

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 12th ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**

THE opening session began promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the Commandery Room of the Masonic Temple, Wednesday morning, July 7, 1948, with John M. Borden, R.S., President of the Oregon Section, presiding.

We were greeted by Commissioner Fred L. Peterson, Department of Finance City of Portland and the address of Welcome was by Commissioner Wm. A. Bowes, City of Portland.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, Health Officer, State of Oregon, responded to Commissioner Bowes' welcome on behalf of the sanitarians and stressed the importance of the work performed by the sanitarians and the need to have such conferences to study current problems.

The National Officers were presented and the president of the National Association of Sanitarians, Mitchell P. Mondala, R.S., Washington State Department of Health, Seattle complimented the organization on its continued growth. Members were present from the following Sections: Washington, Florida, Missouri, Hawaii, North Dakota, Louisiana, Colorado, Oregon, California, Utah and Wyoming.

A tour of the city was arranged for the afternoon. It was both interesting and educational. Historical landmarks were visited. We were transported in large busses with a lecturer in each bus. They explained that the domestic water supply for Portland came from Mt. Hood and is treated to make it safe. The water is very soft.

A short visit was made to the Vanport flood disaster area. Twenty thousand people lost everything in the way of household furnishings as well as their automobiles. A great percent of their homes and belongings were ground up into kindling wood and piled up in heaps covering many acres. The problem of housing is very serious as there is no place to put the trailers that have been so generously furnished and loaned by other municipalities and agencies. There appears to be no available space in the city and no sanitary facilities or



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water supplies outside. The procurement of sufficient funds also appears to be a major problem. Administrators and engineers have a difficult problem to solve. Portland is to be congratulated on the lack of disease which one would expect to follow such a major disaster. This is no doubt due to the excellent work of the health departments.

**Thursday, July 8**

Presiding at the morning session: Robert Nekomoto, R.S., Honolulu, President of the Hawaii Section.

Dr. Thomas L. Meador, Portland City Health Officer spoke on "The Sanitarian's Place in the Scheme of Things." He discussed the Vanport flood condition and commended all health organizations and other agencies for their prompt cooperation and efforts in alleviating suffering and distress as well as preventing disease outbreaks.

The following three speakers reported on the various clinics in which they participated at Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the National Sanitation Foundation Clinic:

Walter S. Mangold, R.S., Associate Professor of Public Health, University of California, outlined the value of the National Sanitation Foundation to Sanitarians and discussed the problem of standardizing sanitation practices.

N. W. Pickett, R.S., Utah State Health Department, reported on the great need for standardization of restaurant equipment and methods of installation.

Stephen E. Koelz, U.S. Public Health Service spoke on "Problems Relating to Health Education in Food Industries." He discussed the problems of training food handlers and the need for measuring results. He stated that in order to make the program a success it is necessary to learn what the restaurant management and personnel need to know in order to raise the standard of restaurant service and then to supply that need in a way that it can be understood and used from a practical point of view. He said that some incentive is necessary in order to get the food handlers to attend the training program. Management must be sold on the value of the program if it is to pay for time of the employees while attending the food handlers training course.



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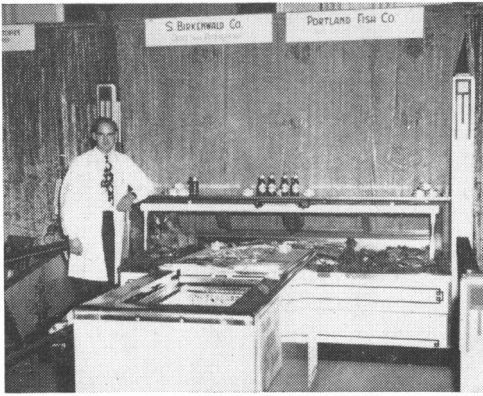


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Larry Hilaire, owner of Hilaire's Restaurant, Portland, spoke on "An Operator Looks at Restaurant Sanitation." He discussed the need for sanitarians in the task of continually raising the standards of restaurant procedure and in protecting the health of the general public. "The sanitarian is the guardian of cleanliness."

