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Dr. Hans Thirring  
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Dear Dr. Thirring:

For the first time since Archimedes burned the ships at Syracuse with focusing mirrors, scientists are making a serious and concentrated attack on the problems of trapping and controlling the energy of the sun. New developments are announced in every issue of **THE SUN AT WORK**, and results of much of the basic research which leads to these applications first appear in the columns of our journal **SOLAR ENERGY**.

In about three weeks' time a 64-page issue of **SOLAR ENERGY** will be in the mail. It will tell our members about a simple solar steam engine developed at the University of Wisconsin which is particularly adaptable to use in underdeveloped countries, about the solar heating effects on various surface coatings for earth satellites, about the need in many countries for a cheap solar radiation recorder, and about the experiments by Dr. Tabor in Israel on solar collector systems.

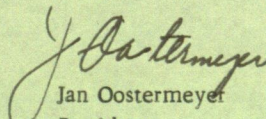
The current issue of **THE SUN AT WORK** went into the mails this week and another issue will be ready for distribution in December. The fall issue contains an article about heating swimming pools with solar energy and another describing performance tests to be conducted this winter at the Solar House in order to compare the costs of conventional heating with solar heating. You probably know that the Association successfully completed and opened to the public in April the world's first residence designed to receive all its heat from the sun.

If you renew your membership in the Association for Applied Solar Energy now, you will receive these issues of the two periodicals within the next month. In addition to receiving eight copies of the scientific journals each year, you will as a member also have access to the only complete solar energy library in the Western world. You may use this library through the mails and the facilities of the Association's photocopying service.

A study by a cost accounting firm has shown us that the average member receives publications and other services from **AFASE** totalling \$17.70 each year. Therefore, after January 1, 1959, the memberships will be priced at this actual cost figure rather than the present \$10 fee. However, if you renew now, the \$10 charge still applies.

Personally, I believe that the field of solar energy presents the greatest untapped source of power in the world today. Since my own retirement as president of Shell Chemical Corporation, I have been serving full time without pay as President of the Association because I believe so strongly in the importance of this work. I hope you will want to continue to be a part of the Association for Applied Solar Energy.

Yours sincerely,

  
Jan Oostermeyer  
President

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