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PEACEFUL: Johnny Gianpitro and his faithful puppy, both of 749 North 23rd Street, try their fishing luck along the Schuylkill.

DEPARTMENT PUTS \$2.5 MILLION MONTHLY INTO HUGE SUMMER TIME BUILDING BOOM

One of the busiest building booms in Philadelphia this summer is to be found in the Water Department.

With \$2.5 million of work being done monthly on 120 to 140 projects at a time, the department is taking giant strides toward successful completion of its 20-year program (1946-66) for the water and sewerage systems.

Over at Belmont, across the Schuylkill River, huge craters have been dug out of the earth for the foundations and substructures of the new \$10.4 million water treatment plant. An army of men swarms over the dust laden grounds under a boiling sun, arranging reinforcing metal, pouring concrete, laying piping, studying plans. A half-dozen contractor's trailers are scattered over the scene, while towering over all is a bright, orange wash water tank, erected months ahead of schedule.

While work at Belmont is moving frantically ahead on the substructures for the southern sedimentation basins and the south wing of the new filter building, another huge project is just starting at the Northeast Sewage Treatment Works.

Northeast Works Expansion

Up at Northeast, on the Delaware, five new tanks are about to be built. The new tanks, when ready in 1964, will increase the plant's capacity to 175 million gallons of sewage daily . . . a big jump from the present 125 mgd.

The new tanks will include one for aeration, with a practical retention capacity of 3.45 million gallons, and four for final settling, with capacity of 1.4 million gallons each. In addition pumping units will be installed, new tion to the tanks, two small sludge



WARLIKE: Giant missile at Belmont Water Plant is harmless core of new wash water tank.

HERO THRILL SHOW OFFERS BIG STUNTS AND BIG STARS

Big names and bigger thrills will mark Philadelphia's famous Hero Scholarship Fund Thrill Show, Friday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the Philadelphia Stadium.

The show, which provides scholarship funds for the children of police, firemen and park guards killed or totally disabled in the line of duty, will feature comedian Joey Bishop, bandleader Duke Ellington, singer Brenda Lee, and actor Dick Powell.

The many acts will include the Police Department's skilled motor cycle riders, firefighters on the high ladder, park guards with their trained horses and dogs, mummers' bands, aerialists and fireworks.

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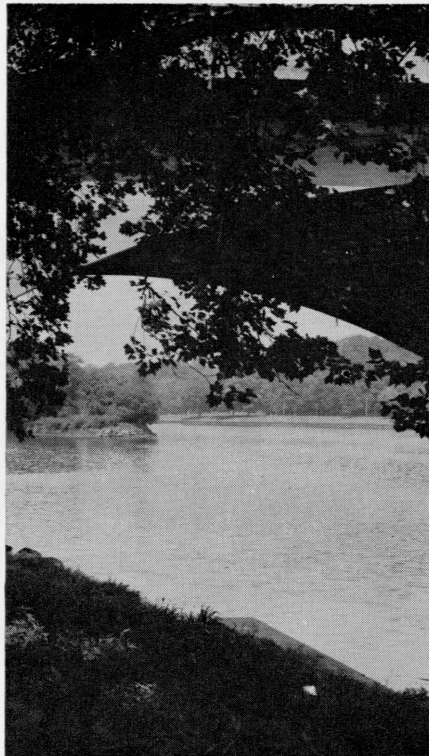
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FOR QUIET BEAUTY the Schuylkill River, which supplies half of the city's water, knows few rivals. Scene, looking under Columbia Avenue bridge near Belmont Raw Water Pumping Station.

UNITED FUND SEEKS FAIR TORCH BEARER

Attention, girls. There's a job open for you.

The United Fund is looking for an attractive, personality radiant miss to carry a torch.

The Water Department, as a 1962 Torchlighter, is entitled to nominate a candidate to compete for this year's "Miss Torch" title. Whether you win or lose (in the latter case you may become a member of Miss Torch's court), it's a pleasant prospect, beset with television, radio and newspaper publicity, luncheons, personal appearances, etc.

So, how about it girls. Twist your supervisor's arm. Make him send in your nomination to the editor of the *News*, along with your picture. No later than August 29.

Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter will appoint a committee of judges to select a nominee for the Water Department.

The best way to get a job done is to give it to a busy man. He'll have his secretary do it.

THREE ENGINEERS WALK 35 LONG SUBWAY MILES

A team of Water Department men took a little stroll recently through Philadelphia's underground subway system.

The team walked the Broad Street line from Fern Rock to Snyder, a mere 12 miles. Then the walkers walked back.

Later these peripatetic enthusiasts traversed the Market Street line on foot from 2nd Street to 44th Street, and then crawled, we think, all the way back. They had to do this several times to make sure they would miss none of the branching tunnels.

Finally, to make their record complete, they walked the Locust Street line.

Apart from the excellent exercise and the good sport of dodging subway trains, the team made a careful study of wet spots that might indicate water main or other leaks.

The team members, Danny Caruso, an assistant distribution supervisor, and two water quality engineers, Richard Pinder and Ed Shervin, were blinking eyelids like mad as they sat hoping for a chiropodist to rub their aching feet.

NEW PERSONNEL OFFICER BLOWS A RHYTHMICAL NOTE "TO RELAX"

Floyd Platton, who has just been appointed acting personnel officer of the Water Department, can interpret a wild musical note as easily as a dull personnel regulation.

A musician of no mean ability, Mr. Platton plays the clarinet and saxophone for relaxation. During and after college, he played with a small jazz band in New York night clubs.

Two years in the U. S. Army put an end to Mr. Platton's musical ventures, and, on leaving the army, he turned to the more sober field of personnel. For this too he was well prepared, having graduated from the City College of New York in 1953 with a B.A. and a major in psychology.

