

# WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE CALLS EIGHTY RECREATION MEMBERS



RIVER MONITORING EQUIPMENT is checked by Joseph V. Radziul (kneeling), who heads Water Department research and development, and Norman Beamer, chief chemist of U. S. Geological Survey. Equipment measures condition of Delaware River.

## DEPARTMENT TESTS OXYGEN ANALYZER TO WARN OF DELAWARE RIVER SPILLS

Quietly ticking away on the Chestnut Street Pier is a new device that keeps a constant watch on the Delaware River for the Water Department. Increases in river pollution are readily detected and measured, thus providing useful information for the department's far flung plants.

On temporary loan from a private company for testing purposes, the device, known as a "dissolved oxygen analyzer," is the forerunner of two permanent installations which the department will make at some future time. Pulling water samples constantly from the river, the device analyzes and records their oxygen content. This is a valuable clue to

spills of raw sewage or industrial wastes into the river.

Philadelphia, it is reported, will be the first city in the country to make use of such devices on a permanent basis for the purpose of monitoring streams. It's all part of the Water Department's growing program of automatic controls.

The permanent installations, when they are made, will also keep check on river temperature and height.

The current testing, under way for more than a year, is being done in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey. Various governmental agencies have expressed an interest in the outcome of the Philadelphia tests.

Two weeks in the most storied parts of Europe await members of the Employees' Recreation Association.

The ever active association has arranged for a round trip air flight and deluxe motor coach tour, all for the price of \$462 per person. This includes meals, twin-bed rooms in good hotels, and related conveniences.

A special KLM-DC 73 flight will leave Philadelphia on October 22 and return on November 6. Eighty association members (including wives and children) are being sought for the trip.

For the 80 travelers there will be a boat ride on the canals of Amsterdam, a visit to the old Guild Houses in Brussels, a stop in Luxembourg, a trip by steamer up the castle lined Rhine River past the rock of the Lorelei, a visit to Heidelberg University, sightseeing amid the wild mountain scenery of Bavaria and Austria, a visit to the Principality of Liechtenstein, a pause on the shores of beautiful Lake Lucerne in Switzerland, and an eye catching trip through the Brenner Pass.

In Italy the tourists will see Verona, Vicenza and Padua with its huge basilica. In Venice they will ferry up the Grand Canal past scores of marble palaces to the Square of Saint Mark, where stand the Palace of the Doges and the jewel like Church of Saint Mark. From Italy they will go to Monte Carlo, Geneva and finally Paris . . . Paris with its great squares, the Church of Notre Dame, the Sorbonne, the Arch of Triumph and other wonders (though unfortunately there will be no time for the Folies Bergeres).

If you are interested, please call Joseph Goldberger, Personnel Assistant, Aut. 2871, Room 1225, Annex. The trip is being handled by the Adams Travel Bureau, Inc., of Philadelphia. The price—\$462 for everything—is said to be less than the standard round trip air passage alone. Applications must be received by September 1.

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## Personal Notes



### Meter Shop

We are glad to see David Joseph back after his recent illness.

We are looking forward to the speedy recovery and return of Joseph Fine who is recuperating from an operation.

Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together for Harry Yablin and his wife, who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on May 27th.

### Construction

Sympathy and condolences are extended to Joseph A. Thompson on the death of his mother, and to the family of William J. Mattis, who died in May.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Samuel Costello. We hope his convalescence at home will be rapid and that he may soon return to his duties.

### Delaware Pumping

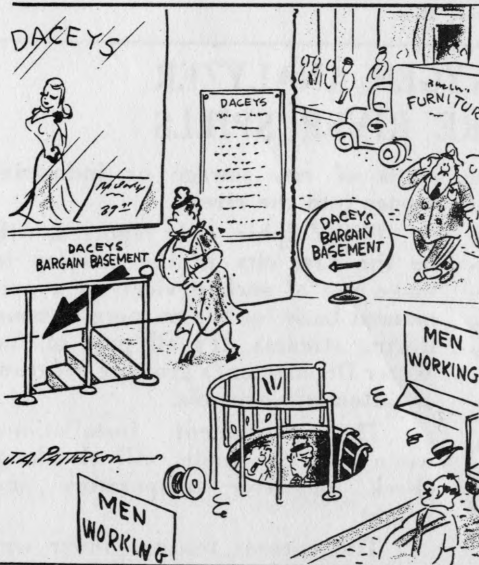
Congratulations to Chief Hank Kalinoski and Mrs. Kalinoski on the new baby girl in their family.



