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### Navy Sponsors Water Symposium

The Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Department of the Navy is sponsoring an Advanced Base Water Supply and Sanitation Symposium on October 7-9, to be held at the U. S. Naval Civil Engineering and Research Laboratory, Port Hueneme, California. The purpose is to bring together military personnel, scientists, and practicing engineers to explore and discuss the requirements, problems, and current and future developments of water supply and how it is affected by related field sanitation. All discussions will be directed toward the development of new equipment and practices that might assure a safe water supply and simplify logistics and field operations for military personnel in forward areas.

Representatives from various military services, government and private research centers, universities, public works departments, and equipment manufacturers have been invited to present papers at the symposium. General topics scheduled for discussion include the Military Problem, Desalting of Sea Water, Water Purification, Sanitation, Polar and Arid Water Supply, and Future Trends and Possibilities. In planning the discussion emphasis has been placed on theories, special requirements, and unique situations that are adaptable to military operations.

### Health Problems

#### Conference on Testimony in Medical and

Planned for October 21 is the conference on Expert and Technical Testimony in Medical and Health Problems offered by the Institute of Industrial Health and the School of Public Health of the University of Michigan, and to be held at the School of Public Health, 109 South Observatory Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Another milestone in the history of our organization was passed with the completion of the Seventeenth Annual Educational Conference held in the Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 8 through 11, 1953.

More than three hundred delegates from all over the country were in attendance and the general consensus was that the meeting was an outstanding success, both from the standpoint of the quality and rendition of the educational papers which were presented as well as from the very excellent and unique entertainment which was provided by the Wisconsin section,—host to the Annual Educational Conference. The papers which were presented will be carried in future issues of our Journal. Some of them appear elsewhere in this issue.

The educational sessions were tied together by luncheon speakers who continued the educational nature of the Conference and added considerably to the edification and entertainment of the delegates. Excellent food was served at these luncheons in an atmosphere of geniality and pleasantness which will long be remembered.

The banquet, held Thursday evening, September 10, was one of the outstanding events of the program. Not only was the cuisine superbly and temptingly served, but also the Bavarian atmosphere around which the banquet was set, will linger long in the memory of the banquetters.

The famous Wisconsin cheeses were well in evidence on every hand and enjoyed by everyone. The banquet evening was literally packed with high class and very unusual entertainment in the form of Bavarian music and dances, put on in native costume. It was really a spectacle to see and enjoy, attested to by the fact,—despite the length of the program, every one remained glued to his seat.

An unrehearsed feature of the program was the executive secretary's ingenious method of bringing out what was contained in the Frank Freudensprung's lefthand coat pocket. It took two pages to inventory the contents, which consisted of nearly everything from toothpicks to binoculars.

The banquet speaker, Reverend Norman Rawson, of international fame, gave a very interesting and pointed talk on "Modern World Trends and Their Possible Future Effects." His delivery was flawless and his dramatic ability enabled him to provoke mirth or pathos at will. The theme of his talk was an old trunk which had remained in the family closet for many years without being opened. After his family had grown up and left the fold, his wife prevailed upon him to open the trunk; and the items of clothing and other incidentals that came out of the trunk made

them reminisce on the old days and what had transpired in the meantime.

He summed up his feelings by stating that there were four things he wanted to get out of the "trunk of life,"—the first was a friend, not just a bunch of backslappers; the second was the knowledge that he had so lived his life that upon his death the children would weep a tear over him rather than scramble for the last will; the third was the feeling that he had contributed something toward making this a better world to live in, and lastly, he wanted faith so that he could look into the face of his Maker and hear Him say, "My son."

The Ladies' program was likewise an outstanding success. It was highlighted by a thrilling boatripe on beautiful Lake Michigan and a delicious luncheon at the Elks Club; in fact, the luncheon was so exquisite and filling that many ladies really put on the calories at the banquet that evening.

