

# WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## SOUNDS OF CAROLS FILL COURTYARD OF CITY HALL

The Christmas spirit reigns in City Hall courtyard as carolers sing out the glad tidings each week day, noon and evening. Groups from City departments, local schools and community organizations are participating.

With a Christmas tree 51 feet high—the biggest in the City's history as a background—the carolers are drawing large crowds of shoppers and passersby. The tree is a blaze of colored lights.

The singing begins at 12:15 and 4:30 p.m. Loud speakers carry the



## PLAN FEBRUARY DINNER FOR 25-YEAR CLUBMEN

carols to the perimeter of City Hall and send them north and south, east and west.

Courtyard caroling, organized by the Office of the City Representative, goes back a number of years. It is one of the more colorful features of Philadelphia's Christmas season.

The program includes singing by Water Department volunteers on Wednesday, December 23 at 12:15 p.m.

The Water Department's Quarter Century Club is growing at a fast clip. With 138 members already on its rolls, it will welcome 11 new members at a gala dinner on February 11.

The dinner, which will honor employees who have completed 25 years or more of service with the City Government, is being planned by a special committee headed by James A. Brady, Jr., chief of projects control. Attractive gold and blue pins will be presented to the new members. Top City officials will be invited to the dinner.

Besides Mr. Brady, the committee, recently named by Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter, consists of Eugene Bonner, chief of sewer drainage information; Elmer Goebel, superintendent of water distribution; Philip McDowell, architectural supervisor; Mrs. Marion Redfield, construction; Charles Vickerman, assistant chief of water operations; and Robert Waters, superintendent of Schuylkill filters.

The 11 employees to be received into the club are: David T. Anderson, Harry J. Andrews, Carl W. Frey, Philip F. Jacobs, Harry T. Lesser, John McDevitt, Joseph McStravick, Francis O'Shea, Benjamin Pollock, John J. Tobin, and Daniel Travaglio. Watch for interesting biographical details on these men in the January issue of the "News".

While a detailed search of records is made each year by the Water Department personnel office to identify veteran employees entitled to club membership, it is possible that someone will be overlooked. Any employee (not previously listed) who feels that he has completed 25 years of City service as of December 31, 1959 should contact Chairman Brady, aut. 463 or LO-8-5950 ext. 33 no later than the end of December.



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

As we approach Christmas and New Year, I cannot help expressing my warm thanks for the loyal and dedicated performance which Water Department employees have given during 1959. The past year was one of far reaching accomplishment. The modernization program was carried to completion at Torresdale and well on its way in numerous other projects. Our internal efficiency and the quality of service we give the public continue to rise.

In these achievements every Water Department employee has played a role . . . from the top administrator down through the ranks.

This kind of teamwork does not spring from just doing the job. It comes from a true public spirit and a belief in the purpose of the department. Our spirit and our purpose have never been a mystery. They are "service" . . . the best kind of service of which we are capable.

I offer each one of you my sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas and a truly rewarding New Year.

Samuel S. Baxter



\* Honest, 3 out of 4 Santas prefer it.

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## PROMOTE SEVEN EMPLOYEES

Promotions were won by seven Water Department employees in the past month.

Heading the list was Samuel Kolbhoff, a civil engineer in the Design division, who advanced from class 3 to class 4. Mr. Kolbhoff, who lives at 5202 "D" St., joined the Bureau of Engineering in the old Department of Public Works in October, 1939. For many years he was engaged in the design of sewers and sewage intercepting chambers.

Others promoted were:

Robert D. Keels, 2031 Wilder St., from filter plant mechanic helper to equipment operator 1, Distribution division.

Ronald E. Harper, 120 North Wilton St., from chemist, class 1 to class 2, Torresdale Water Treatment plant.

Ralph Jacquinto, 5821 Wakefield St., from pumping station mechanic helper to equipment operator 1, Sewer Maintenance section.

Peter Palermo, 4059 Claridge St., from electrician to labor foreman 1, Torresdale Water Treatment plant.

