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## EDITORIAL

The past year has again been a year of progress for the Conference. We have seen the Voluntary Certification plan become a Mandatory Certification, that will take effect on January 1, 1969.

The Spring Sewage Works Short Course has been postponed. This will make it necessary for changes to our Annual Meeting that normally was held at this time. Your Board of Directors will meet and you will be notified of their decision on this.

The Conference now foresees a challenge and a change in the Conference activities must come. I am asking for help. If you find the time to read this newsletter please find the time to write to me and give me your thoughts on what roll the Conference should play in the new policies for Waste Water Treatment Plant Operators in the State of Wisconsin.

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May I wish all of you the best of every thing this coming year. Things are going good for me so far this year. Even Santa found his way to my house.

There will not be a short course this spring. The officers will have a meeting soon to plan a meeting for this spring. So if any of you have any ideas let me know immediately and I will take it to the meeting of the officers.

Chippewa Falls - A new concept will be tried in Chippewa Falls in the treatment of Combined Wastes. We have received approval of a \$289,685.00 Demonstration Grant from the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration for a project called "Alternate to Storm Water Separation". I am sure this will be of great interest to many communities.

We also have plans approved for the construction of Secondary Waste Water Treatment facilities. Approximate cost - \$900,000.00. This plant will be Step Aeration Modification of the activated sludge process.

Shawano - Mr. Martin Zoglmann retired. He operated the plant for 24 years. Mr. Harry Utke is to take his place. Mr. Winter has been in the business for twenty years. He says that he is getting old. Aren't we all.

The mandatory certification law passed last year by the Iowa Legislature has

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made a strong impact in its first year. As of June 1966, 701 water plant operators, 253 water distributing system operators, and 572 wastewater treatment plant operators had been issued certificates.

In the past couple of years we talked of a new name for our group. The Board of Directors wants you the members to bring in a new name, or a new name and emblem. The first prize will be a bond, a U. S. Government bond that is.

I like to receive letters. Three of the fellows wrote to me this past month. I know that more of you can write, so how about it. Send me some news.

Yours truly

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