

From *the* Editor

Executive Committee meeting. Convening in Washington, D. C., November 1-3, the ASCD Executive Committee considered many matters related to the ongoing program and services of the Association. One high point was a tea attended by national ASCD members in the District of Columbia. At this time the group took action looking toward becoming an affiliated unit of ASCD. Another fine occasion during the meeting period: a dinner at the Kennedy-Warren Hotel at which the ASCD professional staff members were guests of the Executive Committee. Other guests were GEORGE and JUNE DENEMARK and MARY E. LEEPER.

Cornerstone. At an impressive ceremony on November 17, in Washington, D. C., the cornerstone of the new building of the National Education Association of the United States was slipped firmly into place. Many members of the NEA staff, their families and friends, and representatives of state education associations and other organizations were present for this ceremony, one of the culminating events of the NEA Centennial Year.

Congratulations. To *Atlantic Monthly*, the journal that for a century has served with distinction as a spur and a conscience to liberal and intellectual America. Felicitations to the journal, its publishers, and its editor, EDWARD W. WEEKS.

Chicago conference. "The American High School: Challenge of the New Era" was the theme of a conference attended by approximately 1000 educators and lay citizens, October 28-30, in Chicago. The meeting was sponsored by the University

of Chicago in collaboration with the National Citizens Council for Better Schools. Of those sessions which your editor attended, several were especially memorable: the lectures by HENRY STEELE COMMAGER, REUBEN G. GUSTAVSON, JAMES B. CONANT, and ROBERT S. GILCHRIST.

You were represented. During the past month and a half by MARGARET GILL at the National Citizenship Conference held in Washington, D. C.; the Kansas ASCD meeting; the Nebraska ASCD meeting (also attended by ROBERT S. GILCHRIST); the Maryland DSCD meeting; the National Core Conference in Philadelphia; the Florida Annual Supervisors Conference (also attended by WILLIAM ALEXANDER); the Arizona ASCD meeting and the Pennsylvania DSC meeting. RODNEY TILLMAN represented you at ASCD meetings in West Virginia, Montana, Virginia and Michigan. He also attended the National Safety Congress and met with the General Arrangements Committee for the 1958 ASCD meeting in Seattle. ARTHUR W. FOSHAY represented you at ASCD meetings in Kentucky, Missouri and at five fall conferences in Oregon, as well as at a sectional meeting of CSSA.

Season's greetings. As is our custom and privilege, the members of the Association's headquarters staff extend to ASCD members and to all the readers of this journal all good wishes for a joyful holiday season and for a prosperous and happy new year.

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