

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 13th ANNUAL MEETING

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drawal from time to time after a hearing on due notice.

With a system of approval, it appears to be logical to introduce some insignia or copyrighted mark of recognition, the use of which may be authorized on products fully meeting requirements. This would be helpful to industry and officials, but particularly to the man in the field.

It is recognized that group judgment is better than that of the individual and that officials accepting approval should have an opportunity to offer their ideas and practical field experiences during the period when specifications are being drawn or while testing is in progress. For this reason the National Sanitation Foundation plans to continue from time to time its Sanitation Clinics and, more specifically, has invited associations in the public health field to set up committees to cooperate in the work of establishing good current standards for equipment in the field of sanitation. Such a procedure was established at a meeting held at Ann Arbor in June at which your Association was among those represented. Other groups represented included the International Association of Milk and Food Sanitarians, the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers, the Conference of Municipal Engineers, the American Public Health Association and the United States Public Health Service.

It is anticipated that each group will appoint a committee on equipment to which matters for proposed standardization may be referred and that the chairman or a designated member of each such committee will form a conference group to meet from time to time to correlate the findings of the committees and to make recommendations to the Foundation. This procedure may delay action somewhat but when decisions are reached, they should carry considerable weight and be quite generally acceptable.

The results of basic research work confined to the field of sanitation as would be possible in a fully developed National Sanitation Laboratory should be invaluable not only to health authorities and industry but to a sanitation-minded general public as well. If it is possible to carry this further to the point of author-

MEETING in the Hotel Alexandria in Los Angeles, 487 Sanitarians participated in the 13th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Sanitarians. The four-day session beginning August 15th was highlighted by such nationally known authorities on public health as Walter Snyder, Executive Director of the National Sanitation Foundation; Mark D. Hollis, Assistant Surgeon-General of the United States; Walter Tiedeman of the New York State Health Department; Dr. Nathan Sinai of the University of Michigan; and William T. Ingram of New York University.

An interesting innovation was introduced in conducting, simultaneously, symposiums on Sewage Disposal Problems, Food Handler Training Methods, and Pest Control Problems, thereby permitting Sanitarians with specialized interests to exchange ideas and absorb the latest in techniques. The fourth day was devoted to a conducted sightseeing tour of metropolitan Los Angeles with the accent on sanitation problems and programs. The journal, in forthcoming issues, will carry papers presented by the many participants who gave so generously of their time. The program was not entirely an academic one! Rumor has it that several interesting experiments were conducted in the sanitizing effect of Spiritus Frumenti and a certain hotel lobby still rings with the echoes of firecrackers set off by lumberjacks who just happened to be in the vicinity. At any rate, the City of the Angels can now settle back into its minor problems of smog control, sewage disposal and food handler training programs.

izing the use of a meaningful seal of approval on equipment, fully complying with public health and sanitation standards, the field work of the sanitarian should be greatly simplified and sanitation improved.

Secretary's Report of the 13th Annual Meeting National Association of Sanitarians

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

THE 13th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Sanitarians was launched into being in Los Angeles through a wonderful reception sponsored by our true friend and member, Mark C. Nottingham. Guests of honor at this reception were the two fathers of the organization, our Honorary Life Members, Harold A. Young and F. D. Sweger.

On August 16 President Clark called the General Assembly to order and then requested Vice-President McLarty to introduce the speakers for the occasion.

Upon being presented to the assembly, Mr. Orville R. Caldwell, Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, extended warm words of greetings to the delegates. He stressed the fact that Los Angeles has expanded from a solely resort city to an industrial city as well. In support of this statement he pointed out the city's war production records, many of which were among the top in the nation.

Supervisor John Anson Ford, member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, besides extending a hearty greeting to Sanitarians, paid glowing tribute to their endeavors and activities in government functions. In his very interesting address Mr. Ford pointed out the possible necessity for overhauling some of the governmental structure on a centralized basis. However, he expressed himself as being opposed to unnecessary lessening of local autonomous authority. Nevertheless, he pointed out the need of establishing area-wide districts to cope with situations such as flood control, smog control, etc., which do not recognize boundaries. He indicated that meetings of organizations similar to the sanitarians offered a democratic way of solving perplexing problems.

Although President Clark stated that he had a prepared message he briefed it because of the pressure of time by pointing out that the Association was rapidly expanding, thereby increasing the work

load upon various officers whom he thanked for their loyalty and devotion to the Association. He stressed the necessity of the employment of a full-time Executive Secretary because the work load of that office has increased to such proportions that it can no longer be handled properly on a part-time basis.

Dr. Wendy Stewart, the Association Attorney, gave an interesting and practical talk on the progress of the organization from a legal standpoint; on actions that must be taken if the organization is to grow; of safeguards that need to be set up, such as bringing the By-Laws into conformity with the Articles of Incorporation; and of policies that must be established.

The following committee reports were submitted and approved by the General Assembly:

- Ann Arbor Special Committee on the Clinic Treasurer's Report
- Membership Committee
- Finance Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Educational Committee
- Executive Committee
- Personnel Practices Committee
- Resolutions Committee

The By-Laws Committee and the Publications Committee reports and other matters were referred to the Board of Directors' meeting on the following day.

The election of officers was held and the following officers were elected:

- President*
Ed McLarty, Sr. California
- Vice-President*
Fred A. Safay Florida
- Treasurer*
Chas. H. Ziegler California
- Directors*
Kenneth Quon Hawaii
J. C. Dolan Colorado
Dr. C. H. Bugbee Arizona

Board of Examiners

F. D. SwegerCalifornia

At the Board of Directors' meetings the general business of the Association was conducted, including the receiving and approving of the reports of the By-Laws Committee and Publication Committee. The By-Law changes approved will appear at a later date.

The Convention site chosen for 1951 is Miami Beach, Florida.

Besides the Treasurer and Executive Secretary, those appointed on the Executive Committee were: Ed Beale, San Diego ;H. H. McMillan, San Fernando; John L. Gluth, Long Beach.

The Special Committee on Food Handling Equipment was continued for another year.

The National Association of Sanitarians expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the following organizations which materially contributed to the success and entertainment of the Convention:

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- Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles Chemical Exhaust
- Los Angeles City Health Department
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- Los Angeles County Health Department
- Los Angeles County Sheriff
- Los Angeles Harbor Department
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Mr. O's Products
- Nottingham Company, M.C.
- Scott's Food Products

- Seville Olive Company
- Smart & Final
- Swift & Company
- Von's Markets

The entire Convention was illuminated by the charming and ubiquitous presence of "Miss Sanitarian," Miss Orienne Ames, who acted as Queen of the Convention. Her personality was so infectious that many sanitarians could not resist the temptation of having their picture taken with her.

The last day of the Convention was devoted to an all-day tour of the Wilshire "Miracle Mile" district, the Hollywood night spots—the playground of the stars—Hal Roach Studio, the new 41 million dollar Los Angeles City Sewer Plant under construction at Hyperion, and a two-hour boat ride through Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors.

The consensus of opinion from those who have expressed themselves is that this was the best Convention in the history of the organization. As this has been said following each Convention, it indicates that these meetings improve as we go along. Therefore, we are looking forward to a far greater Convention in St. Louis in 1950.

PHOTO ANNOUNCEMENT

The Los Angeles Photo Post Card Co. announces that the books of the convention are in the process of being printed. All those who have ordered will receive their books in the very near future.

We have a limited surplus supply and they may be ordered for three dollars. These books will have from thirty to thirty five pictures of the 13th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Sanitarians.

We hope that you had a fine time at the convention and like our pictures of the event. Will see you in St. Louis.

Best wishes,

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