

The members of the Midwest Association wish to extend our deepest sympathy to our fellow member Bob Breen, in the hour of bereavement for his daughter Frances.

"Having become perfect in a short while, she reached the fullness of a long career; for her soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped her out of the midst of wickedness. For in death, life is not taken away, but changed; an earthy home given up for an eternal dwelling."

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## MIDWEST ASSOCIATION ADVISORY REPORT

The following suggestions from the Midwest Association will be given the National Advisory Committee at Kansas City.

1. The National Conference be held in January instead of February. The Midwest Association Superintendents unanimously agree this is the most popular month for them to get away.

2. The last couple of years, accommodations have been below par, some quite bad. We suggest that the committee in charge of room facilities check more thoroughly our hotel accommodations. The hotel reservations should also be improved by mailing the reservations out to the superintendents at an earlier date.

3. Opening day conference celebrity speakers have failed to appear for their scheduled talks. It is important that this first day is a success. When the speakers don't show up, and substitutes are sent, everyone is let down. Our suggestion is: Don't get a speaker, unless you are completely assured he will show up.

4. Rotate the meeting place for the conference. Hold it in the southern climate every three years. Many superintendents combine their vacations with the annual meeting. With bigger and bigger hotels going up all the time in Southern States, we think that this can now be possible. In case of southern conferences, superintendents don't mind being placed a little farther away from the main hotel.

5. The 35mm slide library started in the past few years should be accelerated and more publicized, by the national.

6. Our Get Acquainted Hour is a big disappointment at the conference. Everyone gets primed for it, and puts on their best, all for a couple of drinks, and a walk-around. Our suggestion is: Is it possible, for just a little more cost, to employ a combo in one corner of the ballroom, and let the couples enjoy themselves dancing a little. Other organizations who have annual conventions do this.

Paul N. Voykin, delegate

Tom Burrows, alternate delegate

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