Politeness is like an air cushion  
—there may be nothing in it, but  
it surely eases the jolts.



GETTING THE POOL READY for "Miss A.W.W.A." is Deputy Commissioner Gerald E. Arnold (left), while Lauren W. Grayson, president of the American Water Works Association, looks on. This pleasant scene took place at the A.W.W.A. convention at Bal Harbour, Fla. Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter was scheduled to pour that bottle of pure Philadelphia water into the pool for the young lady, but Mrs. Baxter, who accompanied him, put her foot down on this kind of work. Don't look so pleased, Mr. Arnold. Several copies of this issue of the NEWS have been sent to Mrs. Arnold.



## PUBLIC DEMAND BRINGS REPRINT OF WATER BOOK

A reprint of the popular Water Department brochure, "The Story of Philadelphia's Water" has appeared. The attractive 16-page, color booklet tells how the Philadelphia water system operates, as well as much about its history. Replete with pictures and an eye catching flow chart, the booklet has been in great demand by the public. About 14,000 copies have been given away to school groups, professional societies, and interested individuals since last October.

Copies of the booklet singly or in quantity may be obtained from the Commissioner's Office, Room 1103, Annex, LO 8-5950 ext. 6 or 10, and Automatic 2723. Individual copies are available at the Torresdale, Queen Lane and Belmont Water Treatment Plants.

"Look, Lady, Whatever in th' world gave you th' idea this was Dacey's Bargain Basement??"

## KALINOSKI NEW PUMP CHIEF AS 37 EMPLOYEES MOVE UP

This spring will long be remembered as the "promotion season" in the Water Department. Thirty-seven employees have moved a notch up that invisible ladder which leads to a higher tax bracket.

All kidding aside, the promotions were well earned, and the department is proud to announce the following appointments.

Henry F. Kalinoski has moved from assistant chief to chief of the Delaware Pumping Division. He replaces Edward J. Sweeney, who has become chief of the Schuylkill Pumping Division. This is Mr. Kalinoski's second promotion in less than a year. He became assistant chief last August, after having joined the old Water Bureau as an electrician in 1946 and having moved up to electrician foreman in 1954.

Taking over Mr. Kalinoski's job as assistant chief is James P. Brady, Jr. (not to be confused with James A. Brady, Jr., chief of Projects Control). Mr. Brady joined the Water Bureau in 1947 as a machinist and rose in the new Water Department to pumping station mechanic foreman. Before entering City service, he was a foreman with the Electric Power Equipment Company, of Philadelphia.

Two employees in the Construction Division have moved from class I to class II, public works inspector. They are Ralph C. Jones and Domenic Guglielmi. Mr. Jones entered the department in 1958. He was formerly employed by various contractors and builders. Mr. Guglielmi entered the Department of Licenses and Inspections in 1956 as a fire and housing inspector. He transferred to the Water Department in 1958. For a number of years he was self-employed as a bricklayer contractor.

### Other promotions are:

Alvin A. Daniels, from filter plant mechanic helper to equipment operator I, Sewer Maintenance; Charles Batties, from laborer to filter plant mechanic helper, Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant; Arthur Glover, from laborer to sewer crawler, Sewer Maintenance; Nicholas J. Menna, from field inspector I to sewer maintenance foreman I, Sewer Maintenance; William Booker, George Dade, Leetoy Harris, Robert Patten, and Alfred Upshur, from trainee to

water distribution repairman, Distribution; Albert P. Hart, from cement finisher I to II, Distribution;



"Remember, Miss Finch, I'm here to help you with any questions—like Company policy, office procedure, what to do Saturday night."

