

Highlights of 1979 AEC, Charleston

Enthusiasm, Purpose

Theme of Keynote Session

The National Environmental Health Association concluded a successful Annual Educational Conference in Charleston, South Carolina on June 28 attended by approximately 800 persons. Forty three member speakers and 49 invited guest speakers presented the six technical section educational programs which were enthusiastically received by those attending. The quality of educational presentations was termed "outstanding," as was the attendance. A limited number of copies of the program are available to those not attending from NEHA Headquarters in Denver, Colo.

Keynote speaker for the General Assembly, Michael Aun of Lexington, South Carolina, admonished professional environmental health personnel to meet their challenges with enthusiasm and real purpose. In an extemporaneous response to receiving the Past Presidents' Association Award, retired member, George C. Bailey from Elida, Ohio, conveyed a message of the real re-

wards from working toward the public good, from participating in a local professional environmental health association and from active work in the National Association. Arousing the emotions of everyone who listened, the message should have been heard by everyone who works in the interest of environmental and public health.



George Bailey, retired Hamilton County, Ohio, director of environmental health, told general assembly goers of his great satisfaction from public health work and encouraged active participation by professionals.



New England delegation was one of the largest regional representations at the Charleston meeting.



Texas, as usual, put on a great show of spirit and large attendance. Texas hats are becoming a tradition at the AEC.



A color guard provided by the Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association presented the colors, opening the Keynote General Assembly at Charleston Municipal Auditorium.



Mini assemblies were spontaneous, held in headquarters hotel lobby, and were daily occurrence at AEC.

Dr. Monroe T. Morgan Captures Mangold Award

Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, Chairman of the Department of Environmental Health at East Tennessee State University, received the prestigious Walter Mangold Award which was presented June 27 at the Annual Banquet. Dr. Morgan acknowledged the role his past and present students played in his selection for the award, as well as the support of his peers in Tennessee and his family.

The nominations document submitted by the Tennessee Environmental Health Association is a testimonial to the fact that he is a true ambassador for environmental health professionalism in his state, in his school, throughout the nation, and wherever he travels throughout the world. His tenure in this capacity began when he was a "youngster" in the U.S. Air Force serving in Central America where he saw the need for better environmental conditions to improve people's health. The nominations document contains many speeches given to various groups both in and out of professional circles, news-



Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, a past president of NEHA, accepted Association's Highest Honor with statement that he will continue to support the environmental health profession and the National Environmental Health Association.

paper clippings referring to his ambassadorial functions, and testimonial letters from students as well as colleagues. Dr. Morgan is richly deserving of the Association's highest honor.

SNYDER AWARD

Ray B. Watts, former director of the Bureau of Sanitation for the State of Ohio Department of Health, Columbus, was presented with the Walter Snyder Award, a joint recognition of the National Sanitation Foundation and the National Environmental Health Association. He was lauded for his lifetime career in public health and his dedication to the profession. Ray retired from the Ohio Department of Health in 1978 and is now enjoying a fair weather home in Florida where he spends several months each year, does consulting on such interesting projects as cruise ship food service, and is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Journal of Environmental Health*.



Ray Watts received the Walter Snyder Award from Robert Brown, president of the National Sanitation Foundation. Clock trophy and certificate comprise the award.

OSBORN AWARD



Fred Crates accepted the E. B. Osborn Award for his company, Hancor, Inc. Findlay, Ohio, manufacturer of plastic drainage products.

The E. B. Osborn Award was presented to Hancor, Inc., in recognition of industrial concern and support of the National Environmental Health Association's goals. The award was received by Hancor Vice President, Fred Crates. Hancor has been a consistent supporter through exhibiting and advertising, and in 1978 initiated the Hancor Award to be presented to an individual who has contributed significantly to the body of knowledge of on-site wastewater management. The Hancor Award was presented during the Air, Land and Water Section's general technical program to William Mellen, Lake County Health Department, Waukegan, Ill.

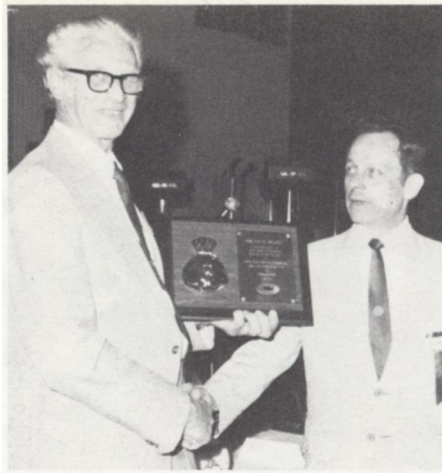
HANCOR AWARD



William Mellen accepted Hancor Award for his work in On-Site Wastewater Management. Presentation was at section meeting.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Certificates of Merit are recognition by affiliates of their outstanding members which are presented by the National Association at the Annual Educational Conference. These awards were presented at the Keynote General Assembly to Donald Veese, Michigan; Jack Crabtree, Tennessee; Royce Little, Texas; CDR John Sammons, Uniformed Services; Robert Hackett, Indiana; and Samuel Kalafat, Montana. Representatives of affiliates accepted for those not present.