Verne C. Reiersen, acting Director Health Education Section, Oregon State Board of Health spoke on "Public Health Education." He discussed the necessary personal qualifications of a sanitarian. He stated the qualities are so important because the greater portion of the sanitarians work is education and public relations in obtaining results. "Use horse sense, live as you preach." "Cooperate with allied organizations." "Tell why a certain thing is required."

Presiding at the afternoon session: Fred A. Safay, R.S., Jacksonville, Florida, member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Section.

F. Sydney Hansen, M.D., Health Officer, Multnomah County Oregon spoke on the subject "The Sanitarian is a Teacher." He wished sanitarians were a little less officious and a little more educational. In his opinion it is a service organization. He would rather depend upon education of the people and get their cooperation. He instructs his people not to mention any law except as a last resort but to try to show why they want things done. If you really know your job overlook the little things and look out for the big things.

Marshall Dana, Editor, Editorial page, Oregon Journal, Portland, spoke on "Public Relations." He said that sanitarians battle for public health. Theirs is a continuous battle for cleanliness—they are due a tribute as defenders of the race (see Editorial, Page 21).

Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, Professor of Public Health, Preventative Medicine, University of Oregon Medical School spoke on "Health Officer—Sanitarian Relationship." He discussed the proper relationship between the Health Officer and the Sanitarian. He said that one of the common faults of sanitarians is to run to the health officer with problems and questions which they could solve themselves. When it is necessary to con-

sult the health officer, have the problem well thought out so that questions can be answered without hesitation or uncertainty and thus save everyone time. The job of the sanitarian is to know the responsibilities of his work and develop the ability and sound judgment to meet the varied problems as they arise.

The annual banquet and installation of officers took place in the Grand Ball Room, Multnomah Hotel at 7 p.m. President Mitchell P. Mondala presiding and Newell W. Pickett, R.S., Salt Lake City, Utah, installing the new officers. Mr. Pickett was President of the N.A.S. in 1939 and is a very able speaker. Past Presidents of the N.A.S. were presented with their Past-President pins.

The Hawaii Section presented beautiful pink carnation leis to the wives of the officers. President Robert Nekomoto, R.S., and Robert Mikuni, R.S., of Honolulu presented them in true Hawaiian style. All the ladies present at the banquet wore corsages presented them by Mark Nottingham of Los Angeles.

A lovely musical program was presented during the banquet.

**Friday, July 9**

Presiding at the morning session: Graves J. Grant, R.S., New Orleans, Louisiana, President of the Louisiana Section.

Charles H. Ziegler, R.S., Chief Meat Inspector, Los Angeles City Health Department spoke on "A Sanitarian's View of Meat Inspection Problems." He discussed the many headaches arising from the inspection of meat because of the many ways that meat can be adulterated. Some of them being horse meat, sodium sulphite, water and cereal. The horse meat problem has attained large proportions in metropolitan areas and is very difficult to control because of the complex methods necessary to prove the presence of horse meat.

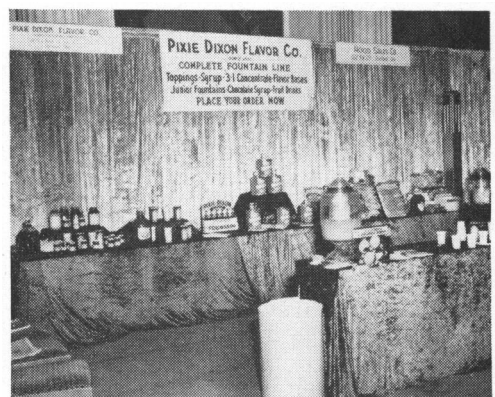
Martin D. Baum, D.V.M., M.P.H., Director, Veterinary Public Health Section, State Department of Public Health, Colorado, Denver, spoke on "State Meat Inspection Administration." He discussed the administration of meat inspection and stamping. He stressed that all inspection either on the state or local level should be uniform so that one



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agency can honor the others stamping. He stressed need for both ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection. Small slaughtering places should be installed in rural areas with inspections at specified time and the law strictly enforced in the elimination of the shade-tree slaughtering and the selling of uninspected meat to the neighborhood.