## SET LOCAL PORT CRUISES TO BERMUDA, CARIBBEAN

For City employees planning to take that vacation fling some time in the autumn, the City Department of Commerce reports two special cruises from the Port of Philadelphia.

The "Santa Paula," the newest cruise vessel of the Grace Line, will sail for a 12-day Caribbean cruise on September 17. It will include stops at the Ports of Curacao, Aruba, Kingston, Caracas and Nassau. For City employees the cruise will require eight and one-half days of leave. Tickets can be purchased through the Lion Cruise Service, 1430 Spruce Streets. Rates start at \$465 per person.

Off to Nassau and Bermuda will be the "Gripsholm," the modern cruise vessel operated by the Swedish American Line. The vessel will sail on October 24 and November 9 for a six-day voyage. Employees would have to set aside five days of leave for the first trip and three for the second. The cruises are being handled by the Adams Travel Bureau, 1800 Chestnut Street. The rates run from \$145 to \$320 per person.

Further information on these tours may be obtained from the travel agencies or from the office of Deputy Commerce Director Peter Schauffler, aut. 542.

Haywood Austin, from filter plant mechanic helper to filter plant mechanic electrical operator, Torresdale Water Treatment Plant; John J. Kelly and Howard La Rue, from filter plant operator I to filter plant

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## NEW BALL LEAGUE STIRS STIFF TEAM COMPETITION

The new intra-departmental softball league, organized by the Employees' Recreation Association, is now in full swing. A half-dozen games among six divisional teams have been played to date.

At last count the Northeast-Delaware team was leading, with five victories, while the City Hall Annex-Construction team won four games and lost two. The Southeast-Southwest combination was standing off opponents, with three triumphs and three losses. Other teams in the field are Distribution, Belmont Filters and the Schuylkill Division.

Two home fields are being used, one at the Northeast Sewage Treatment Works, the other at Edgely Field, 33rd and Dauphin Streets.

The league commissioner is Peter Crescentelli, while managers are: Northeast-Delaware, Ed Milburn; Annex-Construction, Leonard Leibowitz; Southeast-Southwest, Leon Taylor; Schuylkill Division, John Sullivan; Distribution, Joseph Forgas; Belmont Filters, George Mitchell.

The new league is becoming increasingly popular.

## CALLING FISHERMEN . . . AND EVEN GOLFERS . . .

For the active and the inactive there will be plenty doing this summer, according to the Employees' Recreation Association.

For the active spirits a golf tournament will be held, while a number of fishing trips will be arranged for souls of more indolent disposition. In keeping with good governmental tradition, special committees have been named to organize these affairs.

Fishermen have been asked to contact John Irwin, of the Accounting Section (Aut. 369), while golfers may talk to John Mirkil, of the Design Branch (Aut. 924).



GEORGE FRED SMITH  
Retiring Poet

## NEWS POET RETIRES ENDING NINE YEARS

With this issue, the Water Department News prints one of the last poems of George Fred Smith, the newspaper's unofficial poet. Mr. Smith, who has done much to brighten the News with a steady flow of poetry, will retire in June under mandatory Civil Service provisions.

Mr. Smith is that rare combination . . . arithmetician and versifier. He has spent most of his adult life in accounting work. For 21 years (from 1921 to 1942) he traveled Southeastern Pennsylvania, setting up accounting systems for the Burroughs Adding Machine Company. He was put in charge of the company's local sales office.

It was in 1940 that the accountant started to combine words as well as figures. Mr. Smith turned out his first poem, a review of family history. The poetry bug hit him deeply and he has been writing verses ever since. In the last two years he has written three or four dozen poems . . . many of them on request. "Every time someone has a birthday, I am asked for a poem," comments Mr. Smith.

A member of the Customer Service Section, Mr. Smith has been with the Water Department for almost nine years. He has two children, a son who is a physician and a daughter who works for the Federal Government. He lives with his wife at 230 South 51st Street.

