



WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

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ANYONE FOR BASKETBALL? A TEAM'S IN THE BASKET

No one can say that the Employees' Recreation Association is not trying to give its members that wholesome, healthy look.

The association will soon place a team in the newly created, city-wide Basketball Cooperative Industrial League.

Eleven basketball enthusiasts have already signed up for the team, and the association is seeking more. Edward Milburn, of the Northeast Sewage Treatment Works, has been named acting business manager.

As proof that it is in earnest about the new team, the association's board of directors has voted \$150 for basketball equipment. During the coming season, games will be played on Tuesday evening, and one other evening each week.

Would-be players should contact Ed Milburn at—
aut. 1721 or CU8-8013.

UNITED FUND FIGHTS TO FILL GROWING GAP IN AID TO NEEDY

WATER GIVERS RALLY TO UNITED FUND DRIVE

That the needs of the community matter to Water Department employees is shown by the growing success of the United Fund campaign in the department. By the beginning of November, our employees raised \$20,000. A number of units exceeded their unit goals.

A great challenge remains: 100% participation by Water employees. To date 90% have contributed. Employees who have not yet participated still have time. The deadline is November 22.

The strong pride which City employees feel in the new Philadelphia is being put to the test again this year.

The United Fund is waging its annual fund raising drive on behalf of 250 agencies which serve the aged, the feeble, the medically needy, the handicapped and the very young.

In recent years City Employees have given increasing support to the United Fund's efforts to care for the community's most important resource—its people.

This support has been in line with the forward looking philosophy which the City government itself has been pursuing in the fields of recreation, public health, welfare services, and youth guidance. The essence of this philosophy is a feeling of responsibility for others.

The need in the community, unfortunately, is great, and no combination of federal, state or municipal governmental services could begin to meet it. Much of the gap must be filled by the hard working private agencies, which must rely on the generosity of private citizens. Money and still more money is needed to provide decent care for the less fortunate.

Thousands Lack Service

Typical of this need is the fact that—

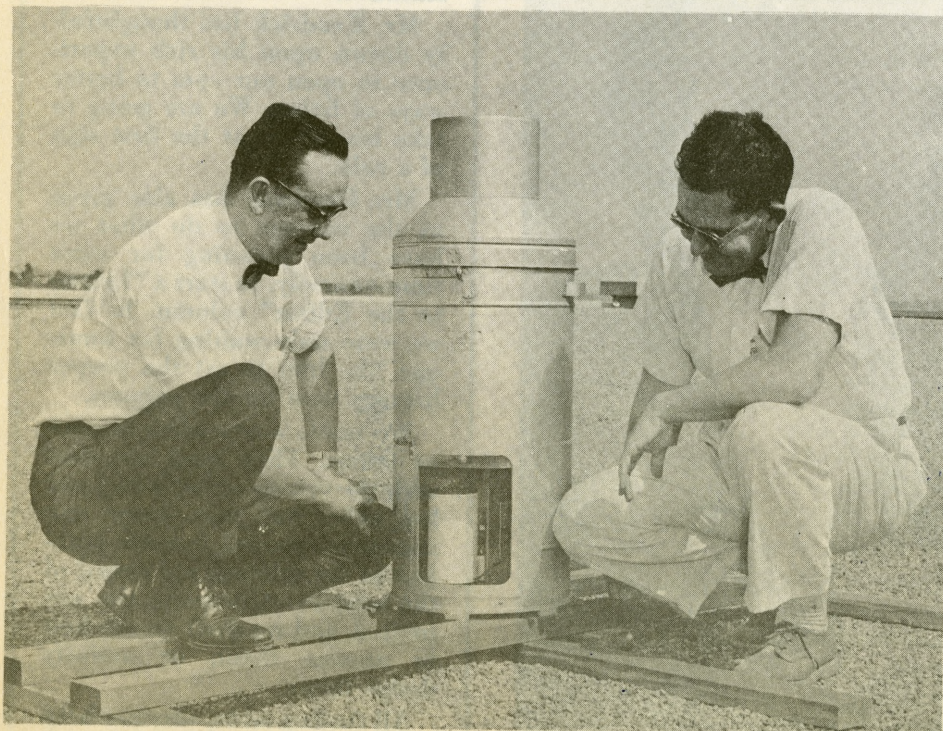
1. Nearly 2,000 persons cannot get family counseling services, while others with more serious problems must wait up to three months;