After doing testing and recruiting for the Maryland State Commissioner of Personnel, Mr. Platton came to Philadelphia in 1957. Until 1960 he worked in the City Personnel Department's examinations division and then became assistant chief of placement services. He has current civil service



FLOYD PLATTON

status as a personnel technician II.

Mr. Platton lives at 6904 Heyward Street. He is married and has three children.

WATER EMPLOYEES TOP OTHER CITY "STUDENTS"

More course certificates have been earned by Water Department employees in the City Government Training Institute than by the employees of any other City department.

This fact has emerged from a study covering the first three years of the highly successful school. During this time, 90 Water Department employees received 141 certificates of course completion.

The runner-up was the Department of Public Health, with 105 certificates, while the Department of Streets came in third with 92.

Nearly \$10,000 in fees, at \$10 per course, was taken in by the school from employees representing 40 departments. Though the Water Department employs only 5.0% of all City workers, it had 12.2% of the school registration.

According to City Personnel Development Advisor William M. Gillin, who prepared the three-year report, the training institute this year may be even bigger and better. Currently a survey is being made among department heads and employees to determine what courses will best serve their needs in the coming year. Several new courses loom on the October horizon, when school opens.

REPORTING OUTSIDE JOBS

Mayor James H. J. Tate has issued the following executive order:

1. No city officer or employee shall engage in private employment or render service for private interests that is incompatible with the proper discharge of his official duties.

(A city officer or employee who engages in private employment or renders service for private interests in reliance upon a written determination by the head of his department, agency, office, board or commission that such employment or service is not incompatible with the proper discharge of his official duties is not acting in violation of this order.)

2. A department head may adopt and enforce within his department more detailed regulations governing outside employment by department personnel. Such regulations must be consistent with the first paragraph of this order.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAROFSKY RETIRES CLOSING FORTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE



MAX BAROFSKY
Retiring Deputy

Max Barofsky, one of the Water Department's best liked officials, has retired as deputy commissioner, after 40 years of municipal service.

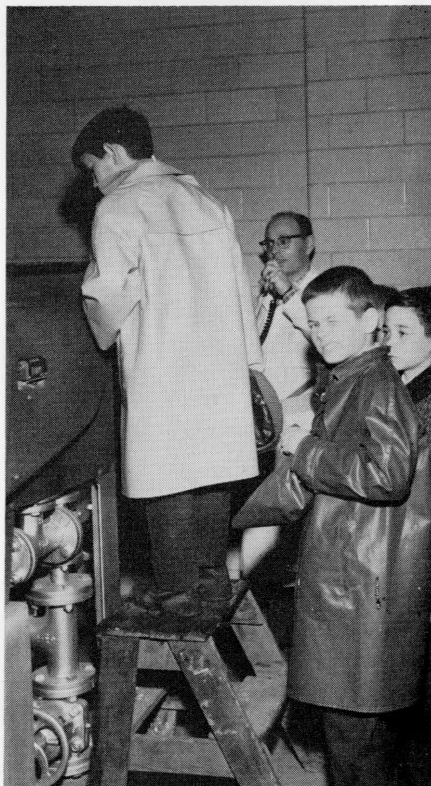
Mr. Barofsky, 63, has been in charge of sewerage operations for the Water Department since 1952, and came into the City service in 1922.

A professional engineer, he served in a succession of positions in the old Department of Public Works, working in both the bureau of engineering, surveys and zoning and the bureau of highways and street cleaning. By 1948 he was principal assistant engineer in charge of construction for the latter bureau, and in 1951 returned to engineering and surveys as assistant chief engineer.

From 1952 to 1956, Mr. Barofsky was the Water Department's chief engineer as well as head of its sewerage facilities. He played an active role in the creation and operation of the city's new sewage treatment plants and other sewage disposal facilities, which have helped to clean up the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers.

"We are very sorry to lose Mr. Barofsky," said Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter. "Not only will we miss his genuine professional talents, but also his integrity of mind and character. Without fanfare, and always in a business like way, Mr. Barofsky has given his best to the City over the years. He leaves an enviable record of achievement behind him."

Mr. Barofsky's retirement became effective at the end of June. He is married, and has two sons and one granddaughter. He lives at 7016 Old York Road. Recently 100 Water Department employees and former colleagues attended a luncheon in his honor.



RAIN OR SHINE the younger set throngs to the big Torresdale Water Plant to look over push-button controls, settling basins and pumps. During the summer they come by the scores every week-end and during the school year by classes on school days.



"He's an inspector from the Water Department."

SHELTON BECOMES CIVIL ENGINEER IV AS 52 EMPLOYEES EARN PROMOTIONS

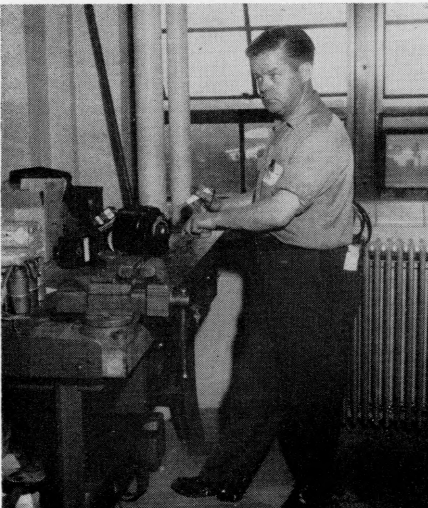
William H. Shelton heads a list of 52 employees who have been advanced to higher civil service positions in the past few months. Mr. Shelton, who served as resident engineer at Torresdale in the hectic days when that \$25 million plant was being built, has been promoted from mechanical engineer III to civil engineer IV.

