaf, President; John Buiter, Vice-all; Gladys Koole, Secretary.

OFFICERS FOR 1982



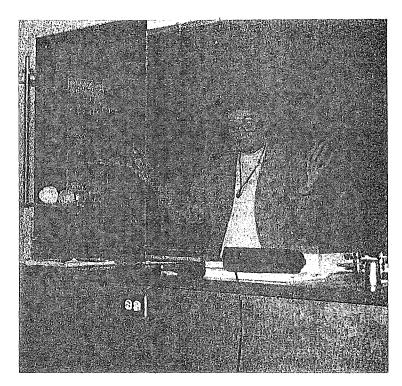
Plans for the next convention begin immediately. New officers from left to right are: Jim Huizinga, treasurer; Hulda Kuiper, secretary; Dave Harbach, president; Jerry Kuiper, vice-president; Darrel Huisken, vice-all.



Convention time is time for Christian fellowship. Group singing is an integral part of devotional activities.



Some business has to be conducted in private.



Winifred Koole is a teacher at Hope Protestant Reformed Christian School. She is seen here participating in a sectional entitled, "Hands on Science."

The 1981 Teachers' Convention was a successful one. The teachers who were able to attend enjoyed the opportunity to see old friends and to discuss common matters of the profession. The various speeches and presentations that were given throughout the convention provided much stimulation and afforded many insights that the teachers could take back to their own classrooms. Teachers' conventions such as this one are inspirational. The group singing, the Christian fellowship, the keynote address given by Rev. Haak, the high quality presentations given by fellow teachers — all these things remind us of how good the Lord has been. We go back to our classrooms with greater thankfulness for the cause of covenant instruction and with increased dedication and zeal for the important task that God has given each of us to do.