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Solar Energy

A recent study by the U.S. House-Senate Joint Economic Committee indicates that solar energy will be Iowa's cheapest way to warm homes and heat water by 1985, if Congress removes the federal price limits on natural gas. This makes it more imperative that students be taught something about the principles of solar energy.

A booklet entitled, *Solar Energy 1976*, published by the Iowa Energy Policy Council lists many Iowa-based studies, as well as, Iowa-based firms that are currently engaged in solar energy programs. Iowa-based firms engaged in solar energy projects are listed below. If you know of any other firms that are not listed, please contact *ISTJ* so they can receive equal recognition. Firms with active solar energy projects are:

Chamberlain Manufacturing Corp., Waterloo
Decker Manufacturing, Keokuk
Lennox Industries, Inc., Marshalltown
Solar-Thermics Enterprises, Ltd., Creston
Winco Division of Dyna Technology, Inc., Sioux City
Winpower Corp., Newton

For details concerning solar energy projects in Iowa, write for the booklet, *Solar Energy 1976*, from the Iowa Energy Policy Council, 300 Fourth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

An ISTJ Associate Editor

The ISTJ Advisory Board is pleased to announce the selection of an Associate Editor in Chemistry Education. Don Murphy, of Hoover High School in Des Moines, has been selected and has accepted the position. If high school chemistry teachers have suggestions concerning the improvement of the journal with respect to chemical education, or have papers to contribute to the journal, please contact Don. In accepting the nonpaying position, Don is depending upon the support of chemistry teachers throughout the state. The Advisory Board wishes to thank Don for assuming the personal sacrifices associated with such a position.

ISTS Fall Conference

A note from James Hungerford, Marshalltown, indicates that everyone should set aside November 11, 1977 for attending the Iowa Science Teachers Section Fall Conference. The conference will be held at the Marshalltown Community College. Mark it now, the 1976 Conference was very successful.