Frank E. Smith, 231 South 40th St., from bacteriologist, class 1 to class 2, Torresdale laboratory.

Donald R. Randall, 5658 Ardleigh St., from chemist, class 1 to class 2, Northeast Sewage Treatment works.

# CITY EMPLOYEES TO GET PAY INCREASE JAN. 4

For City employees the New Year will be a little brighter . . . thanks to a 6% pay increase which will become effective January 4, 1960.

Many hands were active in brightening the New Year. City officials and representatives of District Council 33, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), worked out the original basis of the increase. The Mayor recommended it to the City Council. The latter appropriated the funds. The Civil Service Commission gave its OK.

Perhaps one of the nicer things about the increase is that it does not affect the annual increment to which the employee is normally entitled. Thus some employees will receive the 6% increase plus an increment in January; others will get their increment later in the year.

For the Water Department reader who is wondering about the "when" and "how" of all this, a few useful facts follow.

**Amount:** The 6% increase is based on annual salary as of January 1, 1960. As noted, the date the raise takes effect is January 4.

**First Pay Check:** As a Water Department employee, you will receive two pay checks on January 15, 1960. The checks will cover five days at the old pay rate and five days at the new rate. Your January 29 check will cover a full two weeks at the new rate.

**Anniversary Date:** For purposes of the annual increment, you will retain your present anniversary date. Thus, if you have not already reached the top pay step for your salary class, you will receive your annual increment on your anniversary date. For the many City employees who have a January 1 anniversary date, the increment will become effective January 11, 1960 when the Water Department's first full pay period begins. It will appear in the January 29 check.

**Payroll Deductions:** Along with the 6% increase in salary (and later the increment) will come changes in your deductions. Federal taxes, City wage taxes, and possibly pension and Social Security deductions, will change as your gross salary is increased. This must be considered when reviewing your first full "take



"I take it that your income tax is paid"

home" pay check at the new rate. You will get the first full check, covering two weeks at the new rate, on January 29.

**Questions:** If you have questions about the pay increase, consult your supervisor or timekeeper. The latter, if unable to answer your questions, will obtain the information from the Personnel Office. Please do not call the Personnel Office personally. The office can supply the information needs of all employees more efficiently through channels.

**Other Benefits:** The Water Department has not been informed officially of any new benefits (other than those noted above) to be given City employees. Information on future benefits, if any, will appear in the Water Department NEWS.

## VETERAN WORKERS RETIRE

Retirement has come to four veteran employees after many years of service.

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The department extends its best wishes to the following employees:

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Pasquale LaRosa, 66, of 212 East Price St., has completed 16 years in water operations. A laborer at the Queen Lane Water Treatment plant at the time of retirement, Mr. LaRosa entered City service in July, 1943. He was employed previously by the Ford Motor Company at Chester, Pa.

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David Medway, 70, of 1755 North 53rd St., was with the City for 17 years. From 1918 to 1932, he worked for Radio Corporation of America in Camden, N. J. His most recent job with the Water Department was in the Customer Service section as a field inspector.

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Albert Gogel, 65, of 2028 East Clearfield St., was a watchman and veteran of 13 years. Before entering City service in March, 1946, Mr. Gogel was employed in various knitting mills as a knitter.

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James F. McLaughlin, of 5916 Henry Ave., took his first job with the City in 1947 as a sewer inspector. His last position was public works inspector.

## A Forward Look

*We soon are through with fifty-nine  
And now will pick up sixty.  
To meet new taxes, bills and such  
Let's practice to be thrifty.*

*Next year is filled with promises  
No matter what your goal.  
Keep mind and body always fit,  
But don't forget the soul.*

*We now have beatniks, strikes and such  
Which muddle up our thinking  
The cold war still is with us,  
But as yet, no ships are sinking.*

*Two thousand years have passed since Plato  
Gave advice, good on this date too.  
If mind and body you wish to be whole  
You must begin by curing the soul.*

George Fred Smith  
Customer Service Section

# RECREATION ASSOCIATION OFFERS XMAS BARGAIN NEW MEMBERSHIPS FOR ONE U.\$ DOLLAR

The lonely dollar doesn't go very far nowadays . . . except in the Water Department. There a genuine Christmas bargain is being offered.

