

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 25th ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Silver Jubilee meeting of the National Association of Sanitarians, with the Missouri State group as hosts, opened in St. Louis, Missouri, on Sunday, July 9th at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel. A huge Anniversary cake greeted registrants in the lobby.

After day-long committee sessions, a get-acquainted Cocktail Hour was held in the beautiful Lido Room overlooking the swimming pool. The Auto-Chlor Company hosted the proceedings and it was a gala evening with the Hawaiian Delegation entertaining the large gathering with music and songs.

Welcome to the delegates and the first general session on Monday evening was called to order by General Chairman Dr. E. V. Lambrechts, the Invocation being given by the Rev. Nelson Parnell who had been a Sanitarian with the City of St. Louis for seven years prior to entering the Ministry.

Dr. Robert Anderson, Chief of the U. S. Bureau of Environmental Health, keynoted the Convention with an address that could well be used as a guide for the future of the profession. Dr. Anderson recalled his early days in the sanitation field, comparing that with the enhanced skills and new disciplines needed today in Environmental Health. Dr. Anderson's paper is "must" reading for all Sanitarians.

On Tuesday, Dr. Nathan C. Burbank, Jr., of the Washington University Engineering Department, an outstanding essayist, got the scientific sessions off to a great start with a material demonstration to illustrate his talk on "Composting". He was followed by Walter Snyder of the N.S.F. on "New Methods" and a fine symposium on "Undergraduate Training of Sanitarians" moderated by Joe O'Brien of U.S.P.H.S.

The Noon "Achievement Award" Luncheon honoring microbiologist, Dr. George F. Reddish, was attended not only by the delegates but by most of the political and health officials of the Greater St. Louis area. James H. J. McNary, St. Louis County Supervisor, representing 98 municipalities, welcomed the delegates. Governor Bert Combs sent two Honorary Kentucky Colonelcy's to our meeting through delegate, Stuart Sandlin. These were given out at the Reddish Award Luncheon — one to Gov. John Dalton of Missouri and the other to Herb Hartwell, Sanitarian with the Clayton, Missouri, Health Department, a native Kentuckian. Kentucky Colonel neckties accompanied the Honorary Commissions.

Dr. Reddish, with his "Sanitarian in Hospitals" paper, hit on a real need. He emphasized the contamination spread in hospitals by drapes and gave supporting research data. He concluded by saying he would like to be known as "no drape Reddish". Dr. Reddish added ours to his long list of Awards.

The Cross-Infection Workshop held all afternoon at Jewish Hospital with Ted Wetzler, CIEB, and L. Hall, presiding, was indeed a highlight. Unfortunately because of space requirements, the attendance was limited and the time was all too short. The finest specialists in the field held sessions and demonstrations in this vexing problem facing hospitals.

Meanwhile back at the Hotel, sessions on the "Sanitarian in Industry" by Ken Roberts; "Approving Sanitizers" by Sam Stephenson and a timely presentation because of the tie-in with hepatitis by John Faulkner, Chief of the Food and Drug Service, on "Polluted Shellfish Beds" were being held.

Wednesday got off to a flying start with Jim Doyle discussing "Decontamina-

tion of a T. B. Hospital". Jeanne Porter outlined a "Public Relations Promotion Program" our association could well use. Jerry Michael moderated a fine "Private Swimming Pool" discussion panel; Dr. Le Tourneau outlined the "Sanitarians Function in the Hospital". Dr. Sam Dubin delved into the "Training and Research" needed by the Sanitarian.

The largest and oldest food service equipment company in the nation furnished transportation and hosted an afternoon session at their Southern Equipment Company plant.

In the evening before a large and enthusiastic audience, Mr. William McGinley gave the Sanitarians a look behind the scenes in the U. S. S. R. on "Russian Food and Sanitation Practices" with an illustrated lecture. The American Sanitation Institute then put on a skit lampooning the unsanitary restaurant and the cures necessary.