Mr. Shelton takes over the Construction Branch unit formerly headed by Edward T. Tohlin, who has retired.

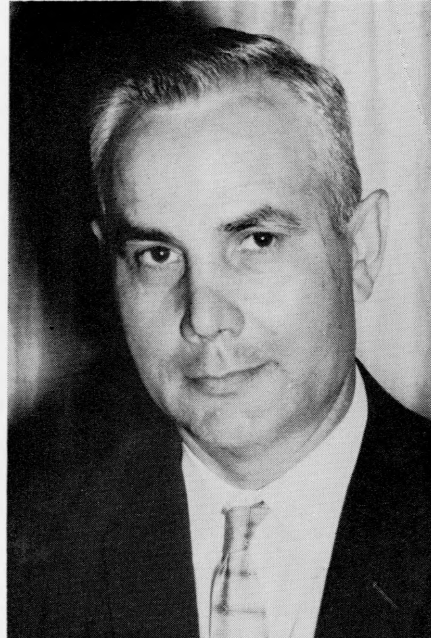
A graduate of the University of California (B.S. in mechanical engineering, 1940), Mr. Shelton served as post engineer at several large U. S. Air Force bases, including Presque Isle, Maine, Newcastle, Del., and Kimpo in Korea. He was sales engineer for the Hajoca Corporation from 1953 to 1954. In the latter year he entered the Water Department as a mechanical engineer II. Currently holding a commission as major, he continues to be active in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. He lives at 6200 North 7th Street.

Name Hansen Foreman

Among field installation employees promoted is Thomas J. Hansen, of 604 East Thayer Street. Mr. Hansen has been named an electrician foreman II at the Torresdale Plant, where electricians are key men in the operation of the bewildering complex of electronic facilities. Mr. Hansen joined the department in 1959 as an electrician at the Queen Lane Plant.



THOMAS J. HANSEN
Electrician Foreman II



WILLIAM H. SHELTON
Civil Engineer IV

Other employees promoted include:

Construction: Hugh Ireland, from civil engineer I to II; Erwin L. Huber, from engineering aide II to civil engineer I; Joseph R. Conroy, from public works inspector I to II; Thomas Lederer, from engineering aide III to public works inspector II; John V. Ferrero, John A. Tiano, and Albert DeRentz, from engineering aide II to public works inspector I; Clyde R. White, from engineering aide II to III; William A. Chestnut and James Washington, from engineering aide I to II.

Distribution: Leroy Dolison, from distribution repairman to foreman; Edward S. Broccolo and John H. Maffett, from equipment operator I to distribution foreman; Basil Harrison, Charles Sparks, Jesse Smith, Wilbert Tillman, Dennis Haynesworth, James P. Hendrie, English Peay, Anthony Raffa, King Roseborough, Frank Craddock, Norman White, Leon A. Wilson, James E. Harley, Robert Ladson, Jr., Steve L. Ellis, Lester R. Watkins and Alfred E. Upshur, from distribution repairman to emergency repairman; Raymond E. Brown, from field inspector I to emergency repairman.

Robert Underwood, from trades helper to equipment operator I;

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ROD AND REELERS REEL IN TOO MANY BIG ONES ON TRIP

The "Rod and Reelers" of the Water Department found fisherman's paradise on their first trip out this summer.

The trip was made on Captain Bogan's Paramount II, and started as a 30-mile cruise from Brielle, N. J., to the Jersey Highlands, only a few nautical miles from New York.

Then it happened.

While the old timers were checking records and comparing notes on past years when fish of such size and proportions were caught, John Hevener & son, of Customer Service, started reeling them in. Their catch of more than 100 was too much for one container.

Carl Fink (Design) and Harry Myers (Load Control Center) fished side by side and were so busy pulling 'em in, one would have thought that they were strangers. However they were overheard to lament the job of cleaning so many fish.

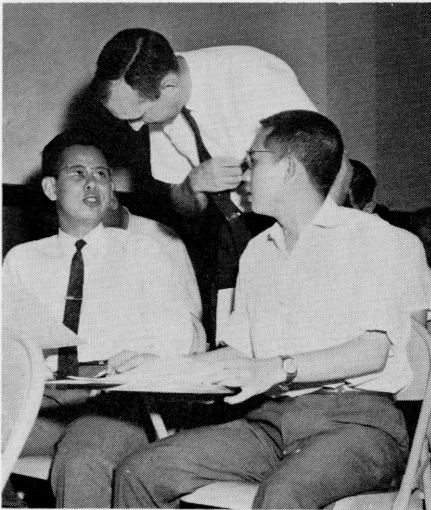
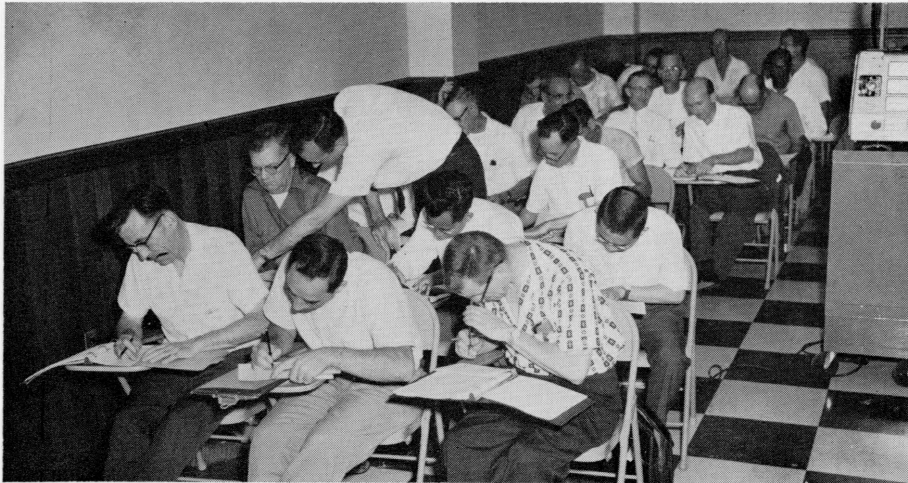
As trip chairman, I have a message for the 99.99% of the Employees' Recreation Association membership who didn't make the trip. We missed you, and you missed loads of fish and fun.