The Employees' Recreation Association, operated and managed by the department's employees, is offering year-long memberships for just one dollar. That dollar is an open door to bowling, softball, golf, basketball, baseball, and for the brainy, a bit of chess.

Not only can the member participate in various "leagues" (with equipment being bought or rented by the association), but various pleasant surprises come his way. Currently special tickets, at a discount, are being sold to members who desire to attend the Ice Follies. Other tickets are expected to be offered at a 20% discount for a performance of "Ben Hur" in January or February.

There's a bowling league in full bloom (or should it be "boom") every Friday night at 7:00 o'clock under the expert guidance of the Meter Shop's Russell Thomas. It meets at the Bowlerdrome, Hunting Park and 31st St.

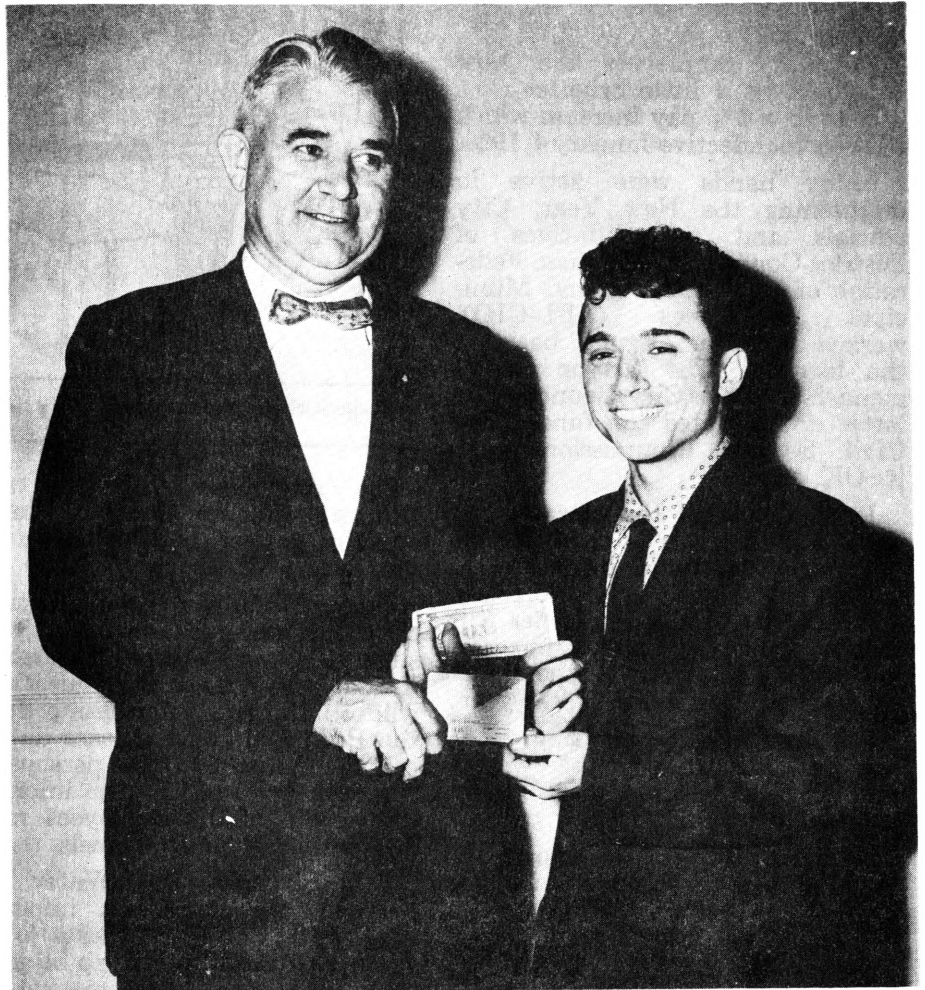
Distaff members of the department get special attention. A Ladies Bowling League is being formed by Miss Marianne Leva, of the Accounting section (aut. 2184). It will meet at a center city bowling alley on Monday or Friday night.