The Wisconsin Ladies' Entertainment Committee, consisting of Mrs. Alice Perch, Mrs. Eunice Arndt and Mrs. Lorraine Walsh, deserves a great deal of credit.

The business sessions were very well attended by the delegates and actively participated in. A number of amendments to the By-Laws were enacted that will greatly improve efficient operation of our organization. These will appear in the minutes which will be sent to all state organization presidents and secretaries for dissemination to their respective members.

The following officers were elected to serve you:

President—Joseph F. Puhek, Wisconsin.

President Elect—Floyd M. Miller, Louisiana.

National Vice-President—Joseph S. Goldfarb, M.D., Massachusetts.

Treasurer—Vance C. Fleming, Southern California (Re-elected).

Executive Secretary—Roscoe C. Davis, Southern California.

Member, Department of Registration—M. M. Miller, Colorado.

Regional Vice-Presidents—E. Russell Jackson, Florida; Walter F. Snyder, Michigan; Clifford Kimball, Utah.

A word of explanation is in order on the President Elect and Regional Vice-President positions. Formerly we had no position of president-elect, but experience indicated this position was highly desirable so that the president-elect could be formulating his policies and preparing his committees prior to taking office upon the completion of his term as president-elect.

The Regional Vice-Presidents were formerly known as directors at large, and the change in name was made in order to differentiate these officers from the presidents of state organizations who are also known as directors.

Boston won the bid for the 1955 Annual Educational Conference.



17th Annual Educational Conference Local Committees  
**Left to Right** (first row): Mrs. Alice Perch, Chairman, Ladies' Activities; Ray Arndt, Chairman, Registration-Banquet; Harvey Klotz, General Vice-Chairman, Exhibits; E. R. Krumbiegel, M.D., Honorary Chairman; E. R. "Dick" Greinke, General Chairman; Mrs. L. A. Penn, Ladies' Activities; L. A. Penn, Chairman, Program-Publicity.  
 (Second row): Mrs. C. W. Anderson, Ladies' Activities; A. F. Kowald, Secretary; Stanley Studer, Printing-Program; Palmer Olsen, Information; Mrs. Palmer Olsen, Ladies' Activities; and Edward Buck, Information. (Third row): Mrs. Ray Arndt, Ladies' Activities; W. J. Mulvaney, Entertainment; Ross Beauchamp, Entertainment; Mrs. Ross Beauchamp, Ladies' Activities; H. O. Preston, Registration-Banquet-Information Committee. (Fourth Row) Mrs. Lorraine Walsh, Secretary, Ladies' Activities; Ludwig Berling, Registrations-Reservations; Mrs. A. F. Kowald, Ladies' Activities; and Mrs. Harvey Klotz, Ladies' Activities.

The entire Wisconsin section, and in particular, all of the various convention committees, deserve a real vote of thanks and appreciation for their great effort in putting on such an excellent Conference.

In 1954 the Conference will be held in New Orleans, and the Louisiana delegation, headed by Luther Hortman, R.S. and John H. Riemer, R.S., ably supported by our President Elect Floyd M. Miller, R.S., enthusiastically assured us that they will put on the best and most outstanding convention in the history of the organization.

#### American Can Company Names New Research Head

L. G. Germain has been appointed Northwest district supervisor of technical service for American Can Company, with headquarters at Canco's Seattle factory, according to C. E. Lachele, Pacific division manager.

In his new capacity, Mr. Germain will head the company's Northwest research laboratory, serving processors in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

He succeeds N. J. Willett, who is being transferred to the company's Technical Service Laboratory at Maywood, Illinois.

Mr. Germain, a native of Jackson, Wyoming, graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Food Chemistry in 1933. From June 1934 until the present time he has served continuously in numerous capacities in American Can's research department.