2. Drastic curtailment of services continue in youth agencies affecting more than 25,000 boys and girls;

3. Mental health clinics, despite ever growing demands for service, must pare programs, while waiting lists grow;

4. Nursing service has been eliminated for more than 1,000 needy persons;

5. Agencies combating juvenile delinquency are seriously handicapped. (Continued on Page 8)



THAT IS NOT A MILK CAN which Joseph V. Radziul, research and development engineer, and Prof. M. Joseph Willis, of Swarthmore College, are examining so intently on the roof of Northeast High School. It's a rain gauge—one of several belonging to the Water Department—and behind it all is quite a story. SEE STORY ON PAGE 5.

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The most successful man is the man who holds onto the old just as long as it is good, and grabs the new just as soon as it is better.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR:

I don't know whether you are in the habit of printing letters from your readers, but my eye was caught by an article in the August issue of the Water Department News about the custom in medieval days of the whole family and their guests bathing together in one large tub.

This is a custom which is still practiced today in many parts of the Far East, notably Japan and Korea, and I can assure you that it is a most enjoyable one. Cold beer never tastes better than when drunk while sitting in a scalding hot tub, surrounded by your friends and having your back scrubbed by an attractive young woman.

Lest you jump to the obvious conclusion, I must point out that these communal baths are models of decorum. The bath house, or bath room, is not the place for hanky panky.

The bath tub, in Japan, comes in all sizes, ranging from an indi-

vidual wooden tub to a small swimming pool. Strictly speaking, it is not an instrument for keeping clean—if you want to soap up, you rinse before you get into the tub so you won't mess up the water for everyone else. And the water is kept hot enough so that you needn't worry about picking up infections. Hot water outside and hot *sake* inside are the best antiseptic measures I have yet run across.

No, the bath in Japan is the place to go when you want to relax, to converse, or to think. Archimedes discovered a basic principle of physics while sitting in his tub, and who can say whether the attack on Pearl Harbor was not worked out with toy battleships by a couple of Japanese admirals sitting in their bath?

Very truly yours,

VICTOR KENDRICK,
Tokyo Onsen, '53

READERS! PLEASE WRITE TO YE POOR OLDE EDITOR

The NEWS is glad to print the interesting letter from Mr. Kendrick, who is a former foreign correspondent and presently an information officer in the Office of the City Representative.

Mr. Kendrick has thoughtfully drawn upon his rich experience to open our eyes to better ways of living. We are going to take his advice at the first sign of a cold.

Mr. Kendrick has also given us the courage to do what we have been planning for some time—namely, to start a "Letters to the Editor" column. In fact we were only waiting for someone like him to set the proper literary tone for the column.

We invite our readers to send us letters. They need not deal with the virtues of hot water and hot *sake*, but may cover any matter of general interest (subject to the tolerant red pencil of the editor). Questions too are invited, and we shall do our best to answer them, or artfully dodge them.

All fooling aside, why not help to make your newspaper more entertaining?

THE EDITOR



ON THE RECEIVING END of this award is Water Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter (right), who was chosen one of the "Ten Top Public Works Men of the Year" by the American Public Works Association. Albert H. Wilson, president of Kiwanis International Club of Philadelphia, presents plaque.

NE-DELAWARE TEAM WINS DEPARTMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

The new Water Department softball league has ended its first season.

Victor in the hard fought battles among six departmental teams is Northeast-Delaware, which represents the Northeast Sewage Treatment Works and the Delaware Pumping Division.

The winning team was co-captained by Edward Milburn and Henry Kalinoski.

Leading the league through most of the season, Northeast-Delaware was hard pressed by the City Hall Annex and Schuylkill Division teams; the latter, however, never quite stopped the hard hitting combination. Northeast-Delaware got excellent pitching from Walter Ayers, good clutch playing from Hank Kalinoski, and timely hitting from Jim Brady. Its players as a group provided good defensive play. During the season, Northeast-Delaware won 12 games and lost only three.

A trophy has been presented to the champs.



HENRY F. KALINOSKI (left) AND EDWARD MILBURN, co-captains of the winning Northeast-Delaware Softball Team, hold trophy symbolizing departmental championship. Northeast-Delaware defeated five other teams.

