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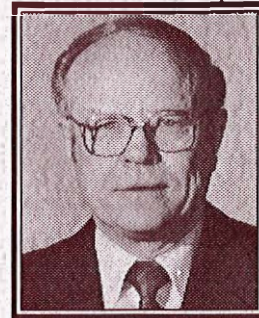
1977-84 ATA Staff Advisor

THE REQUEST TO SUPPLY memories to this special issue struck some pleasant chords of activities now quite a way back in time. There are surely names I associate with the Math Council. At the top are Joan Worth and Art Jorgensen. I suppose this might have to do with an era. I did attend the inauguration of the Council back in the 1960s; at the time, I was a math teacher at Lethbridge Collegiate. Other names that come to me from the time after I became the Mathematics Council ATA staff advisor are John Percevault, Klaus Puhlmann and Bob Holt.

I think of Saturday mornings picking up people at the Riviera Hotel en route to Lacombe Composite High School, where we

met in a round room. There was the ever-present concern whether the agenda would allow us to conclude before going for lunch, or would we have to return after. Lunch (whatever time) was at the Juniper Lodge out on the highway.

I was always amazed and impressed at the effort so many teachers would put into that exercise, the purpose of which was solely "how can we do this job of teaching math better." Just as impressive were the number of initiatives that surfaced. Those meetings and the general conferences were all carried out and organized by teachers who were often lucky to get their expenses reimbursed.



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THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF my key recollections:

- I remember the excellent camaraderie among executive members during our Saturday morning meetings at Lacombe Composite High School in the conference room.
- Among my best recollections were the interesting discussions, joke telling and laughs we had after the meetings at the Juniper Lodge on

Highway 2. All of us would, in a convoy of cars, head out for lunch. It seemed the steak sandwich was the order of the day. Afterward, we departed in our own directions.

- I remember discussing the concept of initiating mini-conferences to help implement and maintain mathematics programs as a support mechanism for members.
- I enjoyed working with conference committees in organizing our annual conferences. I specifically

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My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.

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