James Marinan, of plant maintenance, is in charge of basketball practice every Thursday evening at Dobbins Vocational High School gymnasium, 22nd St. and Lehigh Ave. John Mirkil, of the Design division (aut. 926), is out to arrange chess matches for all comers. Edward Thompson, of the Roxborough water treatment plant, is spearheading a move to form a golf club, which would play on City courses. Golfers should contact him at Iv-3-5717 or aut. 2613, or call his partner Ken Zitomer at Vi 4-4449. In the spring the department's fine coach, Lesser Lindenbaum, will put his champion team through warm-up paces at the Dobbins School gym.

These various activities are just a foretaste of larger things to come.

How can you join? That's easy.

One of the following authorized representatives of the association will accept your dollar and issue you a membership card: Water



Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter knows a good thing when he sees it. John Craney, of Customer Service, sells him one of the first membership cards in the current campaign of the Employees' Recreation Association.

Operations Administration, A. Attarian; Queen Lane Treatment plant, E. Barrett; Customer Service, J. Craney; Delaware Pumps, J. Gavitt; Building Maintenance, B. Golderer; Southeast works, C. Grady; Belmont treatment plant and pumping station, G. Helmar; Central Stores, V. Ilg; General Administration, J. Irwin; Queen Lane Pumping station, H. Kappe; Southwest works, L. Lindenbaum; Sewage Operations, J. McCarthy; plant maintenance, J. Marinan; Design, J. Mirkil; Northeast works, J. Pallante; Roxborough Treatment plant and Pumping station, R. Pearl; Torresdale Treatment plant, J. Pierce; Distribution, M. Pirolli; Automotive Maintenance, B. Runkle; Fairhill Pumping station, B. Schiavo; Meter shop, R. Thomas; Construction, K. Zitomer.



"Seen anything of a Bowling Ball?"

## DESIGN DIVISION LEADS DRIVE FOR REC MEMBERS

The membership campaign of the Employees' Recreation Association is moving faster than last year. With less than two months to go (the drive closes January 29), the total 1960 membership is approximately equal to that of 1959.

Leading the way is the Design division, which has a 93% employee enrollment in the association. Credit for this achievement is due to John Mirkil and his helpers. John reports that the specifications, hydraulic, main sewers and electrical squads have 100% membership.

The department's Construction division is also ahead of last year's enrollment rate. Belmont (both the plant and the pumping station) and the General Administration division have passed the 50% mark.

Further impetus was given the campaign at the November meeting of the association's board of directors. Seven additional campaign representatives were appointed, bringing the total to 22.

The board also decided to send an activities questionnaire to each member at the close of the campaign. After the questionnaires have been tabulated, the board will decide what activities to include in an enlarged program.

For information on any activity or on the membership campaign, Water Department employees may call Joseph Goldberger, assistant personnel officer, aut. 2871 or Bell ext. 227.



## RECREATION ASSOCIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

**Photography Fans:** Watch the next issue of the "News" for announcement of a Recreation Association Photography Contest.

**Movie Goers:** The association expects to sell tickets, at a 20% discount, for a performance of "Ben Hur" in January or early February. Announcements and mail order applications will be mailed to association members about January 1. Tickets will be available to members only.

**Ice Follies Fans:** Tuesday, January 5, will be "Association Night" for members of the Employees' Recreation Association attending the Ice Follies. The association has been offering a limited number of reduced price tickets (now almost exhausted) to its members on a first come first served basis . . . \$4 tickets for \$3, and \$2.50 tickets for \$1.85. Your association representative might have **one** left.