## My Swan Song

*June nineteen-sixty has arrived, when old folks have to rest,  
It's been a pleasure knowing you, I wish you all the best.  
I'll miss the fellowship we had and arguments as well,  
The ride to work each morning and the 'phone's insistent bell  
While watching television and walking "Butchie" too,  
I'll think of all the good times, I've had with folks like you.  
I hope you all remember me, as friend to one and all,  
And not just as another "Bloke," who worked in City Hall.*

GEORGE FRED SMITH,  
Customer Service

### YOUR PAY INCREMENT

About this time of year . . . with vacation in sight . . . many employees are wondering about the pay increment.

The Personnel Office notes that the increment is given annually to each employee on his anniversary (or "appointment") date until he reaches the top of the pay scale for his type of job. To receive the increment the employee must obtain an annual performance rating of at least satisfactory.

The anniversary date (on which the increment becomes due) may change as a result of breaks in service, promotions, pay range redeterminations and adjustments. For employees whose status remains unchanged, however, the old date will normally stand.

### NEW COMMITTEE TO PLAN LONG RANGE RECREATION

The Employees' Recreation Association believes in looking ahead. A "development committee," appointed by the board of directors June 8, is studying a long range recreation program for Water Department employees.

The Committee is headed by Kenneth Zitomer, vice president. It consists of Ed Milburn, Northeast Works; Morris Pirolli, Distribution Section; Leonard Liebowitz, Construction Section; Erwin Baskin, Plant Maintenance Section; Melvin Banks, Accounting Section; Samuel Schwartz, Commissioner's Office; Peter Crescitelli, Schuylkill Pumps; John Mirkil, Design Branch; and Henry Hoochuk, Southwest Works.

The committee has invited ideas for its program from employees. Ideas may be submitted to any member of the committee.

*This is your*  
**LAST CHANCE**



to take that Puerto Rican trip.

Tel. Joe Goldberger Aut. 2871

### CITY ISSUES FOLDERS WITH WIDE INFORMATION

Persons interested in useful literature will find an abundance in the Office of the City Representative.

Among recent items published by that office's Division of Public Information are the following:

"Your City at Your Service," a blue folder, artistically laid out, with a wealth of handy information about City government services, such as where to call in case of emergency, how to get a permit, where to apply for surplus food, how to obtain public health tests and inoculations, where to find housing or employment, etc.

"Philadelphia in the Summer," a red and black folder listing the most interesting places to visit, as well as coming events, in Philadelphia.

"Philadelphia Transit—A Progress Report," describing the City's accomplishments and plans for solving the transit problem.

Individuals may obtain copies of these publications by writing or calling at the Division of Public Information, Room 201, City Hall, or telephoning the division through the municipal switchboard, MU 6-9700.

