IN March, at Atlantic City, Fred T. Wilhelms was chosen as our Association's next Executive Secretary. He will move into this position on August 1, from his present position as Associate Secretary of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Dr. Wilhelms is a native of Nebraska and took all three of his degrees from the University of Nebraska. He served as teacher and administrator in three Nebraska communities. His first formal curriculum work grew out of his concern over the meagerness of the programs in such communities, which led him to pioneer in the development of supervised correspondence study as an enrichment device.

In 1941 he came to Washington as a consultant to the National Citizenship Education Project. After one year he moved to the NEA building as Associate Director of the Consumer Education Study, which was sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. In 1948 he went to San Francisco State College, first teaching supervision and curriculum courses, then serving as Chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology, and finally directing an experimental project in teacher education and mental health. He returned to NASSP in 1963.

Ever since 1946, when he was a co-chairman of one of our earliest yearbook commissions, Fred has been devoted to ASCD and active in it. He has served on its Board of Directors. He has been chairman of its Publications Committee. For two years he edited "The Importance of People" column in Educational Leadership. And, more recently, he was chairman of the commission which produced the 1967 yearbook, Evaluation as Feedback and Guide.

At present the Wilhelms' live in a pleasant wooded area of Bethesda, Maryland, and their daughter, who is on the staff of NIMH, lives nearby. But their roots remain in the farm country of the Middle West, and after fifteen years in America's loveliest city, San Francisco, they are pledged to go back there "some day."

I know that the members of ASCD join me in welcoming Fred to his new position. We are fortunate indeed to have as our Executive Secretary a man of Fred's stature in the profession and experience in organizational work.
