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Group sectional meetings on "Concurrent Developments in Science Teaching" are scheduled on the opening day of the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference of the National Science Teachers Association in Missoula Oct. 26 and 27, reports Dr. R. A. Diettert of Montana State University, conference chairman.

Slated to speak at sectional meeting at South Avenue Missoula County High School Friday are Mrs. Elnora A. Wright of Montana State College at 3 p.m., Dr. Addison Lee of the University of Texas at 4 p.m., and Dr. Robert Heller of the University of Minnesota at 5 p.m.

Mrs. Wright, chairman of the MSC Elementary Science Department, will speak on "Elementary School Science, Process and Product." The speaker, a candidate for the doctor's degree at Harvard University, holds a bachelor's degree in botany from MSC and a master's degree in education from MSU. Before joining the MSC faculty in 1955 she taught in schools in Molt, Billings, Livingston and Bozeman. She is the author of short stories, poems and articles published in Southwest Review, the Link and other periodicals.

Frank Salamon of the NSTA staff in Washington, D.C., will lead a discussion following Mrs. Wright's talk. He is editor of the NSTA publication, Elementary School Science Bulletin, a member of the board of the Connecticut Science Teachers Association, and consultant to the Connecticut State Department of Education. He has taught in Connecticut public schools and at the University of Hartford, where he took a master's degree in 1956.

Dr. Lee will speak on "The Work of the Biological Science Curriculum Study." At the University of Texas he is director of the Science Education Center and of the Summer Institute for High School Teachers of Science and Mathematics, project
supervisor of the Laboratory Block Program, and chairman of the curriculum study he will discuss at the conference. He is president-elect of the Texas Academy of Science and first vice president of the National Association of Biology Teachers. He is the author of 50 publications, and he serves on the advisory board of The Science Teacher and as consultant to schools and colleges on the development of science programs.

Dr. Heller, head of the University of Minnesota Geology Department, will speak on "Geology and Related Sciences Sourcebook for Elementary and Secondary School Science Courses." He is a member of the National Science Foundation Curriculum Study Advisory Board and has served as acting director of the American Geological Institute and director of the AGI Teaching Resources Development Program. He is a member of several professional societies and the author of numerous technical articles.

Margaret Adams, elementary science consultant to the Great Falls public schools, will be chairman of the session dealing with elementary science education. John Lepley, secretary-treasurer of the Montana Science Mathematics Teachers Association and teacher at Fort Benton High School, will be chairman of the biology section meeting. Cliff McLaughlin of the University of Utah Science Education Department will be chairman of the earth sciences section meeting.

Speakers for Friday evening section meetings in chemistry and physics will be announced this week, Dr. Diettert said.

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