**Milwaukee Mayor Critical of "Baltimore" Plan; Says Sanitarians Vaulted Into Prominence by Recent Cuts in Federal Housing Funds**

Sanitarians have been vaulted into positions of great importance in housing recently. The recent Congress all but completely knocked out low rent housing and slum clearance. It diminished the number of units to be started in this fiscal year to about 20,000 throughout the nation, and it passed a law which said no community can get funds for slum clearance unless it proves that the district to be cleared can not be rehabilitated.

In approving these two actions, the Congress was taking up the line of the national real estate lobby which has been a severe opponent of slum clearance and low rent housing, even though it has paid lip service to the former proposition.

The fact is that ownership of slum property is a most lucrative business, and most sanitarians have experienced it. Slums exist because they are profitable — so profitable that the owners of them find it much cheaper to resist and avoid the laws to prevent slums, or even to pay the fines for failure to conform.

It was precisely because of the hopeless combat against the exploiters of slums that municipal officials went to the federal government to get assistance to clear the slums out.

Now the Congress has told the cities: "You will get little help; you must try to make the slum owners conform to your rules." The net result is that we are back to where we were before — inadequate laws and inadequate staffs to deal with a species of property owner who knows a lot of methods of law evasion.

Much of this idea of rehabilitation was based on the so-called Baltimore plan of rehabilitation. A few days ago I had a chance to look at the operation of this plan. It does not stand up under close scrutiny. While the difference between the district before and after so-called rehabilitation is noticeable, the end result is still far below minimum standards of decency. Rehabilitation was therefore used to preserve and extend the life of slums and districts which long ago should have been torn down.

Rehabilitation should not be used as a substitute for tearing down and rebuilding bad districts, and I hope every sanitarian throughout the nation will stand by this proposition.

MAYOR FRANK P. ZEIDLER  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(Speech made at the Seventeenth Annual Educational Conference of the National Association of Sanitarians, September 8, 1953.)



Left To Right: Carl N. Neupert, M.D., Wisconsin State Health Officer; Honorable Frank P. Zeidler, Mayor of Milwaukee; Edward Krumbiegel, M.D., Commissioner of Health, Milwaukee (Wisconsin) City Health Department.

**Annual Conference Exhibitors**

The following firms were exhibitors of products and services at the NAS Seventeenth Annual Educational Conference in Milwaukee: *Advance Cast Stone Company*, 532 East Nash, Milwaukee; *Arwell, Inc.*, 1119 Glen Rock Avenue, Waukegon, Illinois; *The Diophtron Company*, P.O. Box 1313, Milwaukee; *Gordon Hatch Company*, 531 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee; *Gorman-Rupp Company*, 305 Bowman Street, Mansfield, Ohio; *Hobart Manufacturing Company*, Troy, Ohio; *In-Sink-Erator Company*, 1225 14th St., Racine, Wisconsin; *Jackson Products Company*, 3703 East 93rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio; *Klein Exterminating Company*, 1141 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee; *Klenzade Products*, Beloit, Wisconsin; *Miller*

*Brewing Company, Milwaukee; Modern Sanitation, 855 Avenue of the Americas, New York City; Morse Boulder Destructor Company, 205 East 42nd Street, New York City; National Sanitation Foundation, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Perfection Manufacturing Company, 2125 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Research Products Corporation, 1015 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin; Ruud Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; The Schlueter Company, Janesville, Wisconsin; John Sexton Company, P.O. Box J S, Sexton Square, Chicago 90; Sterwin Chemicals, Inc., 1450 Broadway, New York City; Wil-Kil Exterminating Company, 522 West North Avenue, Milwaukee; and Wyandotte Chemical Company, Wyandotte, Michigan.*

#### Exhibitors Participation Helps Success of Meeting

To the many exhibitors at the seventeenth NAS Annual Educational Conference should go no small measure of credit for the success of the meeting, according to returning members. Not only did the exhibiting firms, through displays of the products and services, add materially to the educational atmosphere of the occasion, but informal hospitality of the Exhibitors' Social Hour on the evening of Tuesday, September 8 afforded exhibitors and public health personnel the opportunities of leisurely discussing problems of mutual concern.