If you systematically save a part of your salary every week for ten years, at the end of that time you'll be an exception.

PENN GIVES COURSE CERTIFICATES TO 200 CITY WORKERS (10 WATER)

The keen interest of Philadelphia's City employees in self-improvement was evident recently when more than 200 received certificates or plaques from the Fels Institute of Local and State Government.

The awards, made annually, mark the successful completion of courses in governmental administration offered by the institute. They represent a wide range of subjects from administrative objectives to city planning, and from political theory to public finance.

Among students making the grade this year were 10 Water Department employees. Heading the group was George W. Carpenter, sanitary engineer at the Southwest Sewage Treatment Works, who won a plaque for completion of a five-course program.

The presentations were made at

a dinner well attended by leading state and municipal personalities. The Hon. Gerald F. Flood, judge of the Court of Common Pleas, delivered the principal address.

Certificates for completion of single courses went to the following Water Department employees: John A. Dillener, superintendent of the Torresdale Water Treatment Plant; Joseph Goldberger, personnel assistant; Hilton C. James, field inspector in the Construction Branch; Richard D. Pinder, chemist at the Belmont Laboratory; Robert F. Walker, chief of customer service; Ernest L. Ferrero, civil engineer in the Construction Branch; William J. Flynn, Jr., mechanical engineer in the Construction Branch; Myron C. Reiner, engineering aide in the Design Branch; and Morris J. Siegel, civil engineer in Design.

BARGAIN TICKETS GO

One hundred and forty-three sets of reduced price season tickets to home games of the Philadelphia Eagles football team were sold by the Water Department Employees' Recreation Association to its members recently.

John J. Irwin, chairman of the ticket services committee of the association handled the sale.

**KEEP UP OUR CITY'S
PROGRESS**

**VOTE "YES"
FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT LOANS
November 8**

PROMOTIONS

Twenty-two employees were advanced to higher jobs during the past two months.

They include:

George R. Pringle and Perly Bargnare, from laborer to semi-skilled laborer, Sewer Maintenance; William J. Ricciardi, from stockhandler to semi-skilled laborer, Building Maintenance; Fred H. Horlacher and James Saunders, III, from engineering aide I to II, Design.

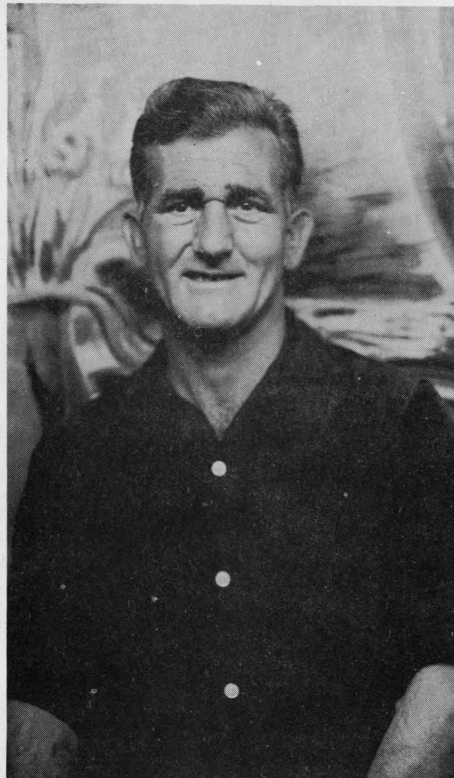
Rinaldo B. Luciani, from civil engineer I to II, Design; Joseph Lalli, from public works inspector I to II, Construction; Raymond Royds, from pumping station mechanic (electrical) to pumping station mechanic foreman, Schuylkill Division Pumping; Arthur Bartlett, from chemist I to II, Quality Control; John P. Baynard, from civil engineer I to II, Construction.

William J. Ehmann, from maintenance mechanic I to pumping station mechanic, Delaware Division Pumping; Isaiah Jackson, from filter plant mechanic I to II, Torresdale Water Treatment Plant; William Schweikert, from filter plant mechanic I to II, Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant; James D. Smith, from laborer to sewer crawler, Sewer Maintenance; Louis Sauls, from custodial worker I to II, Queen Lane plant; Norman White, from custodial worker I to water distribution repairman trainee, Distribution.