An old gent went to his doctor for a blood test, explaining he was about to get married.

"Really," admiringly asked the doc, "how old are you?"

The old fellow replied that he was 84. Asked how old the bride was, he answered, "She's going on 22."

Very alarmed, the doctor cautioned, "Don't you realize that kind of a difference in ages could be fatal?"

"Well," wheezed the old man with a shrug, "if she dies, she dies."

## Why Join the Recreation Association?

1. Who sponsors the Association and who is eligible to join? Is it necessary to join in order to participate in Association sponsored activities?

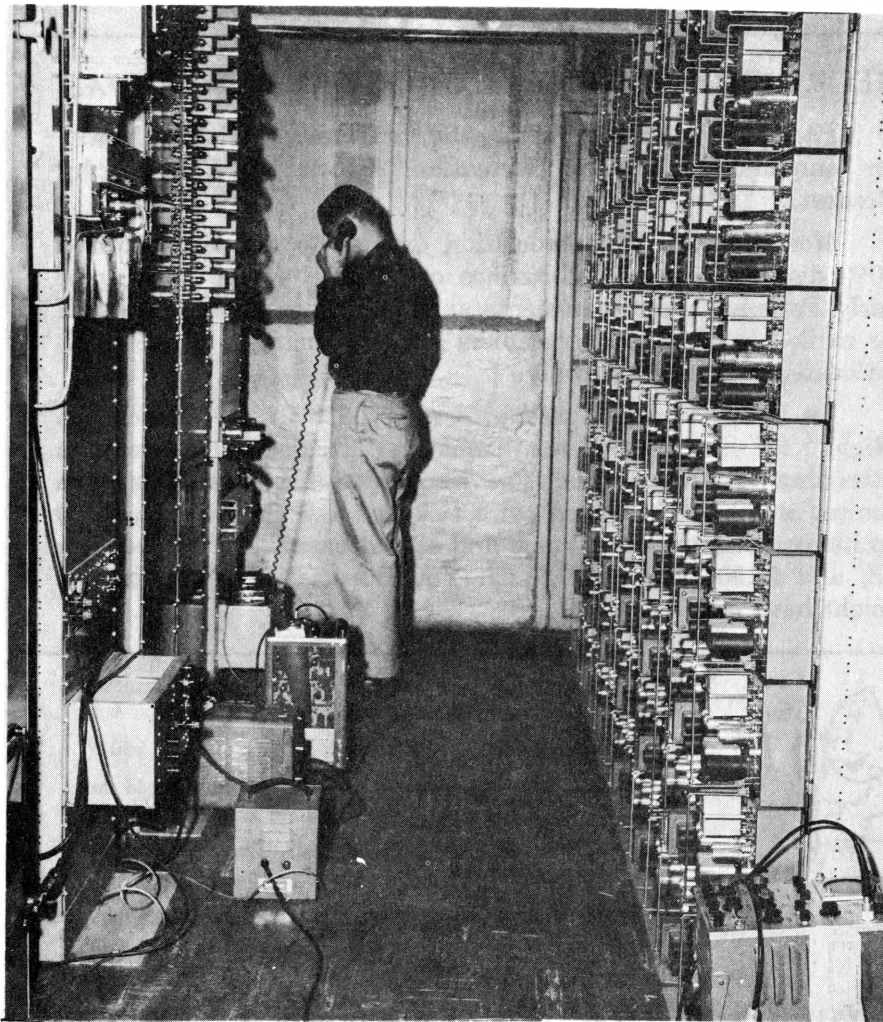
**ANSWER:** The Association was formed by and for Water Department employees. The Association has the complete support of the Water Department management. Every Water Department employee is eligible to join. You must be a member to participate in activities.

2. How much does a membership cost and what are the dues used for?

**ANSWER:** A membership in the Association costs \$1.00. In the past, membership dues have accounted for the support of the following activities: golf tournament, softball team, prizes for Association sponsored activities, and rental and buying of various kinds of athletic equipment.

