

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

REPORT ON CONVENTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SANITARIANS, INC.

By J. H. "JACK" RAYMOND, *Secretary*

The Association held its first War Time Convention October 16-18 in the Biltmore Hotel at Los Angeles, and the program was streamlined to fit the occasion. Like the conventions of all groups during 1942 the subject of how the exigencies of War are affecting the civilian life and pursuits and how the attained high standards of sanitation may be maintained in the face of the drain on man power to the armed forces, came in for the most discussion. That the subject of adjustment to the War was to be the keynote of all discussions was evident from the first speaker's remarks.

Dr. George M. Uhl, M.D., Health Officer of Los Angeles City, chose for his subject, "The Impact of War on Public Health," in which he stressed the necessity of maintaining our present gains in the field, and stated that the public must be made to realize that "a violation of public health law is an act of sabotage." Dr. Uhl, in his capacity of City Health Officer, graciously welcomed the delegates to the city, which was responded to by Sanitarian Harold Young.

Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, Health Officer

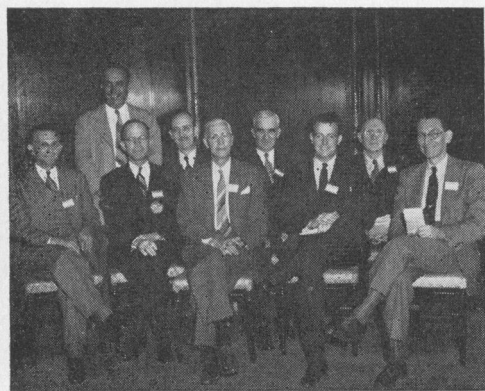


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 Standing—Newly elected President Wm. L. Nunes.
 Seated left to right—F. S. Jimison, Earl Hawkins, F. D. Sweger, E. J. Bumiller, H. A. Young, H. R. Davis, F. E. DeGroff and H. A. Jewett.

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of Los Angeles County, gave an interesting talk on "Typhus Fever in California."

Of particular interest to many of the delegates interested in the canning of foods was the talk given by Dr. B. S. Clark, Associate Director of Research of The American Can Company, on the subject of Some Wartime Problems in Food Packaging.

The spacious rooms assigned to the Convention by the hotel had one large space filled with exhibits of manufacturers products in the field of sanitation; keen interest of all delegates and members was shown in their many visits to the booths during the Convention recess.

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The delegates and members were especially grateful to the Convention Committee for the opportunity to hear Sanitary Engineer R. O. Van Meter, of the Department of Water and Power, discuss Cross Connections and Back Siphonage problems. It is well known that many a fine-looking plumbing installation can conceal all the dangers of the most deadly of poisons and there is no real means of determining how many persons have suffered illness and death through faulty plumbing connections.

Sanitarian Major Kern H. Copeland, Sanitary Corps, U. S. Army, gave to the Convention a thrilling picture of some of the things our fellow sanitarians in uniform worry about. Space does not permit reporting in full on the fine papers submitted and read to the members during the sessions of this Convention. It is to be hoped that the many attendants who were observed taking notes returned home to report to their co-workers, for truly the entire Convention was as serious as any group could have held and its subjects were pertinent to the field of endeavor. All in all, the Convention might well have been credited as "in service training."

The results of the election of officers will be noted elsewhere, but the Chairman of the Convention, William L. Nunes, was chosen unanimously as the Association's new National President, thus assuring an active year and another fine Convention.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and the Convention gathering included other matters than business sessions, for they took a sailor's or mailman's holiday and inspected the kitchens, etc., of the Acme Brewery on Saturday night the 16th, strictly educational, of course, as was the detail the following evening at Earl Carroll's Theatre, where students of the human anatomy were especially active. There has been no report on the kitchens of the theatre. Incidentally, the ducats there cost \$3.30 per, and you can't get that much food on a plate, and after all no one was hungry anyhow. It was sad to note the number of bi-focals in use by our group, what with the younger men in war. Really, girls, there are younger sanitarians than you saw that night. The Editor has a number of prints of groups of sanitarians caught at the theatre which may be obtained for the asking by their wives who remained at home.