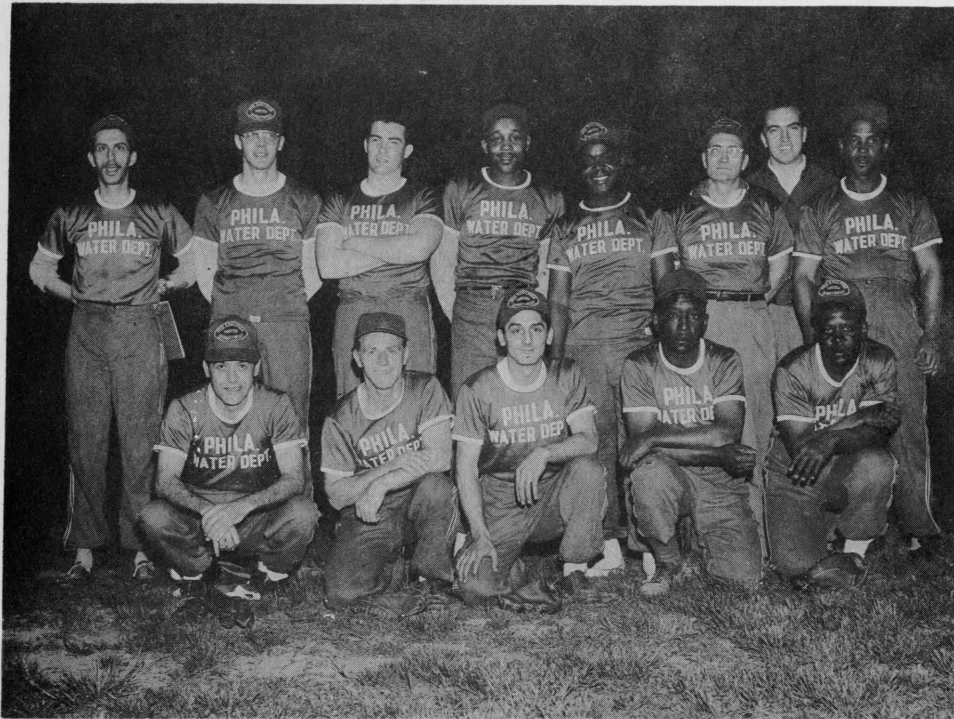
# The Scoreboard

## June 3: Industrial League Softball Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	%
Water Department	9	2	.820
O. P. Schumen	5	3	.621
Quaker City MTR.	6	5	.542
Masland Duran	4	4	.500
Supplee-Biddle	3	6	.335
Schmidt's Brewery	3	7	.300
Reading Company	2	7	.252

## How Our Players Did

	At Bat	Hits	Bat. Avg.
Davis	36	19	.528
Ehmann	24	12	.500
Malone	39	17	.436
D'Amelio	21	8	.381
Matteo	33	12	.364
Smith	12	4	.333
Mario	32	10	.3125
Jones	10	3	.300
Watson	41	12	.213
Pagano	15	4	.267
Williams	9	2	.222
Fisher	18	4	.222
Lewis	24	4	.167
McLaughlin	18	3	.167
Craney	7	1	.143



**THE LUCKY 13:** Leading the Eastern Division of the Industrial League, the Water Department's Softball Team, is well on its way to another championship. It has been winning more than 80 per cent of all its games. Front row, l. to r., Mike Matteo, William Ehmann, John Pagano, Buck Davis, and Jim Smith. Rear, l. to r., Lesser Lindenbaum (manager), Jim Malone, Joe McLaughlin, Bob Lewis, Floyd Jones, Earl Weber, Ed Milburn (business manager), and John Watson.

In the 11 games played so far this season, the team has batted in 94 runs. Watson pitched a total of 81 1/3 innings, allowed 52 hits, and had 91 strike-outs. Some relief pitching has been done by Matteo and Davis.

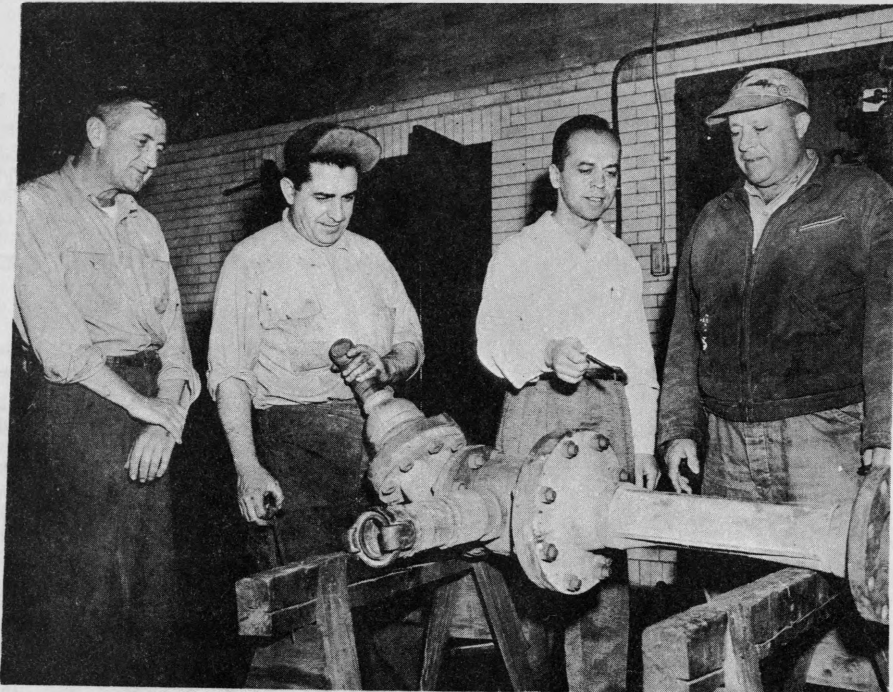


**HONEST,** that's the opening ball—not a fireball—which B. Barney Palmer, administrative services director, is tossing to Pitcher John Watson. In Watson's hands, however, the ball's temperature will soar before the game is over.