Will V. Henry, General Manager, Dairy Cooperative Association, Portland Oregon, spoke on "Milk Inspection from the Industry Viewpoint." He stated that uniformity of inspection with reference to all the requirements as set forth in the U. S. Public Health Standard Milk Ordinance or any city or state regulations as they are today is impractical and impossible of attainment. You will find no two inspectors even in the same sanitary division who will interpret the regulation alike — because each is an individual and we hope still has the power of reasoning.

Herman Kehrl, Executive Secretary, League of Oregon Cities, Eugene, Oregon, spoke on "Fringe Area Problems." He discussed the fringe area surrounding incorporated cities. In many cases, he stated, the county government has very little taxing, administrative or police power. Consequently, the areas outside of the city limits are practically a no man's land. He explained that in some cases the respective city contracted with the surrounding area to perform certain services and charged each residence for the service. In other conditions the city would try to continually annex the surrounding community as it grew but in most cases this procedure was unsatisfactory because the area had developed like "topsy" with no planning for streets, housing, sewage disposal, etc.

Joshua H. Vogel, Planning and Public Works Consultant, University of Washington and Association of Washington Cities, Seattle, Washington, stated that the previous speaker had portrayed fairly well the conditions in Washington with respect to county government. He said that the only solution by the annexation process was to do as Los Angeles did so that the continued growth could be anticipated and plans made for it. He recommended that un-

incorporated areas be organized into a district with a "home rule" type of government and that the states give these districts the power to control their respective problems.

Presiding at the afternoon session: Randeon Hoovestol, R.S., Devil's Lake, North Dakota, Vice-President North Dakota Section.

"This is Oregon," a technicolor film, was presented courtesy of Standard Oil Co. of California.

The final business session was presided over by the newly elected president, Mr. C. W. Clark, R.S., of Portland, Oregon.

Walter S. Mangold, R.S., Associate Professor of Public Health, University of California, was Chairman of the "Panel on Sanitation Problems."

This was a round table discussion which proved very interesting.

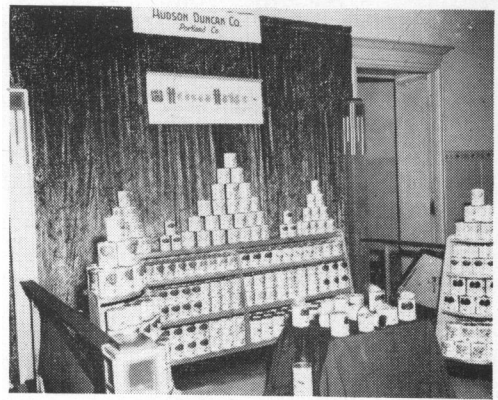
Most of the papers presented at this conference will be published complete in "The Sanitarian" as soon as space permits.

The members of the N.A.S. wish to express their thanks and appreciation to our many speakers who made this meeting interesting and educational; to the many exhibitors for their well displayed exhibits which were set up in the Masonic Temple; to our many friends who purchased advertising in the convention and post-convention issues of "The Sanitarian" and our very sincere thanks to our loyal year-round supporters for their advertising and goodwill.

We thank the Portland Bureau of Health, Mark C. Nottingham of Los Angeles, Lily-Tulip Cup Corporation, and Buddy Quist—and the Auto-Chlor System for their part in the entertainment.

And now we express our THANKS to those who had the responsibility of making this meeting a success; to Edwin H. Norene, General Chairman, to the advisory committee — Commissioner Fred L. Peterson, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, Dr. Thomas L. Meador and to each and every member of all the committees for a job well done. They did it in spite of H— and High Water.