3. What is the Board of Directors and what "principles" do they follow in setting up a recreation program?

**ANSWER:** The Board of Directors is made up of your fellow employees. The Board is responsible for the overall initiation and operation of each activity. The Board attempts to keep in mind the following points in setting up an activities program. First, we try to provide a sufficient variety of activities to meet the individual needs and desires of all Association members, including activities during the noon hour, before and after work, and during holidays and vacations. Second, we believe that the Association program should be planned and administered by the members themselves and that the Association should provide a proving ground for the selection and training of volunteer leaders. Third, we try to provide special events during the year to relieve the monotony of "sameness". Lastly, we hope to try to include classes in various types of physical, social and cultural types of recreation.



Extensive tests are being conducted at the department's new load control center prior to its official opening. The center will receive instantaneous information by microwave from scattered points in the water distribution system.

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## Personal Notes

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*Personnel*—"Big Jack" Sassman, the most eligible bachelor in the Water Department, has finally turned in his bachelor's button and replaced it with an "I'm engaged" look. Ginny Kotyk, also a department employee, is the girl for whom the wedding bells will sound.



Jean Powers is still hearing Hawaiian music ringing in her ears after spending two weeks vacation in Hawaii. Jean went on her vacation with a guided tour, and spent three days in San Francisco and three days in Los Angeles. She talks about "going back and living the life of the Hawaiians."



*Del. Div. Pumps*—Our sympathies to Harry Canty on the death of his father . . . We wish Charlie Silvestri, still in the hospital following an operation, a speedy recovery.



Best wishes and good luck to former Police Sergeant Jacob F. Fries on his retirement. Mr. Fries, who joined the police force Oct. 31, 1950, entered the Water Department April 28, 1958 after being injured on duty. Very friendly and helpful, Mr. Fries did a fine job of organizing the office as a clerk-typist II. Married, with one daughter, he has no special plans except to take life easy. Address: 10134 Bustleton Avenue.



*Administration* — Irma Booker Foster, of sewerage operations, left Dec. 11 to await the birth of her baby. She hopes to return after six months or so. We all wish her the best of luck on this happy occasion.



Sincerest sympathy to John McCarthy, of sewerage operations, on the loss of his mother, and to Samuel Wagner, of projects control, on the sudden loss of his father.



*Sewer Maint.*—Congratulations to Frank Rogers, who will be wed this month.



*Meter Shop*—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yablin celebrated their wedding anniversary in Atlantic City N. J.

## SCHOOL'S OVERCROWDED BUT — 27 WATER EMPLOYEES MAKE IT

The interest of Water Department employees in self-betterment and good public service was underlined recently when 51 employees applied for the courses currently offered by the Philadelphia Government Training Institute.

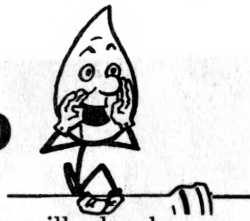
Only 27 of the applicants could be scheduled for the current classes, but the balance will be placed in class when the courses are repeated next spring.

The newly organized Philadelphia Government Training Institute is operated jointly by the City Government, the School District, and several local colleges and universities. Four courses covering City Government organization, supervision, labor relations, and communications are offered. Each "student" pays \$6 for the privilege of spending one evening a week in class.

The 27 Water Department class members represent a sizable chunk of the total enrollment of 115 in the institute.

Enrolled from the department are Arthur Barlett, Ann H. Colter, Joseph E. Cooper, Harold Crawford, Ervin L. Davis, Hubert J. DiGiacomo, Elmer Goebel, Florence E. Graham, Robert W. Henry, Jr., Frank P. Ingenito, Margaret Jenkins, James J. Johnson, Rosetta Lindsay, Bartholomew F. Monaghan, Frank A. Rogers, Leo Ivan Sanders, Rose Sideman, William Snyder, Richard S. Starr, Lawrence Stallworth, Walter P. Strehle, Leon S. Taylor, William J. Thompson, Robert Waters, William C. Williams, Edward Witkowski, Charles L. Wragg, Anna M. Dougherty, Edward J. McManus, Jr., and Dorothy L. Watson.

