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Dear Prof. Gillam,

Thank you for your letter of Oct. 29.

I am inclined to agree with you that we should pitch our April program at the college teachers throughout the state, and that this can probably best be done within the Iowa Academy framework. We might as well make our plans for the program presuming that few of the Iowa and Iowa State people will be in attendance. I personally have wished for some years that the program would concentrate on teaching techniques and teaching notes which would be directly useful, and thus of interest, to college teachers. I wish you would advertise the meeting as such when you send out the preliminary request for participants Dec. 1st.

It's in the back of my mind that I might try to form a "program committee" of two or three people, each of whom might fashion a part of the day's activities. Maybe each could either organize a Panel Discussion of something of classroom interest, or else get two or three others to make short presentations of independent topics. It seems to me we have never gotten very far with requesting papers.

You mentioned being "on the fence" about an outside speaker. I feel rather strongly we should have one "name mathematician" to help attract more to the meeting. I have found my own exposure to the presentations and personalities of these featured speakers one of the really memorable experiences I've had at the Spring meetings. I propose to write to Prof. Seymour Schuster, one of this year's MAA Visiting Lecturers, about talking at our Cedar Falls gathering.

Dr. Peglar of Ames has asked me to serve on a committee to be concerned with articulation with 2 year colleges; Steve Armentrout will serve on it too. We can probably include a report of these activities at the April meeting too.

One last point. You and I served on a committee to select an outstanding high school math teacher last year, and I have heard nothing about this yet this year. Who initiates this process, or is such a selection not being made this year?

Yours sincerely,

John Friedell