

The Clarifier

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This is the first issue of a newsletter for and about Sewerage works operators in Wisconsin. We hope to make this truly a newsletter which will be of interest to all operators.

A hearty welcome to all new members of the Conference. We hope you will enjoy this association with your fellow-operators and profit from the exchange of information at our meetings.

The success of this newsletter depends on you. We hope to publish items concerning plant operation and news about operators; so if you have anything of interest about your plant; about new developments; or problems; or happenings in your work send them on to me. Just mail to Frank I. Vilen, City Hall, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The following have agreed to help in gathering material for the Clarifier: Otto Rimmel, Janesville; Dave Hanley, Waukesha; Miles Bedker, Beaver Dam; James Richgruber, Sparta; Milton Westfall, Sturgeon Bay; L. H. Schafer, New London; Ralph L. Hansen, Antigo; Lloyd V. Owens, Eau Claire; Clarence Robertson, Luck; and Merle Baldwin, Stevens Point.

Did you know ours is an ancient and honorable occupation? Sewers have been found in India which date back 3000 years before the birth of Christ.

Progress is being made in the plans to certify treatment plant operators. This will be voluntary, of course, but, once in effect, it should do much to raise the standards in our field and to bring public recognition for our work. Representing the Conference on the certification board will be Wahlstrom, LaCrosse; Martin, Green Bay; and Vilen, Kenosha.

Twenty-one Wisconsinites attended the recent Central States meeting in Rochester, Minnesota. Congratulations to Bob Frazier who was elected third Central States vice-president.

Racine's Tom Hay gave a paper on the work he and Chain-Belt did on a flotation process. This is the "upside-down" deal where, instead of settling out the sludge, you float it to the surface with the aid of air and skim it off. On the basis of the work he has done, Tom says it looks pretty good.

We're looking for a location for our Fall meeting. Anybody know of a Chamber of Commerce which would like us to visit their town for a day?

Sanitation is not a new idea. Read your Bible, Deuteronomy, Chapter 23.

This newsletter is being sent to all operators including those who are not now Conference members. The dues are a mere \$1.50 per year. All operators are welcome to join. If you like this newsletter, your dues will make it possible to continue, and perhaps allow us to publish once a month. Write to Secretary C. A. Kelley, Elkhorn, or President C. W. Bogenhagen at Fond du Lac.

O. K. you guys. Let's everybody get into the act. Send in the material so that we can report on what we operators are doing everywhere in the State.