—F. S. J.



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# Report Of The Twelfth Annual Meeting Of The National Association Of Sanitarians

By Roscoe C. Davis, R.S.,  
Executive Secretary

THE 12th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Sanitarians was held in the Heathman Hotel and the Masonic Temple at Portland, Oregon, July 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1948.

The first order of business was the consideration of applicants to affiliate as sections. Those applying were North Dakota Association of Sanitarians, Florida Association of Sanitarians, Eastern Kansas Section and North Carolina Section. All four received a unanimous approval of acceptance and North Dakota was represented by Vice-President Randeen Hoovestol, R.S., while Florida was represented by Director Fred A. Safay, R.S. Both gentlemen were seated on the Board of Directors and participated in all Association matters.

A telegram was received from President Henry B. Starr, Jr., R.S., Georgia, expressing his regrets for his inability to attend the meeting owing to illness in the family.

A communication from the Wisconsin Section announced the inability of delegate Harry A. Dennisen to attend the meeting because of an auto wreck that demolished his car.

It is hoped that both of these representatives are now experiencing better fortune.

A verbal report by the Managing Editor of "The Sanitarian" was approved. A written financial report was included in the Treasurer's Report.

The audited report of the Treasurer was approved.

The Executive Secretary's report was approved and it will appear either elsewhere in the journal or at a later date.

A verbal report of the Executive Committee was approved, without the reading of the Minutes, although same were in readiness.

A. Harry Bliss, Chairman of the Board of Examiners submitted a com-

prehensive report that was approved and it will also appear in this, or a later issue of "The Sanitarian."

It was voted to appoint a convention procedure Committee consisting of the Past Convention Chairmen and the Treasurer.

All by-law recommended changes were referred to the By-Laws Committee with instructions to write them up and submit copies, to the Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to the next Annual Meeting.

It was ruled that copies of all official and semi-official correspondence be forwarded to the President, Executive Secretary and Committees involved.

A spirited campaign for the 1950 Annual Meeting was carried on by St. Louis, New Orleans and Denver. However, prior to the call for a vote, Denver withdrew and the vote cast was in favor of St. Louis.

Many delegates expressed themselves as anxious to visit New Orleans at a later date.

Concern was expressed on the promiscuous use of the word "Sanitarian" by unqualified persons employed in activities other than those acceptable to the Association.

The Nomination Committees' report was approved and one candidate was nominated from the floor.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President C. W. Clark, R.S., Portland, Oregon.

Vice-President Edward McLarty, Sr., R.S., Los Angeles, Calif.

Treasurer Charles H. Ziegler, R.S., Los Angeles, Calif.

Directors' terms expiring 1951:

Graves J. Grant, R.S., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Charles W. Ashbaugh, R.S., Kansas City, Missouri.



Officers present at Board of Directors Meeting July 9, 1948; Seated, R. Hoovestol N. Dakota; Don Sorbello, Missouri; Roscoe Davis, Exec. Sec'ty; Ed McLarty, Sr., Vice-President; C. W. Clark, President; Chas. H. Ziegler, Treasurer; Robt. Nekomoto, Hawaii; Second row, F. A. Safay, Florida; John Gainer, Washington; G. J. Grant, Louisiana; Edwin Watkins, San Diego; J. Ed. Dolan, Colorado; W. C. Parkinson, Utah; Roy T. Olson, Washington; Top row, F. S. Jimison, Managing Editor; L. W. Sumner, Southern California; N. W. Pickett, Utah; Mitchell P. Mondala, Washington; M. J. Olsen, Northern, California.

Edwin A. Watkins, R.S., San Diego, California.

Board of Examiners:

Clifford F. Baughman, R.S., Bakersfield, Calif. (re-elected).

Roscoe C. Davis, R.S., was reappointed Executive Secretary.

President Clark has appointed Edward J. Eivers of Oregon as Parliamentarian.