# TO SEND WATER BILLS SEMI-ANNUALLY IN 1960



Progress is a familiar word in the Water Department.

The year 1959 was full of it . . . the Torresdale opening . . . Queen Lane reconstruction . . . the load control center . . . and modernization in every direction.

Not content with these achievements, the Water Department is now about to offer its customers another important service . . . a new billing system known as "cycle billing."

Under the new system, the Water Department's half-million domestic customers will get two evenly spaced bills annually, dividing their yearly obligations roughly in half.

The City will read every domestic customer's water meter twice a year, six months apart. In the case of the 15,000 commercial, industrial and other large users, readings will occur quarterly or monthly. A few days after each reading, the customer will receive a bill for water and sewer charges. Each bill will contain all charges against the customer up to the date of the reading . . . current charges, as well as any delinquent charge back to January 1, 1960.

The old system of sending out separate "Minimum" and "Excess" bills will be abolished. Under the new system, the annual service, or minimum, charge to domestic customers will be split between the two new semi-annual bills, while charges for so-called excess consumption will be included in these bills. Normally the customer's semi-annual bill will include service charges for three months in advance and three months past, as well as the extra usage (or excess) charges for the six-months period between meter readings.

During the first six months of 1960, however, the first bill may cover longer or shorter periods than normal. This is required by problems involved in the changeover from the old system to the new.

What benefits will the customer receive from the new system?

In the long run, he will be making smaller cash outlays at any one time. There may be some exceptions to this during the first six months.

The customer will also have an up to date picture of how his account stands, for if he fails to pay his bill, the unpaid charges will be added to his next bill. Reminder notices will be frequent.

Benefits will also accrue to the City. The work load of the Department of Collections will be spread evenly over the year. There will be substantial long run savings. Customer relations of the Water Department should improve.

## A PERSONAL MESSAGE

My wife and I would like to thank each and every one of my fellow workers who saw fit to volunteer to give blood for our daughter. It is through their kind help that our daughter is alive today. It makes a person feel great to know that in time of need there is always someone ready to help his fellow man.

Again may we say, "Thank you", from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Moran

## DEPARTMENT SWEEPS ACROSS FINISH LINE WITH \$27 TO SPARE IN UNITED FUND DRIVE

It was more than a photo finish as the Water Department raced against time to exceed its quota in the United Fund drive. When the finishing tape was broken at 5:00 p.m. on the last day, the department had collected \$8,332.68. The goal had been surpassed by more than \$27.

Since this year's quota was 15% above that of last year, the department's feat was no small one.

Much of the credit for the successful drive belongs to John Sassman, Dorothy Kutys, the 89 departmental solicitors, and stewards of Union Local No. 394. The quiet guiding spirit (as in the past) was B. Barney Palmer, administrative services director.

Of the department's 1,660 employees, a total of 1,407 (or 84.8%) contributed.

Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter expressed his gratification over the broad participation by employees, who "once again have demonstrated the warm community service spirit so much a part of the way of doing things in our department." The Commissioner commended departmental representatives who spearheaded the drive for their "untiring interest and truly first class job."

Contributions by the various departmental units follow.