Other trips, however, are scheduled. Maybe you can make it next time. Watch your bulletin boards for the complete announcement.

Richard Pinder



PASCHAL CELENZA
Civil Engineer II



WATER AND SEWAGE OPERATORS ponder problems (above) posed by Penn State Prof. Thomas Brannan in Torresdale Water Plant lecture room. Course, which has run through most of July and August, is given by Penn State University for plant operators from Southeastern Pennsylvania communities.

LEFT: QUESTIONS of Le Tuong Khanh and Vo Dinh Hanh, Viet Nameese officials, are answered by Prof. Brannan. The Viet Nameese, who help to direct the Saigon Metropolitan Water Supply Agency, completed a six-weeks "Internship" at Torresdale.

TORRESDALE IS HOST TO OPERATOR COURSE

The City's new Torresdale Water Plant may never vie with the great universities, but it is becoming a mecca for water works men who want to learn more.

Two engineering officials from Saigon, Viet Nam, have been groomed at Torresdale this summer for operation of a huge water supply project which they will help to construct in Saigon.

In addition, 48 water and sewage plant operators from Southeastern Pennsylvania communities have been attending Tuesday afternoon courses given by Pennsylvania State University in the plant's lecture room.

The Viet Nameese are winding up six months of study in this country under guidance of the U. S. Public Health Service, while the Pennsylvania operators were given the opportunity to take Penn State's annual summer course closer to home rather than on the university campus.

The Penn State course covers subjects that operators should know, such as pumps, hydraulics, safety, maintenance, public health protection, chemistry, mathematics, etc. It is taught by Prof. Thomas Brannan, of the College of Engineering and Architecture. Eleven Philadelphia Water Department men are in the course.

Viet Nameese Study Plant

Vo Dinh Hanh, deputy director-chief engineer, and Le Tuong Khanh, mechanical engineer, of the Saigon Metropolitan Water Supply Agency, have been attending the operator's course as well as putting in five days a week since mid-July observing plant operations.

Mr. Hanh, a civil engineer, is a graduate of various French schools, the Lycee Louis Le Grand in Paris, and the Sorbonne (1960). As deputy director of the Saigon Water Supply Agency, he is responsible for all technical services.

Mr. Khanh attended the University of Saigon and graduated in 1960, with a master of science degree in mechanical engineering, from the University of Montreal, Canada. In Saigon he directs filtration experiments and general engineering projects. He is a student of automatic controls.

Mr. Khanh and Mr. Hanh are the most recent among many foreign officials to inspect Torresdale operations since 1959.

PROMOTE 52 EMPLOYEES

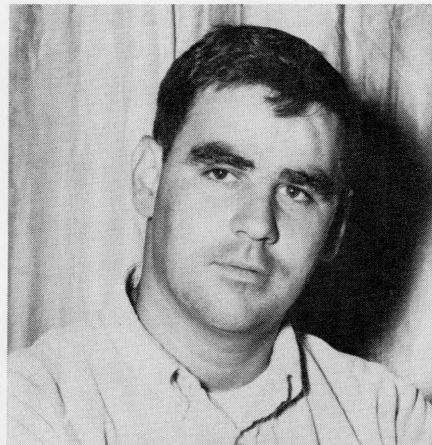
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Nathan Simmons, from distribution repairman to equipment operator I; John R. Schoolfield, from mechanic helper to equipment operator I; Samuel Adams, from plant helper I to equipment operator I; Nathan N. Brown, from automotive driver to equipment operator I; Vincent Washington, Herman A. Stephens, Joseph Rozier, Willie Loury and James D. Pickett, from laborer to distribution repairman trainee.

Torresdale Plant: Arthur E. Bartlett, from chemist II to water treatment laboratory supervisor; Frank C. Tiano, from filter plant mechanic I to meter and gauge mechanic I.

Water-Sewerage Planning: Eleanor E. O'Donnell, from engineering aide III to civil engineer I; Paschal Celenza, from civil engineer I to II.

Northeast Works: Albert K. Forman, from water meter repairman I to maintenance mechanic II; John Kulick, from maintenance mechanic

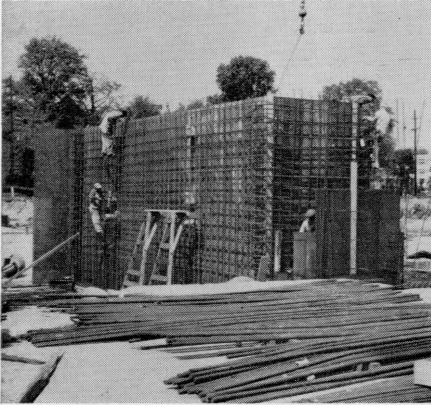


THOMAS LEDERER
Public Works Inspector II

I to II.

Others: Andrew R. Banta, from graduate engineer to mechanical engineer I, Design Branch; Walter S. Holloway, from laborer to semi-skilled laborer, Meter Shop; and Thomas A. Guerrant, from laborer to automotive driver, Logan Garage.

