



Across The Editor's Desk

(Your Editor wants news items about YOU, your regional, local, and affiliate activities, and other NABT people and friends for this column.)

Did you know that—

Bibliography of Free and Inexpensive Materials, prepared by our versatile **Muriel Beuschlein of Chicago Teachers College** and printed in the Feb. 1953 issue of ABT for our **Nat'l Conservation Project**, has been reprinted by **International Harvester Co?** Copies are available from **Project Leader Richard Weaver**, P.O. Box 2073, Ann Arbor, Mich., at 10¢ each; 20% disc. on orders of 100 or more. The *Bibliography* covers private, gov't, and industrial sources; materials are useable in Grades 1-12.

An **"Idea Book"** (Re: Bob McCafferty) can be a **valuable professional aid?** Contact Bob for his "Ideas on Ideas," City Schools, Wadsworth, Ohio.

H. Seymour Fowler, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Ia., is our new **National Membership Chairman?** Help popular Bus and his **Regional Chairmen** make NABT grow!

Paul Klinge and **Robert McCafferty** (details and addresses in this issue) are doing a great job jointly as our **new Associate Editors** (formerly termed Ass't Editors)? **All manuscripts for major ABT articles should be sent directly to one of them, and not to the Editor-in-Chief.** Send them prepared articles on your pet teaching devices and methods, your research activities, informational materials of teaching value to our members, etc., for possible publication; also your suggestions for making ABT increasingly of direct use to you in your classroom and laboratory. If you need hints on how to prepare manuscripts for publication, contact them.

Sister M. Gabrielle, energetic and capable leader in elementary science teaching in the Central States, has been chosen as **Ass't Editor in charge of materials on teaching life sciences and nature study in the elementary grades?** **Elementary teachers** contact her with your **ideas and "How I Did It" devices**, and for help in making biology live with your **embryo scientists.**

Former Editor John Breukelman is well-along to recovery, and will serve on our Advisory Staff? We're sure proud to have you, John!

Robert Gering, Univ. of Utah, Dugway Proving Grounds, Tooele, Utah will serve as Assistant to our most capable and energetic Managing Editor?

Bob has been responsible for recent intriguing membership promotion folders, and for other behind-the-scenes work with such fine success.

Your Editor is just beginning to realize what a king-sized job this is, and needs the help and encouragement of ALL OF YOU? He is starting work with **Lenard Winier**, of Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Ia., on the Ms for a college textbook in biology for general education and teacher training, and would welcome suggestions from college teachers of such courses.

Ruth Stein and **Lee Yothers**, veteran members of the Staff, have asked to be relieved of their duties for the present? Best wishes to you, Ruth and Lee; we know you will continue to vigorously support **NABT and ABT** otherwise as you have in the past.

S. David Greene (capable consultant on art and photography), P.O. Box 105, Cheshire, Conn., **Marcellus C. Miller** (representing the Southeast), Battleboro, N. Carolina, and **Bro. G. Nicholas** (noted spelunker—"cave goer-into" to YOU), La Salle H. S., Cumberland, Md., bring their fine talents and inspiration to the Staff as **new Ass't Editors?** Contact them, as well as the other Ass'ts, with your ideas and needs. A complete listing of the revised Editorial Staff will appear in an early issue.

Emery Will, State Teachers College, Oneonta, N. Y., is the **new Chairman of NABT's Audio-Visual Aids Committee?** Contact him for his capable advice on your A-V needs, and for ideas on what ABT can do to serve YOU in this area.

Exakta Cameras are used for some of the best photo illustrations appearing in ABT? Write to **Mr. Wolf Wirgin** for your photographic needs, and for free booklets on Nature Photography.

James Sanders had an interesting article on "Human Conservation" in the Jan. 1953 issue of *School Science and Mathematics*. Reprints may be available through Dr. Sanders.

"Carolina Tips," Carolina Biol. Supply, Elon College, N. C., is free to biology teachers, and contains interesting and practical materials.

Turttox News, Turttox Teachers' Manual, and **Turttox Service Leaflets** are musts for busy biologists. Write to Gen. Biol. Supply House, 761-763 E. 69th Place, Chicago 37, Ill.