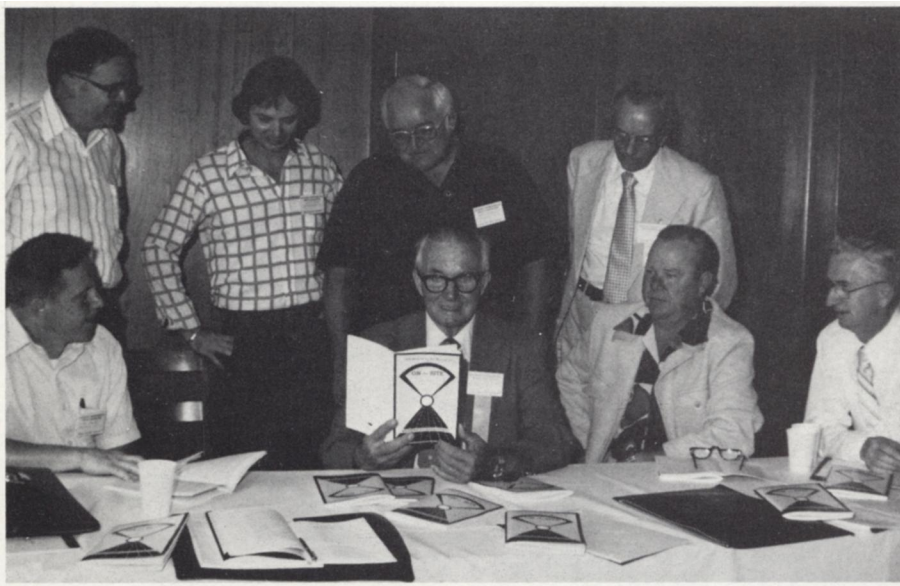
Mel Wilkey, Denver, Colo., who served as treasurer of NEHA for more than 22 years, was recognized at the annual banquet for his dedication and service.

FOOD INDUSTRY AWARD

The Food Industry Sanitarian Award was presented during the Food Section's general technical program to R.B. LaBelle, Corporate Quality Assurance and Safety Consultant for General Foods Corporation. This award was sponsored by ARA Food Service Company, DCA Food Industries, Inc.; Marriott In-Flight Services Division of Marriott Corporation, Morton Frozen Foods Division, ITT Continental Baking Company, Inc., and Nabisco, Inc.



R. B. LaBelle accepted Food Industry Sanitarian's Award from Harriet Oyler, Committee member.



Members of the On-Site Wastewater Management Committee admire the product of their labors—the 1979 State of the Art Manual of On-Site Wastewater Management. It's for sale from headquarters at \$5.00.

HOST AFFILIATE



South Carolina affiliate workers spruced up for the annual banquet and were recognized as host affiliate by President, Paul Taloff.



The Environmental Management Section meetings were well attended, as were most others. Attendees praised the quality of educational presentations.

Board Moves Decisively At Charleston Meeting



The 1979 Board of Directors in session listened to report of the Registration Task Force given by Dr. Frank Arnold.

ANNIVERSARY BILLING

At the Annual Board Meeting of the National Environmental Health Association, a decision was made to begin anniversary date billing for all new and lapsed members in order to expedite handling, to alleviate the necessity for mailing magazines from the office in addition to the second class bulk mailing, and to better plan for the actual number of each issue of the Journal needed. Billing will continue to be through the affiliates. Guidance will be given to affiliates on the new system.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership in the National Environmental Health Association was reinstated following a two year study, and a fee was set at \$500 payable in one lump sum. The money collected from Life Memberships will be placed in a special account for investment purposes and interest used for operating funds.

PROCEEDINGS

A resolution was presented asking that Proceedings of the Annual Educational Conference be made available to all persons who register at the Annual Educational Conference at no further charge, and to those who did not attend at a cost of \$7.50. The resolution was adopted.

POLICY/PROCEDURES

A Policy and Procedures Manual for guidance of headquarters, the national officers and administrative committees has been developed, was presented to the Board of Directors, and adopted. Questions on procedures can be directed to the national office or your affiliate president. Other sections, as needed, will be developed and presented to the Board for future adoption.

