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National Science Teachers Association banquet at Montana State University

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John Marean, president of the National Science Teachers Association, will be the speaker at the Friday banquet of the NSTA Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Dr. R. A. Diettert of Montana State University, conference chairman, announced.

The banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU Lodge will be a high point of a Friday conference program that includes a keynote address by Dr. Winslow Hatch of the U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., and sectional meetings featuring talks by topflight science educators.

The conference for science teachers from throughout the Rocky Mountain area will officially get under way with a general session at South Avenue Missoula County High School at 2 p.m. Friday and will continue Saturday on the MSU campus, Dr. Diettert said.

Marean will speak at the banquet on "Rethinking Science Teaching" and will speak again at the physics section meeting at 9 p.m. in the Liberal Arts building, when his topic will be "Development of the Physical Science Study Committee Program and Its Use in High School."

Dr. Arthur H. Livermore of the Reed College Chemistry Department, Portland, Ore., and Dr. J. A. Campbell, chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, Calif., will be the speakers at the chemistry section meeting at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts building.

Marean, teacher of physics, mathematics and electronics at Reno, Nev., High School, served this year as a lecturer in the National Science Foundation Institute for High School Students at the Desert Research Institute of the University of Nevada.

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The NSTA president is a graduate of the University of Nevada and has done postgraduate work under various fellowships at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Oregon State College and the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. He is a member and a past president of the Nevada State Education Association Department of Classroom Teachers and a member of the Committee on Teacher Recognition of the American Association of Physics Teachers. He was sub-chairman of the National Education Association 1958 Conference on the Academically Talented, in Washington, D.C. In 1950 he held a temporary appointment as deputy state superintendent of public instruction for Nevada.

Dr. Livermore worked on the chemistry of penicillin under the U. S. Office of Scientific Research and Development. His research at Reed, under public and private foundation grants, has included studies on the effects of radiations from radioactive cobalt.

Since 1959 he has been a director of the Chemical Bond Approach Project, set up to work out a new course in high school chemistry. He serves on committees of the American Chemical Society and is the society's representative on the National Research Council Committee on Biological Chemistry. He was the first secretary of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, is a past chairman of the Oregon Section of the American Chemical Society, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and other professional and honorary organizations.

Dr. Campbell is director of the Chemical Education Materials Study of the National Science Foundation and past NSF program director for institutes. He took his Ph. D. at the University of California, Berkeley, and has been a Great Western Dow Fellow, a DuPont Fellow and a Fund for the Advancement of Education Fellow at Cambridge University. He is the author of numerous articles on structural chemistry and nuclear power and a member of committees of the American Chemical Society and the Alfred Sloan Foundation.

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