Welch Science Digest will bring abstracts of science teaching articles from many sources. Write to W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., 1515 Sedgwick St., Chicago 10, Ill. Their free booklet, *A Living Biological Laboratory*, will provide many practical hints on the care of plants and animals in your laboratory.

You will be challenged and helped by reading The Ford Foundation's recently-published **Bridg-**

ing the Gap Between School and College.

Write for a copy to The Fund for The Advancement of Education, 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

Denoyer-Geppert's Dr. Frank Kittner supplied free plates, paper, and printing for 16,000 NABT spring membership campaign folders? Visiting biologists and elementary teachers in the Chicago area should contact Dr. Kittner for a most interesting tour of their plant at 5255 Ravenswood Ave.

William Gamble, of Ward's Nat. Sc. Establishment, Inc., Rochester, N. Y., prepared 25,000 NABT winter campaign membership folders, and has offered cooperation again in the same way? Ward's publish a most interesting *News Letter*. Bill spent his "vacation" in Maine supervising the collecting of dogfish for fall orders.

Pres. Blair Coursen, of Gen. Biol. Supply House, 761-763 E. 69th Place, Chicago 37, is a staunch supporter of and contributor to many NABT activities? Do you receive their *Turtox News*? If not, write for it.

Harvard Apparatus Co., Dover, Mass., can supply almost any type of biological apparatus you may need? A recent letter from Pres. A. J. Carlson of this educational non-profit organization urges that teachers write to him about items not carried on their list, items worthy of improvement or replacement, and ideas and needs for simple apparatus for the training of beginners in science. You elementary teachers of life science and nature study, particularly, should follow-through.

William Noonan, extended day program student at Chicago Teachers College, won the prize of a year's subscription to ABT which was offered personally by Managing Editor Beuschlein for the best title for our Classified Ads column. Bill's winning entry was **BIO-BUY-LINES**.

NABT member Charles Walcott, 81 Sparks St., Cambridge 36, Mass., would like suggestions from teachers about their needs for reasonable color slides of insects and other life subjects. Charles contributed some fine photos for ABT cover illustrations. **New England Biological Ass'n members,** particularly, should make use of his outstanding photographic skills; he is writing an ABT article on the preparation of color slides for teaching.

NABT cooperated with AIBS in their recent annual meetings at Madison, Wisconsin?

Bro. H. Charles, St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn., Chairman of our **Committee on Affiliates,** wants live news of activities and people in local life science teaching and research groups for a "With Our Affiliates" column. If your local group is not affiliated with NABT, write him for details, and check constitutional changes regarding affiliates elsewhere in this issue. We need you, and we modestly feel that you need us!

Among the many letters of congratulations received—

Dear Mr. Vance:

We have just been informed that you are the new Editor of *The American Biology Teacher*, and would like to take this opportunity to wish you personally the best of luck and success in your new position.

With regard to *The American Biology Teacher*, needless to say we think this is truly a wonderful magazine. We have noted with great pleasure the tremendous strides and progress which have been made, and we are confident that the future will bring even more worthwhile gains to this excellent publication.

Once again, with our very best wishes, we remain

Sincerely yours,

WOLF WIRGIN,
Exakta Camera Company

President's Message

During the past year our Journal has taken on illustrated covers and a more attractive format. It has been greeted by favorable responses from members, institutions, and advertisers, who recognize that it has a special function to perform for American education. Unfortunately publication costs, which comprise the part of our Association's expenses, have risen sharply. This has entailed an increase in annual dues to \$3.75, effective Oct. 1, 1953.

Members are urged to take an active part in the work of our Association. Your Editor is always looking for practical articles for publication. Good cover photos are welcomed. Your President will welcome your suggestions and criticisms. At present there is need for volunteers to work on the Health and Audio-Visual Education Committees. If you are interested in stimulating your local science organization, write to Bro. H. Charles, St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn., for details on how it can affiliate with The National Association of Biology Teachers.

LEO F. HADSALL, *President*

LETTERS

My dear Mr. Breukelman:

At a recent meeting of the New England Biological Association, the members requested that I write you a letter, stating that they liked the Table of Contents on the outside where it always has been. They suggested that the picture could be inside or, if more people preferred the picture on the outside,