EQUIVALENCY

A Task Force had been working during the past year to study the question of "equivalency" with regard to education and experience requirements for taking the examination to become a "Registered Sanitarian" with the National Environmental Health Association. The Task Force recommended that the requirement of a bachelor's degree in environmental health, a related science, or any other discipline remain as a requirement. After discussing several points of allowing experience and/or combination of lesser degree and experience, the recommendation of the Task Force was officially adopted.

314D FUNDS

A resolution was presented that the National Environmental Health Association and its Board of Directors recommend to the United States Senate that 314D funds be reinstated to \$80 million. The House of Representatives had previously reduced the amount to \$50 million. Copies of letters sent to senators are requested by NEHA headquarters.

MAIL BALLOT

The primary election was held to establish the 1980 Mail Ballot for electing NEHA officers, with particular attention to the position of Second Vice President. Nominees for that position were Phil Kirkwood of Michigan, Helene Uhlman of Indiana and Joseph Walsh of Massachusetts. As a result of the primary election, the 1980 mail ballot nominees are Phil Kirkwood and Joseph Walsh. Current officers will be candidates for the next highest position: Boyd Marsh, Cleveland, Ohio, current first vice president will be on the ballot for president-elect; Dr. Trenton Davis, Greenville, N.C., current second vice president will be on the ballot for first vice president. Dr. Amer El-Ahraf, San Bernardino, Calif., is currently president-elect and will become president on July 30, 1980.

AFFILIATE REGISTRATION

In view of sunset legislation which has resulted in termination of several states' legislated Registration of Sanitarians, the Florida Environmental Health Association has elected to become a registering body for sanitarians in Florida. At the Board of Directors meeting, the Florida affiliate sought recognition of its registration activities by the National Environmental Health Association. A motion was adopted to recognize the registration process of the Florida affiliate or any other affiliate IF the criteria meet those of the National Environmental Health Association's Registration. A monitoring committee is being established to review the criteria and to assure they are being met.

WASHINGTON REP

A discussion was held on the feasibility of establishing representation in Washington, D.C. for the National Environmental Health Association. After receiving the cost figures for full time office and staff, the Board discussed joint representation with other associations not now represented, or the possibility of contracting with someone already representing other associations with similar goals. Executive Director, Larry Krone recommended that NEHA keep its 501C3 IRS classification which limits NEHA's lobbying efforts to "insubstantial amounts" (for NEHA this means well below \$10,000 annually), and the Board accepted this recommendation. Therefore, limited lobbying in the form of educational updating will be pursued within the budget restrictions of current income and IRS allowable amounts.



Steigman

1979-80 PRESIDENT

Taking over as president of NEHA on June 28 in Charleston is Harry Steigman, special assistant for field operations, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg. Harry was elected to the position of second vice president in 1976 and has subsequently held the offices of first vice president and president-elect. Before being elected to national office, Harry had served for several years as chairman of the Solid Waste Management committee and has been liaison to the Professional Examination Service in on-going monitoring of the national professional registration examination for the past three years. He also serves as a reviewer for manuscripts being considered for publication by the *Journal of Environmental Health*.

WANT TO WORK?

Committee chairmen are currently being appointed by NEHA President, Harry Steigman upon recommendation by the Section Chairmen. Committee members are being sought and can be appointed at any time during the year. Please send your desire to serve on a committee, and the area in which you wish to be appointed, to Committee Appointments, c/o National Environmental Health Association, 1200 Lincoln St., Suite 704, Denver, Colo. 80203.

Call for Papers

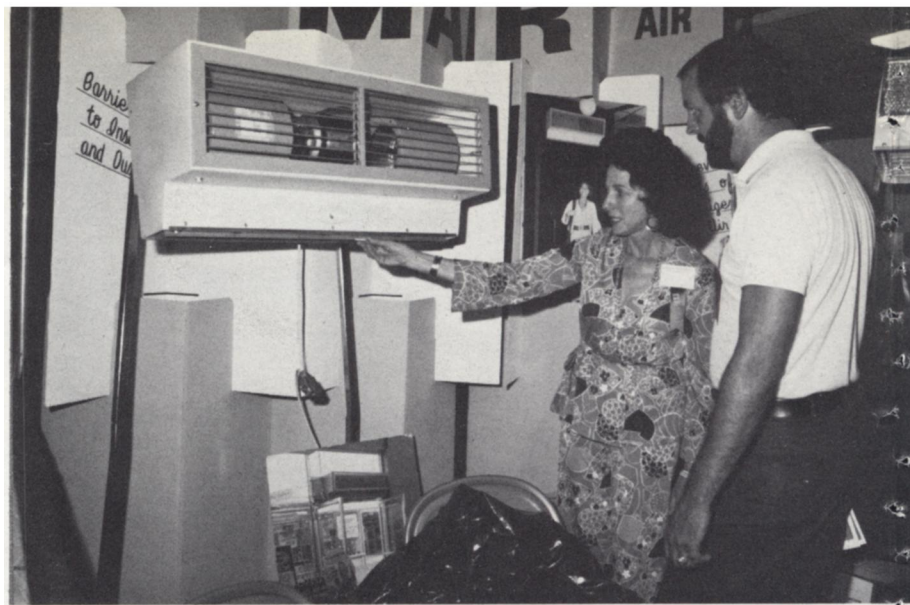
The National Environmental Health Association is seeking contributions on all aspects of environmental control for health protection to be presented at the 1980 Annual Educational Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., July 26-31, 1980. The emphasis is on innovative methods, hazardous substances and energy conservation within the areas of food protection, water pollution control, air pollution control, community and workplace safety and sanitation, waste management, institutional safety and sanitation, management and training, and other environmental health areas.