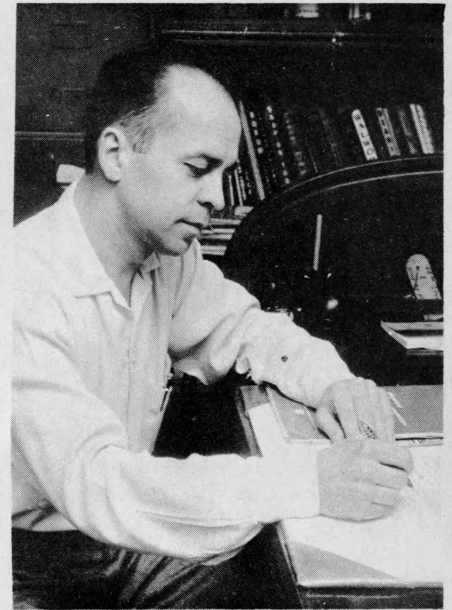


**BILL EHMANN** prepares for one of John Watson's fast pitches.

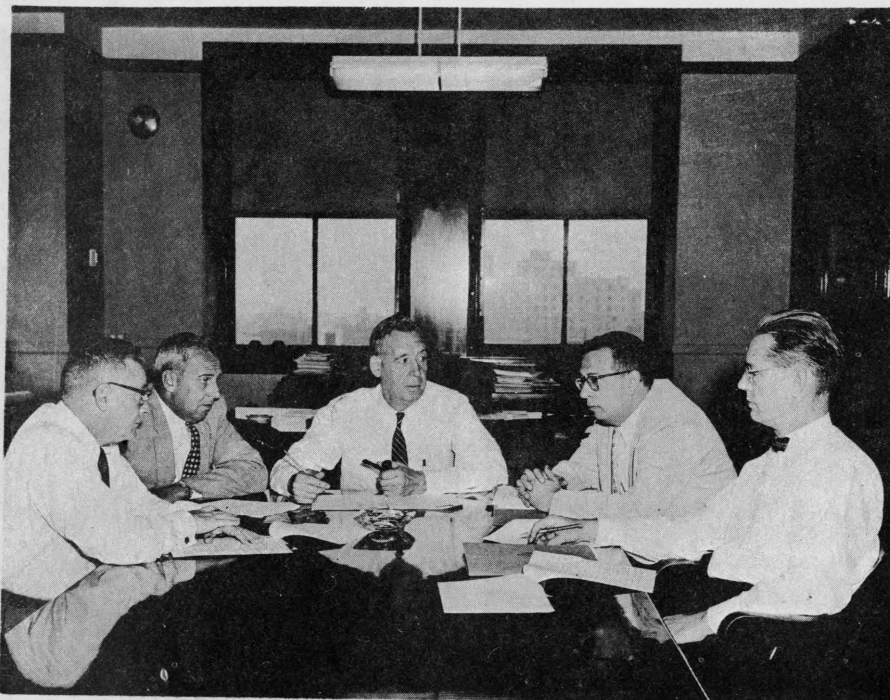
# HOW AN IDEA WON CYWINSKI \$350



1. STANLEY CYWINSKI, a sewage plant maintenance supervisor, explains a new idea to fellow workers. His idea would make a notable change in the pumping of sludge from digester tanks at the sewage treatment works. Under previous methods, six weeks and the labor of several employees were required to clean out a digester. The suction lines often became clogged and could not be effectively backflushed. Heavier sludge could not be moved by two pumps alone. Cywinski's plan will clear up this trouble. His idea is to install a jet to educe as a booster. Sludge will go through the jet at high pressures, and backflushing will be easy.