	1958	1959
Administration . . . . .	\$ 522.98	\$ 663.97
Construction . . . . .	815.50	1,140.70
Distribution . . . . .	1,193.91	1,151.76
Water Oper. Office . . . . .	173.49	195.04
Schuyl. Pumps . . . . .	404.78	406.29
Delaware Pumps . . . . .	207.21	170.25
Belmont Treat. . . . .	198.38	199.93
Queen Lane Treat. . . . .	326.21	351.08
Torresdale Treat. . . . .	273.57	360.74
Roxboro Treat. . . . .	101.03	136.89
Fairhill H. P. . . . .	179.01	175.26
Race St. H. P. . . . .	106.00	81.00
Logan St. Garage . . . . .	105.13	94.65
Meter Shop . . . . .	274.31	313.10
Plt. Maint. & Shop . . . . .	73.07	198.07
Customer Service . . . . .	213.13	217.90
Sewer Maintenance . . . . .	246.14	259.19
Design Section . . . . .	437.05	552.56
Industrial Wastes . . . . .	32.95	38.15
Projects Control . . . . .	82.40	96.92
Testing Lab . . . . .	85.36	112.79
Northeast Works . . . . .	526.00	523.06
Southwest Works . . . . .	400.95	433.71
Southeast Works . . . . .	196.94	180.47
Univer. Metering . . . . .	47.25	14.25
Sewer. Oper. Office . . . . .	.....	162.95
Miscellaneous . . . . .	.....	102.00
	<b>\$7,222.75</b>	<b>\$8,332.68</b>



## DESIGN MEN "RELAX" WITH CHESS

*A bit of chess . . . a spot of tea  
A friendly hour . . . and philosophy*

## DESIGN MEN KEEP FIT WITH NOONTIME CHESS

Some City employees have wondered what to do with that long lunch hour. Not so the brainy workers in the Water Department's Design section. When the clock strikes high noon, drafting pencils are dropped and employees sit down to a relaxing game of chess.

There is a purpose behind this seeming madness . . . quite apart from easing up on the morning's mental labors over the drafting board. The Design section has a crack chess team, and this little noontime recreation keeps chess muscles in good trim in case some outside challenger should seek a game. For several months now the Design section has posed a standing challenge to other sections of the department, but no one has been imprudent enough to take it up.

For those who wonder how the experts are doing among themselves, we offer the following resume.

Gustave Van Nyanatten still maintains his October lead with four victories and no losses, while Allen Stackhouse, who was down in third place, has climbed to second place with five wins and only one defeat.

Jack Mooney is up from fourth place to third, with four victories and two defeats. Standings of other players (with wins and losses in that order) follow:

John Mirkil, four and three; Samuel Gerson, one and one; Thomas Smith, one and two; Stanley Carroll, one and three; Joseph Mair, zero and one; George Bey, zero and one; Myron Reiner, zero and two; Moe Duluzio, zero and two; Emily Clark, zero and three.

Challengers, if any, please contact John Mirkil, aut. 926.

## FIFTEEN NEW EMPLOYEES ENTER VARIOUS DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

Fifteen new employees entered the Water Department recently. They will fill a variety of jobs in scattered departmental locations.

They include: Milton Gordon, of Washington Lane and Chew Ave., a laboratory procedures analyst in the Administrative division; George Tillman, Jr., 1503 North Conestoga St., a plant helper at Northeast Sewage Treatment works; Joel J. Levin, 6211 Castor Ave., an accountant I in the Administrative division; Miss Hester H. Walker, 2840 West Harold St., clerk-typist I in the Distribution section; Miss Georgiann Harrell, 1119 South Clifton St., clerk I at the Meter shop; Charles L. Slaughter, 3054 Titan St., sewage interceptor serviceman at the Southwest Sewage Treatment works; Roscoe N. Tate, 505 South 75th St., a crane operator in the Sewer Maintenance section; Frank J. Dowd, 2830 North Bailey St., Blacksmith in the Plant Maintenance section; Miss Vergie M. Duncan, 2838 West Diamond St., clerk-typist I in the Distribution section; Thomas J. Hansen, 604 East Thayer St., electrician at the Torresdale water treatment plant.

Five repairman trainees were hired for the Distribution section. They are Alfred E. Upshur, 8202 Holstein Ave., Leetoy Harris, 3807 Pennsgrove St.; Robert Patten, 900 B Myrtle Place; Mercer Washington, 1006 South 5th St.; and Harry Darby, 831 C Alder Place.



"AS YOUR BOSS, I'M ENTITLED TO BE SOMEWHAT UNREASONABLE AT TIMES!"