THE RING OF HAMMER AND SHOVEL AT BELMONT



SUMMER BUILDING BOOM

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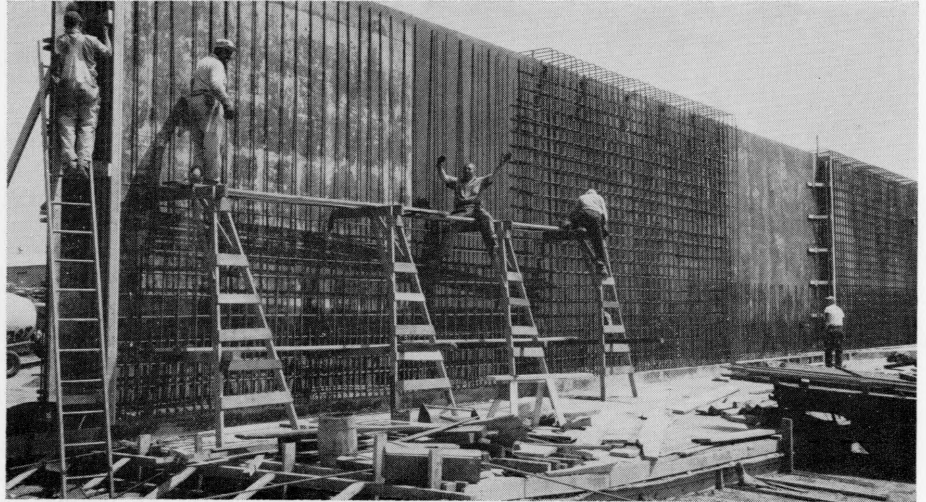
sludge pumps will be placed in the blower building, and eventually more air blowers will be added.

While the cranes are getting ready to dig into the ground at Northeast, another crane is lifting off the sky high roof of the Lardner's Point Pumping Station farther up the Delaware. Construction of a lower roof, as well as other renovations, will provide a proper setting for the newly installed electric pumps.

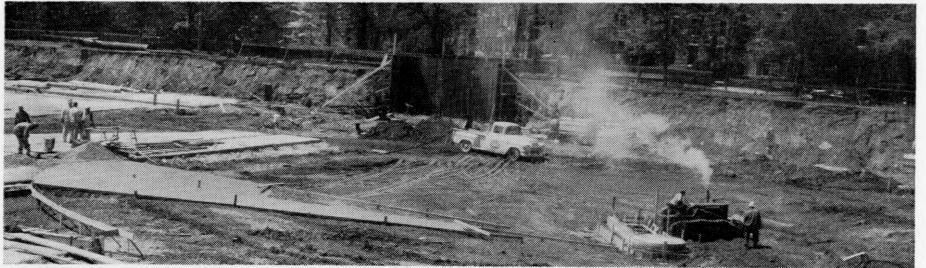
Over at 7th and Lehigh, three more electric pumps are being mounted in the old Fairhill High Pressure Station, where the abandoned steam pumps will soon be removed and a Materials Testing Laboratory constructed.

Still farther across North Philadelphia the hammer and drill resound at the Queen Lane High Service Pumping Station. The entire interior is being overhauled, while temporary pumps throb outside the building, sending water as far as Roxborough.

Up at Fox Chase a gleaming steel standpipe is nearing completion, while throughout the city new water mains and sewers are pushing in every direction. Blasts reverberate far underground as the giant Wakeling Street Relief Sewer creeps through Wissinoming, and across the Schuylkill cranes and men buzz around the old bricks of the Mill Creek Sewer, now undergoing reconstruction. Small rail cars carry away piles of rock and earth as new interceptor sewers move along both banks of the lower Schuylkill. New sections of a long reinforcing main move from Torresdale toward the Somerton tanks.



FAST CONSTRUCTION PACE is maintained for new Belmont Water Plant as dry chamber (above left) and channel wall (above) take shape. Below, concrete fill is being poured for one of four sedimentation basins.

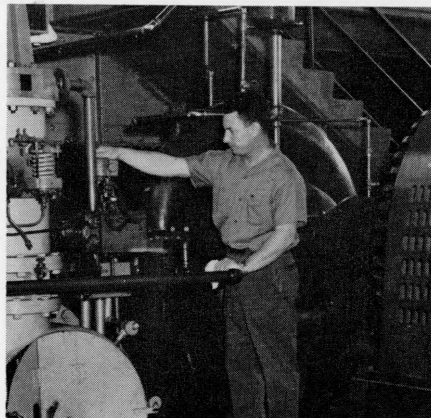


HIGH COMMAND STUDIES construction strategies for new Belmont Plant. L. to r., Engineers Joseph McKenna, Kenneth Zitomer, Samuel Wilson (chief of Construction Branch), Fred Plegge, E. L. Huber, John Calhoun, R. C. Harris, and Thomas Brady.