On Thursday, Dr. Milton Foter of the Taft Center, drew a capacity audience to hear about "Food Infections". George Coogan detailed the latest in "Individual Household Sewage Systems". William McMichaels discussed new "Concepts in Air-borne Dirt and Dust" and Harold Thompson, Jr., talked on "Grade A Milk Programs" and the need for uniformity and co-operation between the various political sub-divisions. Administration of Health Programs was explored by a panel headed by Larry Gordon; then Ray DiBattista moderated a panel showing the need for a "Sanitarian in the School Health Programs". Dr. Don Martin showed how to work with "Statistics in the Health Field" and Everett Handorf and M. Yates had a well attended session which created some controversial interest on "Sanitation of Dry Cleaning Equipment". A. E. Williamson had all the answers in his session on: Economics and Health Aspects of "Oxidation Ponds".

This well-rounded program with something of interest to suit anyone's taste was adjudged one of the finest held to date.

On the lighter side, a full week of fun was enjoyed by registrants and the ladies.

The Hawaiian group with their songs and Hula dancers throughout the meeting, orchids, leis, pineapples and perfumes, added much joy to the Conference and created such a desire to see the latest State that "It will be — Hawaii in '63".

Conferees enjoyed swimming in the Chase Pool all week, the ice show at night, outdoor barbecue on the Chase Terrace, "Gaslight Square" — the Greenwich Village of St. Louis with its dozens of nite spots.

Thursday eve, an early Cocktail session — then the wonderful Anniversary Banquet with Jerry Michael and Larry Gordon sharing the Dr. Walter Mangold Award. Rod Kalling, retiring President, turned the gavel over to the newly-elected, Col. Harry Adrounie — then entertainment by the Melotones and that funny, funny man Ross Shannon. The dinner closed with a lesson in the Hula, more orchids, leis and pineapples and music by the Hawaiian Strings.

The ladies were on the go all week with breakfasts, tours, T.V. and radio shows, trips to the famous Zoo, Climatron at Shaws Garden, Museum of Science and luncheons with cosmetic makeup and flower arranging demonstrations.

The whole week was highlighted by a continuous awarding of attendance prizes in the exhibit area — many quite valuable. Over two hundred prizes were awarded to the men and ladies which was about fifty every day.

Exhibit space in the famed Khorassan Room was sold out. Forty-seven exhibitors were rewarded by crowds all week and this resulted in mutual benefits to both the Sanitarian and the exhibitors. It gave us a chance to examine the latest developments in equipment, products and services in the Environmental Health field. If the many complimentary communications we have received are accurate, indications are that our Convention was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Publicity — press, radio and T.V. coverage of the Convention — was good but not on a level with the importance to the public of the material covered. Several front page articles appeared in the two local papers, also several smaller articles. Three speakers were interviewed on radio and one on television. One national trade weekly carried a story and follow-up on successive weeks on a convention topic. It will be interesting to watch the various periodicals in the next month or so to see what reprints from the meeting will be used. On the whole, the public relations job was better than average with several pre-convention articles and radio news programs giving time and space to the Conference.

Outstanding Features — the Award Luncheon, the night session with the exhibits open, the multiple choice sessions, the Hospital Workshop and the fine ladies program.

These, we think, are features that could well become Conference standards.

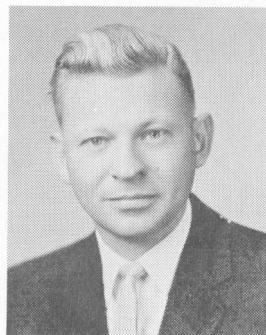
Congratulations to Missouri President, Marv Stephens, Dr. Lambrechts, Program Chairman, Mrs. Norwine.— Ladies Chairman, and all the Committees and Missouri members and ladies who worked together to make this the best attended, best exhibited, best publicized and most enjoyable Convention.

Congratulations!

Co-recipients of the Walter S. Mangold Award



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RETIRING PRESIDENT, ROD KALLING, R.S.,
presenting a citation to Dr. E. V. Lambrechts, Conference Chairman, for a job well done.