William Golderer, from machinist to machinist foreman, Plant Maintenance; Alexander Tatarskyj, from electrical engineer I to electrical engineer II, Design; John Craney, from field inspector I to field representative (water service), Customer Service; Michael Lario, from status clerk to duplicating equipment operator, General Administration; Ronald Brown, from filter plant mechanic helper to water meter repairman I, Meter Shop; Alfred R. Cardano, from electrical technician I to electrical technician II, Load Control Center.

You can't push anyone up a ladder unless he is willing to climb a little.—Andrew Carnegie.

RECREATION GROUP DRIVES FOR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP



MORRIS F. PIROLLI

NAME MORRIS PIROLLI NEW ALL-STAR MANAGER

Morris F. Pirolli, Equipment Operator II, Distribution Section has been appointed as the new manager of the Water Department All-Stars for the coming season. James J. Marinan, Load Control Dispatcher has also been appointed as Mr. Pirolli's coach.

Both Pirolli and Marinan formerly played with the All-Stars. Morris was a coach with the team in 1959.

Edward Milburn, Northeast Sewage Treatment Plant, will continue as business manager of the team for the second consecutive season.

TRANSFERS

Harold M. Jones, a clerk at the Roxborough Water Treatment Plant, has resigned to accept a position as a parking meter coin collector in the Department of Collections.

Hilton James, a field inspector for the Construction Branch, has moved to the Department of Public Health as an investigator in the Medical Examiner's Office.

"Every employee a member" is the goal of the Water Department Employees' Recreation Association.

The association's annual membership drive will soon be in full gear. With 789 employees, or about 48% of department personnel, on its rolls, the organization is seeking to spread its benefits to an even larger clientele.

Devoted to promotion of desirable recreational activities among Water Department workers, the self-ruling association is supported entirely from membership dues. The dues are one dollar per member.

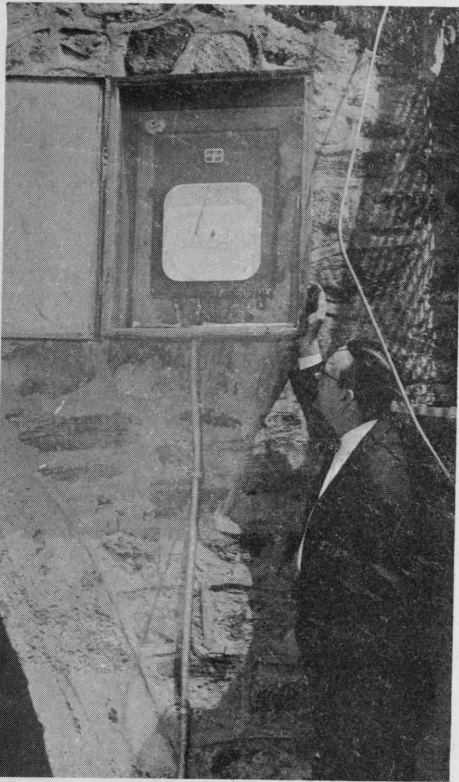
The current drive follows the most fruitful year in the young association's history. Formed in May, 1958, the group has offered its members a wide range of activities. In the past few months these have included reduced tickets to Ben Hur, Can Can, the Camden Music Circus, the Ice Follies, and Philadelphia Eagles games; sponsoring of a champion softball team in the Industrial Cooperative League; formation of an intra-department softball team, a bowling league, and a chess team; arrangement of trips abroad at special rates; a photography contest; golf tournaments; and now a basketball team.

Other activities will be added in the future.

The membership drive is being coordinated by a six-man committee headed by Erwin Baskin, of the Plant Maintenance Section. Others on the committee are Melvin Banks, Accounting; Nicholas Menna, Sewer Maintenance; Kenneth Zitomer, Construction; Peter Crescitelli, Schuylkill Pumps; and Azad Attarian, Water Operations.

The Recreation Association Board of Directors has invited the following to serve as advisors to the committee: B. Barney Palmer, administrative services director; Vincent Hughes, acting head of Construction; Abraham Finkelstein, chief of Design; Charles Vickerman, assistant chief of Water Operations; and Elwood Bean, chief of water treatment.

New members will have membership rights extending from the date of joining to December 31, 1961. The Board of Directors is composed of representatives from all the major divisions and units of the department.