Reading of papers is discouraged as material should be presented as interestingly as possible. Complete papers are required by May 1, 1980 and will be incorporated in a Proceedings.

Abstracts of not more than 250 words and a resume of the author-presenter should be submitted to Program Manager, NEHA, 1200 Lincoln St., Suite 704, Denver, CO 80203. Phone (303) 861-9090. Abstracts are due by January 1, 1980. Selections will be made by January 30 and published in the March/April, 1980 issue of the *Journal of Environmental Health*.

EXHIBITS ATTRACTED MANY

More than 40 exhibits provided interesting topics and attractions for convention goers. The representatives of commercial companies, associations and educational institutions have much to add to the educational update for members and others who attend the conference.





The spouses enjoyed brunch together at the headquarters hotel. Patsy Drake and Joan Krone served as hostesses in the best Southern style—Gone With the Wind Style.

FUN FOR ALL



Children were entertained with painting of faces and a clown act while conferees and spouses enjoyed a cruise in Charleston Harbor.



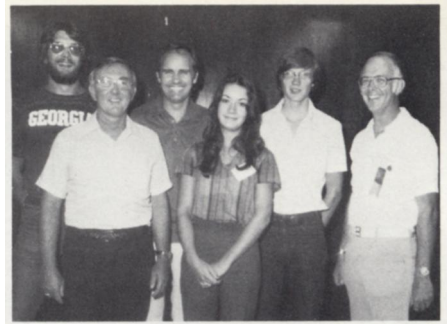
The Pepsi Cola Company provided food and drink, offered a time of fellowship for those who registered for the conference. A large crowd enjoyed the get together. Pepsi's Bill Labian was host.



Charleston Harbor proved an interesting one for cruise with a number of large ships, mothballed Navy ships and a nuclear submarine among the attractions.



The American Academy of Sanitarians gathered for luncheon during the Charleston meeting. This group encourages high standards of performance and advanced education in the professional disciplines.



Student officers elected during AEC week are pictured with advisors: Tom Pohlman, University of Georgia, president; Dr. Sanford Brown, California State University, Fresno, advisor; Michael Lainhart, East Carolina University, vice president; Libby Faye, East Tennessee State University, secretary; and Matthew Kobylarz, Ferris State College, treasurer; Michael Ells, Ferris State, advisor.



The Indian Health Service's Area Chiefs held a meeting in Charleston at beginning of AEC. Most were able to remain for NEHA educational sessions.

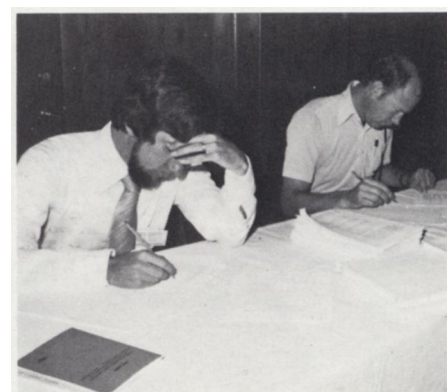
Self-Assessment Pilot Testing

More than 100 people participated in pilot testing NEHA's Self-Assessment learning tool at NEHA's 43rd Annual Educational Conference in Charleston, S.C. The project staff were encouraged by the strong interest in the project and the constructive comments. A limited sample of sanitarians registered through NEHA is also participating in the project, which is to be completed in December, 1979.

A drawing was held for participants in the Charleston testing. A minicassette recorder was won by Robert Newquist of California; Justus Baird of Houston, Texas, received a copy of Joe Salvato's book, *Environmental Engineering and Sanitation*, and Art Bloom of Oregon received a copy of Emil Chantlett's *Environmental Protection*. The project staff thanks all who participated.



The Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association held its annual meeting during NEHA meeting as this is the one time they can get together from far reaches of the world. Cal Vaughn is new president.



Members completed one or more of the self-assessment tests being pilot tested during AEC.