2. THE PLAN WORKED. Not only was pumping efficiency increased, but digester tanks were cleaned in two weeks instead of six. Labor time was reduced, and it was estimated that the department would save over \$5,100 annually. In the face of this good news, Cywinski sat down to turn in his idea as a formal suggestion. He fills out a suggestion form obtained from the department's Personnel Office.



3. THE SUGGESTION COMMITTEE of the department meets to consider Cywinski's idea. They agree that the idea is a meritorious one. Since it has proved its value in the field, it may be submitted forthwith to the Cenral Awards Board. L. to r., B. Barney Palmer, Victor A. Appleyard, Gerald E. Arnold, Ervin L. Davis, and John Briggs, all top officials.

## The End of OUR \$\$\$TORY

Stanley Cywinski received \$100 for his suggestion in 1959, under the City's cash awards system for valuable suggestions from its employees.

This, however, was not the end of the story. On May 24, 1960, Mayor Richardson Dilworth presented Mr. Cywinski with a check for an additional \$250. The new check was one of the City's two grand awards for the two best ideas offered in 1959. The presentation was made before 1,200 City employees at the annual City Employees' Week luncheon.

Mr. Cywinski is an employee of whom the Water Department is proud. The \$350 which he has received is only a token of Mr. Cywinski's own value to the department. For it is only through the best efforts of all employees—including the willingness of employees to give something extra in the way of a service or an idea—that our department can do its best job for the public.



**COMMISSIONER SAMUEL S. BAXTER** speaks to bus guides at briefing during City Employees' Week. Approximately 30 employees from various City departments volunteered to shepherd public on free bus visits to 16 City installations. Tours drew 25 bus loads, or more than 1,000 visitors, despite rainy weather and Memorial week-end exodus. Visitors were enthusiastic about trips.



"He's like this once every week. He figured by his income tax that he works one day out of every week for the government."

## WATER WINS SAFETY COUNCIL AWARD -- ALSO HONORS 164 "SAFE DRIVERS"

Safety consciousness appears to have taken a firm grip on the Water Department. Two important developments underscore this fact.

The department has won the Philadelphia Safety Council's "Certificate of Achievement in Accident Prevention." This award, presented a short time ago, is in recognition of a 13 per cent reduction achieved by the department in its accident frequency rate during 1959.

### JOB OPENINGS

The Water Department has openings for a number of specialized personnel. The positions include the following:

Accountant II, \$4882-\$6131; chemist I, \$4456-\$5348; civil engineer II, \$6417-\$8061; clerk stenographer II, \$3712-\$4068; laboratory technician (either bacteriology or quantitative analysis), \$3548-\$4456; sewage treatment operator I, \$4258-\$4664, and II, \$4456-\$5109; tabulating equipment operator I, \$3238-\$4068, and II, \$3712-\$4664; water meter repairman I, \$3712-\$4258, and II, \$4664-\$5348.

As if this were not enough, 164 employees who operate department vehicles have earned "Safe Driver Awards" for 1959. Of these, 38 will get the awards for the first time, 42 will receive two-year awards, and 84 have won three-year awards.

Presentation of the driver awards will be made shortly. Full details will be published in a special edition of "Safety News."

## TWENTY-FOUR EMPLOYEES JOIN WATER DEPARTMENT

As 43 employees leave the department under mandatory retirement (July 1), many new employees are taking their places. Twenty-four new appointments have been announced by the Personnel Office.

The department extends a warm welcome to each of the employees listed below:

James Washington, engineering aide I, Construction; Antonio Procacino, laborer, Sewer Maintenance; Cosby O. Fennell, laborer, Sewer Maintenance; Shepherd Taylor, laborer, Sewer Maintenance; Stanley Zagnojn, electrical foreman II, Delaware Division Pumps; Rosanne Stinsman, clerk stenographer II, Construction; James D. Pickett, laborer, Southeast Sewage Works; John R. Schoolfield, filter plant mechanic helper, Belmont; Melvin Sisco, security officer I, Sewer Maintenance.

