WWOA – 50th Anniversary Remarks

Joe Gehin
Lab training - Wisconsin Short Course
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This is the first issue of a newsletter for and about Sewage 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 or new developments or problems, or happenings in your work and then on to me, just mail to Frank L. Vilim, City Hall, Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

The following have agreed to help in gathering material for the Clarifier: Otto Hageman, Menominee; Dave Bailey, Menasha; Mrs. Hedray, Beaver Dam; James Schuhgruber, Sturgeon; Millie Westfall; Sydney Bly, Lake Geneva; Ralph E. Hansen, Antigo; Lloyd V. Oates, Ken Claeys; Clarence Roberts; Louis and Merle Hubbell, Stevens Point.

Did you know men in an ancient and honorable occupation Sewage 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 Walter Johnson, Madison; Martin, Green Bay, and Vilim, Kewaunee.

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

Racine's Tom Ray gave a paper on the work he and Charles Bait did on a flotation process. This is the "fudge-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. Anyone 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 History, Deserence, Chapter 23.

This newsletter is being sent to all operators including those who are not new Conference members. The cost is 50c 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, Elmira, or President C. W. Jorgenson at Fond du Lac.

G. 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.
First Twenty-Five Years

1972 Clean Water Act
Annual Meeting Attendance
Regional Training
Wisconsin WWTPs

- Daily Flow: 500 MG
- TSS: 300 mg/L
- Assume: 95% removal
- Weight: 2,000# / cu yd
- Truck Capacity: 15 cu yd
Nancy Mann

First woman President
Next Twenty-Five Years

Name change - 1994
Web site development
Special events at Annual Conference