

# WWOA – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remarks

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**Wisconsin In-Service Short Courses  
19th Sewage Works Course — April 20-22, 1965**



# Lab training - Wisconsin Short Course







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# 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 Rimmele, 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.

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I saw the program for the Fall meeting. Very good. Be sure to be there, October 16th, 17th and 18th. The drive up there will be beautiful.

In Rhinelander they have a new operator. George Gering is his name. Good hunting and fishing on your free time Ernie Tromp.

**WANTED IN FONTANA, WIS.** - assistant to water and water-waste treatment plant superintendent. Must be high school graduate, have ability to qualify for operators license. Previous utility experience or technical training desirable but not required. Send resume of education, experience, and references to Village Clerk, Village of Fontana, Fontana, Wisconsin 53125. In Fontana they are putting in use a new water reservoir that has a capacity of 200,000 gallons.

Influence of Raw water Characteristics of Treatment is the title of the Eleventh Sanitary Engineering Conference to be held in Urbana, Illinois on February 5 and 6, 1969. This Conference is planned for sanitary engineers in government, industry or in private practice, and water works managers and operators. The Division of Sanitary Engineering, Illinois Department of Public Health and the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Illinois are the joint sponsors. Further information may be obtained from John H. Austin, Associate Professor of Sanitary Engineering, 3230 Civil Engineering Building, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 61801. C. W. Klassen, Chief Sanitary Engineer, Department of Public Health, Springfield, Illinois 62706. Or from Richard Ulrich, 1106 Illini Hall, Division of University Extension, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 61801.

One fellow told me that he had heard that a fellow in Madison was going to get an address in Green Bay.

In Waupun the activated sludge end of the plant got fouled up. The cause is not known. So we put in pump to discharge to sludge lagoon. pump cut the tank and start over again. As of today it is working good.

Am I the only Muskie fisherman in the outfit? So far I have landed three. Will do better later this fall.

Yours truly

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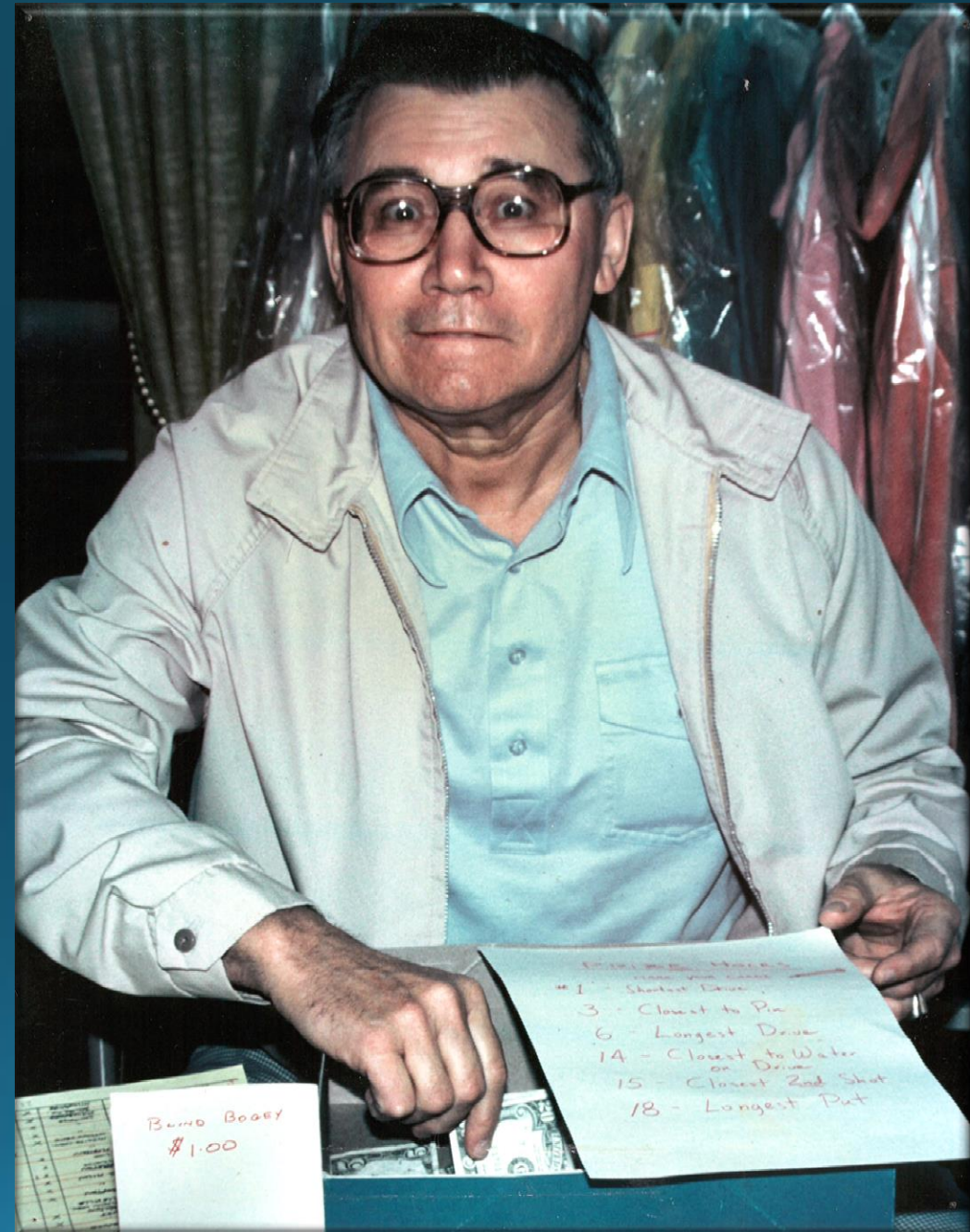
Aerial view of La Crosse Wastewater Treatment Plant

## 50th Annual W.W.O.A. Conference

October 11-14, 2016

La Crosse Center

Host: La Crosse Wastewater Treatment Plant



Al Winters

A yellow starburst graphic with multiple points, containing the text "First Twenty-Five Years".

**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



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Name change - 1994

Web site development

Special events at Annual  
Conference



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