All joking aside, the Convention was swell from start to finish, well planned and handled, and gave each and every one who attended a message of some sort to aid

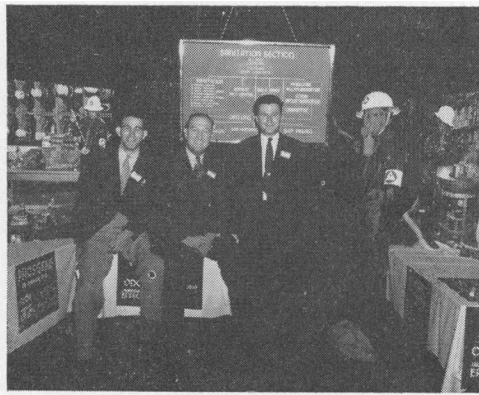


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Los Angeles City Health Booth—Outlining civilian defense protection of water, etc.

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Purex Corporation's products being explained in detail by President Nunes.

him in his work; the thrill of meeting old friends again, and a bit of relaxation so much needed these days. Several spent Sunday, October 18th, in visiting the M. C. Nottingham Plant at Temple City, for a demonstration of Septic Tank installation, etc.

The delegates' wives attending the Convention found their time well arranged by the wives of local members and enjoyed their visit to the City of the Angels.



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At the National Sales Corporation booth an interesting demonstration was carried on showing the fully automatic operation of the STERIMATIC unit for preparing sanitizing rinse solutions. It was shown how the unit requires no connection whatever to the plumbing, a feature that not only simplifies installation, but also precludes all possibility of back-siphoning and contaminating the water supply. Yet, because the amount of sanitizing concentrate dispensed into the water is directly proportional to the depth of water in the sink, the resulting rinse solution is always of uniform strength regardless of how far the sink is filled. Complete information on the STERIMATIC can be obtained by writing direct to National Sales Corporation, 820 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thanks for your good Will during 1942—Editors

The National Association of Sanitarians, Inc., is proud of their Fellow Sanitarians now serving in the Armed Forces:

- Bliss, A. Harry.....Army
- Boyd, W. L.....Navy
- Copeland, Kern Hadley.....Army
- Daub, A. J.....Navy
- Digneo, Edarwd M.....Navy
- Edwards, C. D.....Navy
- Foraker, Richard.....Marine Corps
- Gannon, J. J.....Navy
- Gray, Edward B.....Navy
- Hambry, Fred B.....Army
- Harrison, H. F.....Army
- Holmes, Howard F.....Army
- Kendall, Allyn R.....Navy
- Koenig, Herbert.....Navy
- MacMillen, Hesper N.....Army
- Skillin, Jas. H.....Navy
- Stevens, G. A.....Army
- Tuntland, C. L.....Navy
- Winn, John F.....Navy

If any member knows of other Sanitarians now serving please send their names in at once.

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October 26, 1942.

Mr. F. S. Jimison, R.S.
426 N. Parkman Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Jim:

I want to thank you and your fellow Sanitarians for the wonderful program and entertainment provided at the convention, which we enjoyed so much.

I feel sure this was one of the most successful conventions the Association has yet held.

Thanking you again for your wonderful hospitality, which helped to make our trip to the convention in your city most enjoyable.

Yours very truly,
Paul V. Brown, R.S.,
County of Monterey, Salinas, Calif.

An adult is a man that has stopped growing at both ends, but not in the middle.

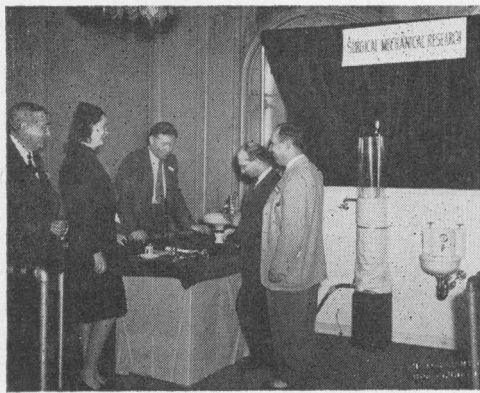


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Surgical Mechanical Research



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Major Kern H. Copeland—Receiving the latest information on Automatic Chlorination from Mr. Walter Bachman, Universal Chlorinator Co.