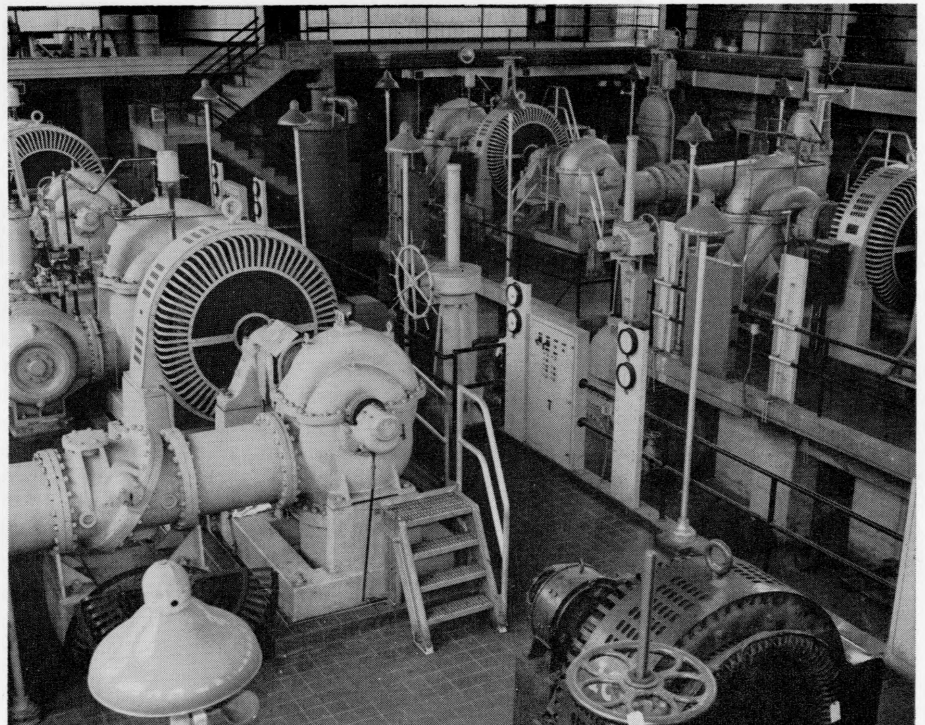
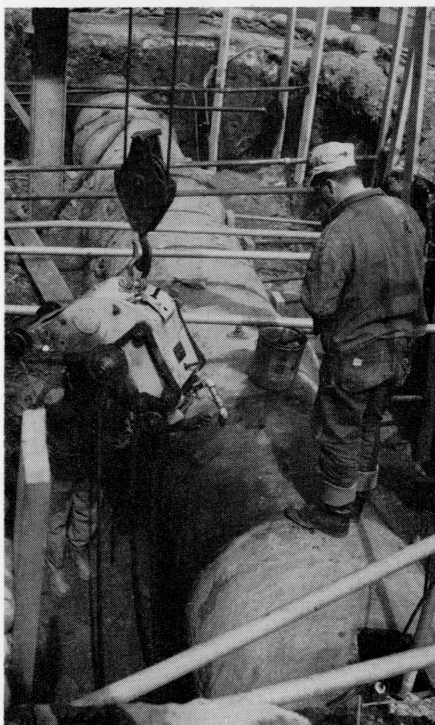
.. AND A CITY WIDE BUSTLE OF NEW BUILDING



NEW FOX CHASE storage tank for filtered water (above) will help to stabilize water pressures in wide area of Northeast, while water main improvements just outside Queen Lane Booster Pumping Station (below) will better service for the Northwest.



SIGNS OF PROGRESS: Engineer Charles Mager jots down notes on advancement of 3.5 mile long interceptor sewer on west bank of Schuylkill River (above), while Engineer John Beudet (photo at left) checks on pump just installed in the Lardner's Point Pumping Station. Below, new electric pumps put into service in last few years at Lardner's Point.



DEPARTMENT NAMES 84 NEW EMPLOYEES

Eighty-four new employees have entered the Water Department since mid-January. They are scattered through nearly every unit of the department, and represent more than 30 different civil service classes.

The *News* extends a big welcome to the following:

General Administration: Dorothy Tillman and Claudette L. Suggs, key punch operators I; Reather E. Bowen, clerk typist I; Adelyn Matthews, account clerk; Abraham B. Weiner, management trainee; Mildred C. Redman and Elrae Johnston, clerks I.

Customer Service: Helen J. Curry, clerk I; Carolyn A. Stewart, Miriam Shaw and Edward Ethengain, Jr., clerk typists I; Charles R. Barker, clerk typist II.

Distribution: John T. McGrath, emergency dispatcher; Blonnie Eason and Joseph L. Hausley, emergency repairmen; Gerald Weiss, Raymond W. Zelinskie, Ralph V. Mongelluzzo, Melvin T. Beale, Raymond C. Quairoli, Nicholas J. Taglianetti, John C. Zimmer, Charles M. Russo, Leonard M. Anicola, Vincent J. DiDomenico, William J. Adams, Willis E. Hackett, Raymond L. DeLorenzo, Vincent F. Dominiano, Anthony J. Rivelli and Harwood Johnson, repairmen.

George Frison, Andrew Savage, Nathan Spellman, Benjamin Small, John A. Stevens and Robert Jones, laborers; Gerald P. Conahan, security officer I; Phyllis J. Rowden, clerk I; and Timothy Waterman, clerk typist II.

Three from Construction

Construction: Hervey A. Leschinsky and Richard Thompson, engineering aides II; Stewart J. Nichols, engineering aide I; and Rosemary Burgess, clerk stenographer I.

Northeast Works: Robert P. Fluellen and John J. Carbin, sewage treatment operators I; William Berry, Thomas J. White and Thomas Hawkins, plant helpers I.

Torresdale Plant: Edward V. Weber, chemist I; Rachael Pope and Jane S. Sherard, clerk typists I; Nathan Scott, custodial worker I; and Ted Miller, electrician.

Torresdale Filtered Water Station: Beatrice Blum, clerk typist II, who transferred from the Department of Public Welfare; and Harold O. Rumsey, clerk typist I.



ROBERT RUNKLE

ROBERT RUNKLE STEPS INTO "HALL OF FAME"

Robert Runkle, storeskeeper at the Torresdale Water Treatment Plant, has stepped into the Mummers' Hall of Fame.

Bob, who has been parading since he was 12 and who at 22 organized the Uptown String Band, was nominated the outstanding man of the year at the annual banquet of the Philadelphia New Year's Shooters and Mummers Association. Bob received a Hall of Fame trophy from the association along with a \$100 bond from the band which he captains.

The Uptown String Band has captured second or third place in the Mummers' Parade every year for the last 15 years . . . except in 1957 when it took first place.

Age: The will to live and do is the greatest asset which any man may carry into old age. Some philosophers have even said that old age is largely a matter of will.