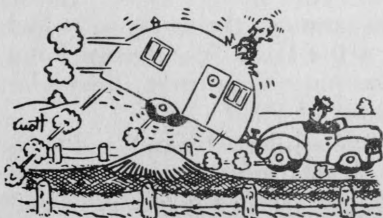


DEPTH OF FLOW GAUGE at sewer outfall in Northeast is inspected by Joseph V. Radziul. The gauge is synchronized with rain gauges in same area, making possible storm flow studies.

OPERATORS' LICENSES

Two year Operators' Licenses will be issued by Pennsylvania for 1961-62 at a fee of \$4, according to the American Automobile Association. A new feature of the renewal application for driver's licenses will be a request for the operator's date of birth. This information must be provided or the application will be returned. The State wants this information, the AAA said, because a staggered license renewal system is under consideration.

Another new feature on the Operator's License will be the use of a date in the lower right corner which indicates the month and year in which the individual passed the physical examination. This date will continue to appear on his license from year to year.



"Henry! My cake will fall!"

NO MATTER HOW FOUL THE WEATHER— STORM FLOW RESEARCHERS ARE HAPPY

Some souls can never see the silver lining in that dark cloud overhead.

But for real smiles on a nasty rainswept afternoon, you should peer into Room 1116 in the Annex. There is the headquarters of the Water Department Research and Development Unit . . . an outfit that really grins when it rains.

There is a good reason why the engineers in 1116 pray for a devilishly mean rainstorm. It's simply because they won't have to wait until next year for one.

Joseph V. Radziul, research and development engineer, "explains" it this way.

Within the past year, the department has placed a half-dozen rain gauges at various points in the Northeast. Shaped like huge milk cans, the gauges perch on top of schools and the Naval Aviation Supply Depot.

"We are making a special study," says Joe, "of storm flow in the Northeast so that we can design better sewers in the future. Obviously we can't tell what we are really up against unless we have an honest to goodness storm."

With the valuable collaboration of Prof. M. Joseph Willis, of Swarthmore College, who is serving as a department consultant, Joe has been carrying on his study for two years and believes that another two or three years will be needed to complete it.

Data collected is used for reviewing design criteria that shape storm drainage facilities.

The rain gauges, which are checked weekly, are intricate devices, according to Joe. Their readings are recorded automatically on a chart, which shows the day and hour as well as the amount of rainfall. The eight-day clocks in the gauges are synchronized with "depth-of-flow" gauges located in the outfalls of sewers. Thus it is possible to determine what the run-off was at the time a given amount of rain fell.

Since the Northeast is constantly growing and many branch sewers are still to be built (and older sewers reconstructed), it is expected that these studies will prove of great value in preventing future flooding of residential and business areas.

The department is presently exchanging information with the U. S. Weather Bureau, which maintains a lone gauge at International Airport. The department began its program because the airport gauge was of little help in determining storm characteristics for the Northeast.

EDITORIAL NOTE: *Joe and his co-workers were very unhappy because this summer there wasn't a storm you could take your hat off too (as if anyone would) . . . but then along came "Donna." We hope they are satisfied.*

DOROTHY KUTYS LEADS WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Dorothy Kutys, Personnel Office manager, will represent the department's women on the Employees' Recreation Association development committee.

The association president, Ervin L. Davis, said that Mrs. Kutys' job will be to contact women employees to find out what recreational activities interest them. The association is now considering the formation of a women's bowling league as one among several such activities.

Mrs. Kutys has been employed by the department for four and one-half years.

COMPENSATORY LEAVE

The Personnel Office calls attention to the following.

Employees departing from the City service (by virtue of retirement, resignation or any other reason) must use all compensatory leave at least 14 days before separation. Compensatory time which is not used before the cut-off date will be cancelled without compensation.

Compensatory time earned in 1959 in lieu of Independence or Memorial Day must be utilized before the end of 1960, or it will be cancelled.

PERSONNEL CHAT

By Ervin L. Davis

Personnel Officer

What part does the personnel section play in the Water Department? What are its responsibilities, and, where does it fit into the Water Department's organization? This article is necessary because the personnel function is probably the best known, but unfortunately, least understood, function in the department.

The personnel section is one part of the Administrative Division. The Administrative Division, along with the Water Operations Division, the Sewerage Operations Division, and the Engineering Division, compose the four major divisions in the Water Department.

