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A Bicentennial Event

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With 1976 as our national bicentennial, it is appropriate to review many activities of the past. Certainly, this history of the *Iowa Science Teacher's Journal* is no exception. The contributions of many are to be applauded for past achievement. Such applauding is a challenge for the future and for the new staff of *ISTJ* who now lead as the nation enters its third century.

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Citizen's Workshop on Energy and Environment

The University of Northern Iowa Chemistry Department will be conducting a series of Citizens' Workshops on Energy & Environment in Iowa during the coming academic year. This program, sponsored by the Energy Research & Development Administration, is designed to inform the public in our present use of energy and possible future energy supplies. During a visit to a given community, the program will be available for community groups in the evening and for school groups during the day.

Each workshop begins with a slide series dealing with the nature of our energy problems and the environmental effects of producing and using energy. This discussion includes various aspects of coal, oil and natural gas utilization, as well as prospects for the use of shale oil, solar energy, geothermal energy, nuclear energy, and energy from wastes. During the second part of the workshop, participants use a specially designed Energy-Environment Simulator to play a decision-making game that illustrates the problem of keeping energy production in balance with the steadily increasing demand for energy while also maintaining the quality of the environment. Discussion with the audience is encouraged throughout the program.

Interested groups or organizations should contact Dr. Leland L. Wilson, Department of Chemistry, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. The phone number is 319-273-2059.

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What do you get when you cut the toe nails of 222 bisons?
You get, 1776 Bison-toe-nails.

Art Tiodactyla
Illinois Science Teachers Association Newsletter

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NSTA Convention

The 25th National Convention of the National Science Teachers Association will be held March 25-29, 1977, at the Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.