The Convention came to a close by unanimously adopting the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, We, the members and guests of the National Association of Sanitarians convened in this, our 12th Annual Convention, are enjoying a most interesting program and wonderful en-

tertainment while assembled here in the City of Portland, Oregon.

DO HEREBY RESOLVE, That the National Association of Sanitarians express their sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to the Advisory Committee, the Chairman and Members of the General Committee and of the Special Committees, the Exhibitors, the Oregon Journal, The Oregonian, and also, to all persons and firms who have contributed to the success of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

/s/ Geo. A. Amundson, R.S.,  
Chairman.

/s/ Robert V. Wingo, R.S.

/s/ F. D. Sweger, R.S.



## LADIES PROGRAM

The ladies who attended the 12th Annual meeting of the N.A.S. have many happy memories of Portland and the Oregon Association's hospitality.

The following composed the Ladies Program Committee and to whom we visiting ladies say "Thank you."

Mrs. P. Lauritsen, chairman; Mrs. Curtiss M. Everts, Jr., Miss Anne Stewart, Mrs. G. Fred Johnson, Mrs. John M. Borden, Mrs. Buckley R. Vaughan, Mrs. Victor C. Morgan, Mrs. Edward J. Eivers, Mrs. C. W. Clark, Mrs. Walter I. Sutherland, Mrs. James V. Hawkins, Jr.

A very enjoyable "Get Acquainted Meeting" was held on Wednesday morning and in the afternoon everyone participated in a two hour tour of the city. Portland is truly the "City of Roses" and beautiful homes.

On Thursday afternoon many of the ladies were conducted through Meier and Frank's, Portland's leading department store.

Everyone of course enjoyed the reception by the Portland Bureau of Health and the local convention committee, also the cocktail hour sponsored by the Lily-Tulip Cup Corporation.

The banquet Thursday night was indeed outstanding, not only for the excellent food but also for its fine entertainment. The officers wives received beautiful fresh carnation leis from the Hawaiian Section, which were presented in true Hawaiian style by their President, Robert Nekomoto, and Robert Mikuni of Honolulu. All ladies present received lovely gardenia and rose corsages from Mr. Mark C. Nottingham of Los Angeles.

The noon luncheon on Friday was another friendly get together and was highlighted by talks given by Mrs. P. Lauritsen, Mrs. Fred Peterson and Mrs. R. C. Davis.

The technicolor film, "This is Oregon" made all wish for more time to visit this beautiful state.

MRS. F. S. JIMISON.

## SANITATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

To The Public:

Formulation and enforcement of codes of sanitation in the majority of cities of the country has raised substantially the health standards of such communities. Encouragement of legislation and public support of employes trained and empowered to enforce the regulations has become more general as the excellent results have become apparent and as additional communities have sought to improve their health standards. Regulations and inspections, which at the outset were considered useless, have now become recognized as entirely essential and a necessary part of community life.

Portland is to be host during the week of July 5, 1948, to the employes and authorities throughout the United States engaged in sanitary work, organized under the name National Association of Sanitarians. In honor of this visitation and in recognition of the great work accomplished by these public employes, the week of July 5, 1948, is hereby officially designated SANITATION WEEK in the City of Portland, Oregon. The public is urged to cooperate in the general program to encourage and further the general program of health and sanitation as sponsored by this organization and its members.

EARL RILEY,  
Mayor of Portland, Oregon

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## SAN DIEGO NEWS.

By EDWIN A. WATKINS, R.S.  
*Chairman, Committee On  
Education & Publicity*

Ray Longwell, R.S., was program chairman of the May meeting of the San Diego Section of the National Association of Sanitarians, and presented the sound films "Modest Miracle" the story of vitamin B-1 and "Choose To Live" which is about cancer. Ralph Peck, R.S., presided at the business meeting which followed.

The previous meeting was presented by the Fire Marshall's office and included films to illustrate industrial practices that lead to fires.