The responsibilities of the personnel section can be divided into three major functions: Service, Advisory, and Control.

Service—Service is given to management and supervisors at all levels and in all divisions, to all employees and some other departments and agencies. Service is even provided to relatives of our employees in matters such as pension benefits. Examples include, hiring new employees, processing promotions, pay increases, maintaining attendance records, preparing job descriptions, counselling, directing a recreation program, suggestion award program, and maintaining complete records of all employees. There are many others, but space does not permit a full listing.

Advisory—The personnel section advises management and supervisors at their request concerning personnel problems which range from questions on civil service regulations, personnel procedures, and proposed changes in organization, to union-management relations.

Briefly, it is our job to provide advice and assistance, where requested, to management and supervisors so that they may make sound and fair decisions. Our advisory function extends to all employees. Many employees are referred by their supervisors to the personnel section for advice and assistance. Often employees will request advice on personnel matters which have only an indirect bearing on their work.

Control—Control has a harsh sound. But in every organization control is necessary. Sick leave abuse, some aspects of disciplinary actions, demotions, reductions in force, etc., are the responsibility of the personnel



FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY came water pollution experts to Philadelphia during the first week of October, and naturally they took time out from a busy convention to visit the Northeast Sewage Treatment Works. Ralph Hoot, chief of sewage treatment (second from right front), conducts tour.

section. Unfortunately, not all personnel matters are pleasant, but they must be accomplished in order for the greater good of the Water Department and the public it serves.

Service, advice and control are not always clear-cut. Often a single problem may require service and advice, or service and control, or all three!

In this brief article it is not possible to go into detail about any one activity or program.

It might be interesting to know that the personnel section is involved in twenty-six (26) different activities and/or programs. In addition, we feel a strong obligation to anyone of our 1,640 employees.

All of the functions, programs and activities are the carrying out of the two goals of the personnel section. They are (1) the carrying out of a personnel program for the Water Department in order to provide effective and efficient service to our customers—the public, and (2) making the Water Department a fine place to work, and to establish a career.



DEPARTMENT SETS RECORD FOR THRILL SHOW SUPPORT

Water Department employees turned out in force for a good cause this year. They bought \$519 of tickets for the annual thrill show, which supports the Hero Scholarship Fund. This was more than three times what they spent in 1959.

While all departmental units met their ticket quotas, the Design Branch, the Belmont Water Treatment Plant, and the three sewage treatment works went way over the top.

WATER GETS 57 NEW WORKERS BUT ROLLS CONTINUE DECLINE

Many new energies have been flowing into the Water Department lately. Fifty-seven employees joined the department during the last three months.

The new workers, who were appointed as a result of civil service tests, are filling vacancies created by numerous retirements and promotions. They include laboring, skilled, clerical and professional categories.

Up to October 1 this year the department had appointed 122 permanent new employees, retired 67 older workers (many under mandatory provisions), accepted 69 resignations from permanent personnel, and promoted 101 others. The department's strength stood at 1,609, well below the 1,659 on the rolls one year earlier.

The latest appointees include:

Ernest Myers, security officer I, Distribution; Oliver Fisher, clerk I, Distribution; Anne P. Dodelin, chemist I, Belmont Laboratory; Carole Threadgill, clerk-typist II, Central Stores Depot; Bernard Boyd, custodial worker I, Roxborough plant; Raydell Cox, clerk messenger, Design; Richard A. Green, laborer, Sewer Maintenance; Marian B. King, clerk I, Customer Service.

Donald Supplee

Donald Supplee, custodial worker I, Northeast Sewage Works; Emma Wright, key punch operator I, General Administration; Nathaniel Holliman, Jr., Franklin Johnson, and Thomas Yarborough, laborers in Sewer Maintenance; Aggionora V. Harrison, clerk I, General Administration; Robert S. Hall and Andrew R. Banta, graduate engineers in Design.

Larry T. Brinson, custodial worker I, Building Maintenance; Thomas L. Jackson, engineering aide I, Construction; Mary L. Perry, clerk-typist I, Distribution; B. J. Johnson, clerk-typist I, Design; Andrew M. Draganoski, oiler, Fairhill Pumping Station; Nicholas Manerchia and Earl A. Morris, field inspectors I in Customer Service; John Royster, William A. Walker, Charles Parks and Jesse Smith, water distribution repairmen trainees, Distribution.