Sewer Maintenance: Romeo Del Viscio, brick mason; James H. Grimes, Douglas Brown, and Albert S. Scott, laborers; Moses Dowd and John K. Smith, sewer crawlers.

Logan Garage: John T. Parrish and Ross Patterson, automotive servicemen; Henry V. Williams, clerk typist I; and Eugene Taylor, stockhandler.

Miscellaneous: Thomas D. Blake, field inspector I, and George Rodney, water meter repairman, Meter Shop; Joyce Yavelberg, clerk stenographer I, Sewerage Operations (administration); Frederick R. Anspack, chemist I, and James White, painter I, Queen Lane Water Plant; Van Holland, field inspector I, Industrial Wastes; Nicholas Colanzi, civil engineer I, Engineering; James E. Moore, custodial worker I, Building Maintenance.

Frank D. Fairman, chemist I, and David M. Pestcoe, laboratory technician, Materials Testing Laboratory; Edward Cooper, laborer, and Samuel Paulk, Jr., trades helper, Plant Maintenance; Harold O. Rumsey, clerk typist I, Delaware Pumping; Faulkner M. Edmonds, civil engineer I, Water Operations (administration); Beverly T. Hudson, clerk typist I, Central Stores; and Jean F. Blackston, laboratory technician, Belmont Water Plant.

The new employees have been (or will be) welcomed to the department through orientation classes, a popular feature of the department's personnel program.

MANAGER CLUB ASKS WATER MEN TO JOIN

Supervisory personnel desirous of broadening have the opportunity to look into the Philadelphia Industrial Management Club. Harry L. Schuehler, executive secretary, has invited Water Department employees of management level to join.

The club, composed of supervisors from scores of local industries, is one of 236 industrial management clubs in the United States. Meeting the first Wednesday of each month from October through June, the club is open to supervisors, superintendents, foremen, personnel officers, plant engineers, administrators, management analysts, and others with "decision making" power.

Mr. Schuehler points out that the club gives its members a chance to exchange ideas and brings them into contact with the best thought on management and human relations. It provides for plant visits, prominent speakers, forums and workshops, and it participates in state and national conferences with similar clubs.

Applications may be obtained from Mr. Schuehler at the Germantown Y.M.C.A., 5722 Greene Street, tel. VI 4-3281. Dues, \$10 annually.

A BIG WATER METER GOES IN



IT'S A NORMAL DAY for Meter Shop crew as a three-inch water meter is replaced at an industrial plant. Photos: (1) Crew consisting of (l. to r.) James Holmes, Lewis Kuriger, and Joseph Kowalski uses large key to shut off water, (2) Holmes removes old meter in pit, (3) new meter is lowered into pit. Crews keep big meters operating, for the big ones produce more than half of all revenue from meters.

METER TRUCK TEAM WINS 77 GAMES TO CAPTURE BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Leading during most of the season, the Meter Truck team has emerged as 1962 champions of the Water Department bowling league. Meter Truck players won 77 victories and suffered 39 losses in their contest with three opposing teams.

The other three teams, all from the Design Branch, finished as follows:

Teams	Wins	Losses
Distribution	60	56
Main Sewers	51	65
Structural	44	72

John Liberatore, of Meter Truck, captured the high series laurels with a 613, as well as the high single crown with a 245. The high average honors for the season, however, went to Joseph Stellabotte, of Design "distribution," who made 162.

Most improved player of the season turned out to be Ray Cox, of Design "structural," who started bowling with an average of 126 and hiked it to 153.

Most surprising aspect of the season: Where did they get the energy to play 116 games?

If there were more self-starters, the boss wouldn't have to be a crank.



"And one day big City Hall tepee will stand here. Will have many chiefs . . . few Indians."

SEVEN UNITS EARN SAFETY BANNERS BY AMASSING MILLION "SAFE" HOURS

"Green Cross for Safety" banners will be presented shortly to seven sections which individually have rolled up 50,000 or more consecutive man hours without a disabling injury.

This campaign, which was launched a year ago by the Water Department's master safety committee, has scored a large measure of success.

The banners, presented by the National Safety Council, will go to the Delaware Pumping Division, Schuylkill Pumping Division, Belmont Water Plant, Distribution Section, Meter Shop, Sewer Maintenance Section, and Construction Branch. Construction had 243,032 man hours free of disabling injuries over a period of nine months, the largest safe man hour total in the group.

Between July 1, 1961, and March 31, 1962, the seven winning sections collectively amassed 48 months free of disabling injuries, or 927,000 man hours. The entire department works about three million man hours a year.

Distribution Wins

Noteworthy is the fact that the large Distribution Section, which consists of field forces exposed to accidents of street and weather, piled up two accident free months totaling 101,000 man hours. Two other less exposed sections, Delaware and Schuylkill Pumping, had nine perfect months.

The ground rules for the campaign are these: Each unit which works 50,000 man hours without a disabling injury receives a banner; the unit may keep the banner until a disabling injury occurs; then the banner must be returned and the unit must start over.

Some units because of their large personnel forces and heavy work load can win the banner in a few months; others require a year. In addition there is a special "handicap" for the Design Branch and the "administrative office" group, since their accident opportunities are fewer than those of the field units. The design and office units must roll up 150,000 injury free man hours.

He who does wrong does wrong against himself. He who acts unjustly acts unjustly against himself, because he makes himself bad.

—Marcus Aurelius.



Our plans go astray because they have no direction and no aim. No wind serves the man who has no port of destination.

—Michel de Montaigne.

CLAIMS REQUIRE PERMISSION FROM CITY LAW DEPARTMENT

Written permission of the Law Department is now required before a City employee can make a claim, or start a suit, against a private party for personal injuries or property damage arising from an accident or other event in the course of his municipal employment.