Firms sponsoring the Social Hour were: Arwell, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois; The Gorman-Rupp Company, Mansfield, Ohio; Gordon Hatch Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; The Hobart Manufacturing Company, Troy, Ohio; In-Sink-Erator Company, Racine, Wisconsin; Jackson Products Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Klenzade Products, Beloit, Wisconsin; Modern Sanitation (Powell Publications), New York City; Morse Bulger Destructor Company, New York City; Ruud Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; The Schlueter Company, Janesville, Wisconsin; Sterwin Chemicals, Inc., New York City; and Wil-Kil Exterminating Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

#### Television Program Feature of Annual Conference

On September 9, a portion of the Bob Heiss television show "Man Next Door" offered residents of the Milwaukee area a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the work of the sanitarian. NAS members appearing on the 25 minute portion of the program devoted to sanitation were Yutaka Moriwaki, R.S., Dairy Sanitarian of Honolulu, who spoke on dairy practices in Hawaii, and A. Harry Bliss, R.S., editor of *The Sanitarian* and Associate Professor in the University of California's School of Public Health, who discussed the history, advances, and future in sanitary science for sanitarians.

#### NAS Water Supply Resolution

The following resolution regarding the fluoridation of water supplies under controlled conditions was passed at the NAS Annual Meeting in Milwaukee.

**Whereas** numerous studies have demonstrated a decreased incidence of dental decay associated with the presence of fluoride occurring naturally in drinking water, and

**Whereas** there is a rapidly accumulating body of data derived from direct studies of the artificial addition of fluoride to drinking water, and

**Whereas** these data provide convincing evidence of the safety of this procedure and of its benefits in terms of reduced incidence of dental caries, and

**Whereas** all of the studies that have been reported on fluoridation of public water supplies have shown a partial control of dental caries, especially for children, and

**Whereas** fluoridation has been recommended and endorsed by all major national health organizations of the United States, including the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, the National Research Council, and many others, and

**Whereas**, the **National Association of Sanitarians** is interested in helping to improve the health of the people in the nation, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the **National Association of Sanitarians** endorses and encourages the fluoridation of public water supplies which are fluoride-deficient, where the community can meet and maintain the standards required by the state health authority.

#### Roster of NAS Committees, 1953-1954

##### *Annual Educational Conference Committee*

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In addition, the following members were appointed as representatives of the NAS for the purposes stipulated:

J. Robert Cameron, Colorado — *Joint Health Commission of "Food Service"* — National Sanitation Foundation

Laverne A. Penn, Wisconsin — *National Pest Control Association* — Meeting to be held October 19-21, 1953 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Haskell Made Honorary Member**

At the Seventeenth Annual Educational Conference of the NAS, W. H. Haskell, V.M.D., R.S.



was elected Honorary Member of the Association by action of the General Assembly. Dr. Haskell, long active in NAS affairs, is Director of Programs for Klenzade Products, Inc., Beloit, Wisconsin. Before assuming his present

position he was for several years engaged in governmental public health work.

Besides membership in the NAS, Dr. Haskell is affiliated with the following professional organizations: American Veterinary Medical Association; American Public Health Association; Institute of Food Technologists; International Association of Milk and Food Sanitarians; and Poultry Science Association, as well as several state and local associations.

**Permits Issued For Vaporizer Use**

Both the seller and the user of insecticide vaporizers in Dallas, Texas, must have permits from the City Director of Public Health.

A city ordinance forbids the use of any type of thermal generator in a food establishment until the Health Department has inspected and approved the device in question.

Professor A. P. Black, Head of the Department of Chemistry of the University of Florida, Gainesville, and member of the Editorial Board of THE SANITARIAN was recently elected president of the *Southern Association of Science and Industry*.