Jacob Tranotti, chemist I, Testing Laboratory; Zed T. Black, laborer, Northeast Sewage Works; Carl Gray, clerk I, Meter Shop; Carolyn A. Smith, clerk-typist I, Sewer Maintenance; Vincent St. Stockmal, machinist, Plant Maintenance; Robert Smith, Jr., clerk-typist, Roxborough Water Treatment Plant.

Clyde White

Clyde White and Henry H. Whitehead, engineering aides II, Construction; Peggy Ann Jubilee, clerk stenographer I, Design; Vivian P. Parker, clerk I, Meter Shop;

DESIGN MEN SHOW ZIP IN SEWER HOLE CRISIS

That design engineers are men of action was reemphasized a short time ago.

It was a Wednesday afternoon . . . 3:30 P.M. . . . when a sewer wellhole collapsed at 27th and Ellsworth Streets. The wellhole was one of two at a point where two small sewers joined a seven and one-half foot diameter main sewer.

Within minutes, Ed Bastian, chief of sewerage operations, and Chris Lidle, supervisor of the branch sewers unit in the Design Branch, were on the scene. While they were making a survey, Chris's unit back at the office dug into basic information for a rebuilding plan. The plan was already started when Chris returned to the office, and by Friday all plans had been drafted and specifications written for rebuilding both wellholes to a depth of 30 feet.

The men of action included Mario Celoni, Al Strauss, Joe Mair, Gene Zanier, Bud King and Herb Korhan. For them, as well as for other members of the Design Branch, it was just a normal day.

Edward Graves, chemist I, Northeast Sewage; Ernest Ridley, laborer, Southeast Sewage; Edward Daly, electrician, Queen Lane Filters; Calvin Johnson and Ronald Knight, laborers, Northeast Sewage.

Joseph McCaffrey, electrician, Queen Lane Pumping Station; John A. Malone, stockhandler, Central Stores; William Bennett, custodial worker I, Torresdale Water Treatment Plant; Dorothy L. Bess, clerk-typist I, Torresdale Pumping Station; Guido Brunelli, electrical technician I, Load Control Center; Carol DeCosta, clerk stenographer II, Testing Laboratory; Walter McClellan, electrical technician I, Load Control Center; Willie Russell, laborer, Sewer Maintenance; Samuel Palmer and John Sims, laborers, Belmont Filters; Randolph Paige, laborer, Southwest Sewage.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER CAPTURE MAGAZINE COVER

Two leading Philadelphians grace the colorful cover of the October issue of "The American City" magazine. Standing against a charming backdrop formed by one of Philadelphia's earliest water works (now the City aquarium) are Mayor Richardson Dilworth and Water Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter. The two occupy more cover space than American City usually allows to mere humans, since it favors structures of steel or concrete as dominant subjects.

The "excuse" for the picture is underwritten by several stories on Philadelphia's municipal reform, particularly in promoting cleaner streams and better water service. There is a lively biographical sketch of Dilworth and Baxter, with emphasis on their roles in the local rebirth; a lengthy article on the Torresdale water treatment plant, America's largest push-button water works; and information on sewage treatment pacts which Philadelphia has reached with neighboring communities to protect the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers.

The magazine, by the way, came out while the Water Pollution Control Federation had its convention in Philadelphia (the largest in its history) Oct. 2-6. The federation consists of experts on the protection of streams (sewage works engineers, scientists, and equipment manufacturers). It was an appropriate time to point up Philadelphia's role in protecting its water resources.

Of the Mayor and the Commissioner, the magazine says that "they demonstrate by their deeds how the nation today is developing."



"You know I can't go home to mother. She doesn't have television."

PERSONAL NOTES

Design

The Kennedys, Patrick and wife Margaret, spent the last two weeks of July pleasantly gypsying through Canada and the Great Lakes region to Muskegon, Mich., where they spent several days with Pat's sister.

Ben Strudwick believes in planned vacations. So this year he planned it real good. The first five days of his vacation he was painting the outside of the house at night time, he painted the inside of the house. On Saturday and Sundays he had two delightful days of unplanned rest and sleep.

Ernest Hatton and wife Anna, spent two weeks upstate on a farm. One of Ernie's achievements while on vacation was repairing the roof on his mother's farm-house.

