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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

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Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

- Biology _____
- Chemistry _____
- Physics _____
- Earth Science _____
- Mathematics _____

Recommendation Form

This form should be completed only by a person in the education profession qualified to judge the teaching effectiveness of the candidate or, if not in the education profession, by a person uniquely qualified to know of the teaching effectiveness of the candidate. Two such recommendations must be mailed to the State Director.

Statements by the recommending person must be specific. Give specific examples to support general statements like, "has good work habits," or "is an excellent teacher," etc. Unless you give specific examples, you penalize the candidate.

Name of candidate MRS. Alice Thuraw

School in which candidate teaches Melvin Community School

Address of school Melvin, Ia 51350

1. Teaching Ability: What techniques does this teacher employ? Is his course comprehensive yet enjoyed by students? Does he enjoy teaching?

Employs sound techniques of learning: enthusiasm, individual help (in her classroom 1 hour before classes begin in the morning and her room is filled), repetition, no foolishness, fun and challenging problems, individual guidance, respects and accepts children.

Loves to teach, enjoys children. A master teacher among ^{teachers and students.}

2. Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs?

Excellent cooperation. Boosts other programs and activities. She is always ready to work for the good of the school.

3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has he produced, in teaching?
What new devices?

She uses the tried and tested techniques exceptionally well.

4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations?

She is exacting, but is stimulating and sympathetic with those who really try. She is quick to reject materials or methods that do not contribute to the learning situation.

5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

Concern for children and how she ^{can} best provide a motivating situation.

6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

Perhaps too exacting at times.

7. Other Important Information:

Has a wealth of background in the teaching field. Has traveled extensively. Her patience and understanding in dealing with young people is remarkable.

This is the first time in all my years in education to see junior and senior high students fill a teachers room an hour before school starts.

Name of recommending person

J. M. H. England

Address

Melvin, Iowa

Official position

Supt.

51350