Charles Keets, laborer, Southwest Sewage Works; Charles Dickson, Jr., filter plant mechanic II, Belmont; Thomas Guerrant, laborer, Central Stores Unit; Charles Stansbury, Jr., clerk messenger, Design; Willie McIlwain, laborer, Southeast Sewage Works; Joseph Onitsky, machinist, Plant Maintenance; James W. Wilkerson, laboratory technician, Testing Laboratory; Stanley Kaboskie, meter and gauge mechanic II, Load Control Center.

Charlie Sparks, pumping station mechanic helper, Schuylkill Division Pumps; William Evans, sewer crawler, Sewer Maintenance; Salvatore Scuderi, tabulating equipment supervisor I, General Administration; Walter Glinski, trades helper (mechanic), Plant Maintenance; Marvin Hardy, filter plant mechanic helper, Torresdale; Steve L. Ellis, pumping station mechanic helper, Schuylkill; Oscar Paulin, Jr., water distribution repairman trainee, Distribution.

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### CORRECTION

The May issue of the NEWS carried incorrect details on the promotions of three employees. The employees were promoted as follows:

Herbert L. Courtney from pumping station mechanic to equipment operator I in the Distribution Section.

Eugene McCabe from sewer maintenance foreman I to crane operator in the Sewer Maintenance Section.

Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Sharpe from laboratory technician to chemist I at the Materials Testing Laboratory.

## HAIL TO THE HALE! 456 GET CERTIFICATES

There's only one explanation for it. Philadelphia water must be good to work around as well as to drink.

Four hundred fifty-six Water Department employees have been awarded "Certificates of Recognition" for not using any sick leave in 1959. The employees, located in all divisions of the department, recently received the certificates from their supervisors.

It is planned to continue this new form of recognition and there will be special awards next year for employees who have been "healthy" for two years in a row.

### Other Promotions are:

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mechanic electrical operator, Torresdale; Charles T. Yeager, from filter plant mechanic I to filter plant mechanic electrical operator, Torresdale; Frank R. Clyde, from engineering aide III to civil engineer I, Projects Control; Thomas A. Gallagher, from filter plant mechanic helper to filter plant operator I, Torresdale; Carlo J. Frisco, from water distribution repairman to foreman, Distribution.

John Mooney, from engineering aide I to II, Design; Charles Mermion, from filter plant mechanic helper to filter plant operator I, Belmont Water Treatment Plant; Richard Pinder, from chemist I to sanitary engineer, Belmont Laboratory; Richard Reckweg, from water meter repairman I to water meter parts inspector, Meter Shop; John Roberts, from maintenance mechanic I to filter plant mechanic II, Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant; Frank Guarino, from maintenance mechanic I to meter and gauge mechanic II, 29th Street Pumping Office; Robert J. Knox, from engineering aide II to III, Construction; Roy Lomanno, from laborer foreman I to water system load control dispatcher, Load Control Center.

Ralph Lucas, from laborer to sewer maintenance foreman I, Sewer Maintenance; James Marinan, from meter and gauge mechanic II to water system load control dispatcher, Load Control Center; Raymond Martin, from water distribution repairman to foreman, Distribution; Victor Mills, from laborer to brick mason, Dis-



YES, IT'S GRADUATION DAY for 10 retiring Water Department employees. Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter presents diploma (a \$25 gift certificate) to one of the grads, above. Later Harry Werner made moving valedictory speech on behalf of class. Below, piano-saxophone-banjo-drums combo plays college medley for 150 proud "relatives" (all from department). The affair was sponsored by the Design Section, and arranged by its able organizer, Mike Lario. (P.S., if you recognize the drummer, you go to the head of next year's class.)



tribution; Ray Sommers, from meter and gauge mechanic I to II, Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant; William Williams, from filter plant mechanic II to meter and gauge mechanic II, Torresdale Water Treat-

ment Plant; Arthuretta Bailey, from clerk I to duplicating equipment operator, Administrative Division; Wilbert Mitchell, from clerk II to duplicating equipment operator, Administrative Division.