Chris Lidle's recent vacation trip to Canada took him through all its provinces. He covered seven thousand miles of country which he claims to be the most beautiful, that he has ever seen.

We've had several visits from our retired members. Mrs. M. Zellner and Mr. Steven Zeigler drop in occasionally to tell us how things are coming along. They are in the best of health and certainly look wonderful.

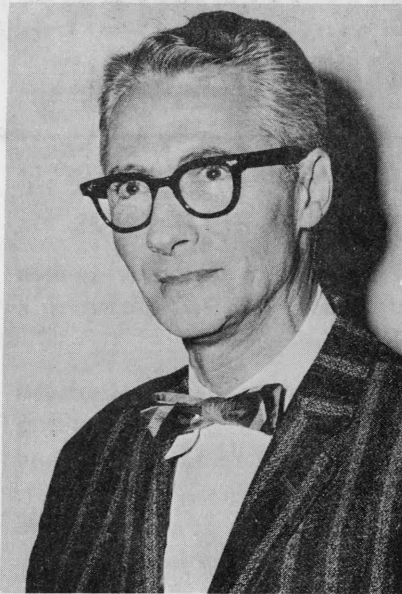
Administration

Monday, August 22 was a very exciting day for Rose Sheridan, Deputy Commissioner Barofsky's secretary. Rose's younger boy, Bobby, 14 years old—has been an avid baseball player for many years and presently is with the Hunting Park League—a form of Little Leaguer. For the past year he has been first baseman with the Apaches—is a southpaw—and two years ago won a trophy for most outstanding player and last year was voted most valuable player. The Apaches have such an impressive record that the whole team was personally presented to Mayor Dilworth on the 22nd, just outside of City Hall with TV cameras recording the whole event.

Distribution

The employees of the Distribution Division extend their condolences to Mr. R. A. Supplee and his family upon the sudden death on September 17, 1960 of his wife Margaret.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of the late T. Waters who died suddenly on September 14, 1960.



SAMUEL SCHWARTZ

SCHWARTZ AND GILBERT WIN SUGGESTION AWARDS

The cash register rang recently for two Water Department "idea" men. Samuel Schwartz, assistant to the Commissioner, collected \$100 for a cycle billing teaching aid, while George W. Gilbert, supervisor in the Distribution Section, won \$25 for an equipment starting technique.

Both men were honored as part of the City's cash awards system covering suggestions that save the municipality money, improve operations, or advance the welfare of the public service.

CHESS CLUB ENTERS CITY WIDE MATCHES

The Water Department's Chess Club will clash with various other clubs in the Philadelphia Chess Association during the next few months. At stake is the chess championship of Philadelphia.

The department took on the Franklin-Mercantile chess team on October 21. It will play other chess clubs as follows:

November 18, American Legion Post 396; December 2, Greater Northeast; December 16, Germantown "Y"; January 9, American Legion Post 388; January 28, ESP (State Correctional Institution); February 8, Marple-Newtown; February 24, Pawn; March 10, University of Pennsylvania; March 24, Ukrainian-American.

The grapevine reports that our team is in top shape.

TIME OUT FOR A BIT OF THOUGHT

Suggest
IMPROVEMENTS



A single idea of YOURS
could bring YOU as much as

\$750

An initial award of \$500 +
plus

A grand award of \$250

Mr. Schwartz invented the "cycleviewer," a slide rule like device that makes explanation of the City's new billing system for water and sewer service much easier. The cycleviewer has been used in training Water and Collections Department interviewers, as well as in explaining the new billing practice to the public. Mr. Gilbert suggested the use of extra batteries and battery booster cables for starting equipment which has stalled.

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What the 250 United Fund groups could do with adequate funds is indicated by the fact that they include 50 community health agencies aiding more than 700,000 persons; 41 child care and family services meeting the needs of 11,000 children and 32,000 families; 72 youth agencies serving 252,000 boys and girls; 47 neighborhood services and centers serving 100,000 through settlement houses, recreation, arts and crafts programs; 31 specialized agencies helping 50,000 aged, handicapped and other persons; and 11 community planning, research and coordinating organizations serving the entire metropolitan area.

The United Fund drive will run to November 22. City employees can arrange to have as little as fifty cents deducted from successive pay checks for a limited number of weeks. If past experience means anything, many employees will go far beyond this.