The new ruling was adopted recently by the City Administrative Board.

Employees desiring to sue or press a claim should forward a memorandum to the claims division of the Law Department offering the following information: Name and home address, employee number and department, date and time of accident, name and address of person against whom the claim will be made, name of insurance company (if known), and the name and address of the employee's attorney.

Administrative personnel are requested, upon receipt of an accident or injury report, to remind the employee of these facts.

HOW TO REPORT ACCIDENTS

Most of us don't like to think of personal injuries or accidents. But what if they occur on the job? What do we do? How do we seek treatment? To whom do we report?

The succinct instructions below, adopted by the Water Department's master safety committee, answer these and many other questions. You will find them helpful. You are required to follow them.

Personal Injuries

When an employee sustains an injury on the job, it is mandatory that he:

- a. Report the incident immediately to the supervisor.
- b. Indicate how, when and where the injury occurred,
- c. Report (if required) to the Philadelphia General Hospital Compensation Clinic for treatment, with a referral slip,
- d. Honor all appointments with the P.G.H. Clinic,
- e. Report to the Water Department Safety Officer all claims of recurrent injury.

All employees are advised of the following:

- f. The P.G.H. Compensation Clinic is the only proper authority to authorize work duty status,
- g. "Injury Time" will *not* be credited for injuries unless a report has been filed and "injury time" is authorized by the compensation clinic,
- h. Emergency care can be authorized only for the initial treatment of serious injuries. All subsequent treatment must be received at the P.G.H. Compensation Clinic.

Motor Vehicles

It is mandatory that an employee have and

carry a valid Pennsylvania Operator's License in order to operate a Water Department vehicle. When involved in an accident with a city vehicle the employee must:

- a. Immediately call the Accident Investigation Division (A.I.D.) Police Department (MU 6-3106) and the departmental safety officer (MU 6-3812).
- b. Not make any statements except to A.I.D. investigators. You are required to give the other driver a copy of accident information card attached to Water Department procedure dated 9-1-61. A copy of this procedure should be in the glove compartment of every vehicle.
- c. Complete an accident report, and turn it in immediately to the supervisor. On this report of motor vehicle accident the amount of damage to both vehicles must be indicated and also whether or not a personal injury occurred.
- d. Within 24 hours after the accident, irrespective of vehicular damage, bring the report and vehicle to our Logan Street Garage for inspection.
- e. Request departmental towing service when required. This departmental service is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 midnight by calling GL 5-3070; and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays by calling MU 6-9700 —extension 44-611.

Personal Notes

Torresdale Plant

Adam Cantz, custodial worker I, has retired under the City's mandatory age provision. Mr. Cantz, 70, entered the department in 1950. He lives at 7125 Ditman Street. His friends at Torresdale wish him the best of luck.

A rumor has been floating around that Arthur Bartlett, lab supervisor, and Ed Weber, chemist, did some floating themselves. They went out to the basins to take water samples. Ed was sitting in the row boat when Bart stepped into it and caused it to sink.

Nancy Joan, daughter of Frank C. Tiano, our meter and gauge mechanic, was wed to Ralph C. Gattis, of 7138 Edmund Street, on May 5 at Our Lady of Consolation Church.

Administration

Those interested in former secretaries may be interested to know that Maryanne Leva—Mr. Mullineaux's "right hand"—is to be married in September. She and her fiance have already bought a new home in the far Northeast. Also Deputy Commissioner Max Barofsky's former secretary, Shirley Schaeffer, will be married in July to a Central High School teacher.

Torresdale Filtered Pumping

Congratulations to Joseph L. Duke, who married Amelia Coley June 30.

Welcome to our new "transfers": Michael Johnson, operator, who comes from Fairhill, and Robert Rabiger, mechanic, who comes on promotion from Fairhill.



GOVERNOR REX LEE, of Samoa, left, took time out from a busy July 4 to see the Northeast Sewage Treatment Works. Chemist Joseph Cooper served as guide.



CHECKS AND CERTIFICATES are collected from Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter, left, by (l. to r.) Sal DiVincenzo, David Garr and David C. Carswell for some bright ideas that improved plant operations. The checks were made possible through the City's Cash Awards Suggestion Program, under which thousands of dollars have been paid to City employees for valuable suggestions.

A BRIEF TALE: THREE SMART MEN SEE NEED GET IDEAS, TURN IN IDEAS, COLLECT CASH

Three brainy employees have turned a fast buck. of Philadelphia's citizens.

Sal DiVincenzo, maintenance supervisor, has won \$100 for an idea that will keep the Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant in operation despite electric power or compressed air failures. Both electricity and air are vital at Queen Lane, where console panels send air signals to filter controls, and the air signals regulate hydraulic (water) signals that in turn regulate water flow through the filters. Breaking of an air line, failure of the air compressor, etc. would once have closed off flow to the filters, shutting down the output of filtered water.

Called a "fair-safe design," Mr. DiVincenzo's modification is made to air and water supply lines. Though costing the Water Department only \$196 for changes, the idea may have saved from \$20,000 to \$60,000 . . . prices quoted by several firms for similar changes . . . and it ensures a constant water supply to one-fourth

David Carswell, welder in Distribution, and David C. Carr, maintenance mechanic at the Southwest Works, had ideas that won them \$25 apiece.

Noting that a blower is used to clear the air of working areas filled with smoke, gas or burning fumes, Mr. Carswell suggested insertion of a spiral coil in the collapsible canvas bag attached to the blower, thus enabling the blower to be used also as a suction device without sucking in the canvas bag.

To prevent winter time freezing of rakes on bar screens, which remove heavier debris from incoming sewage at the Southwest Works, Mr. Garr suggested use of metal baffles between channel openings and the screens. His idea has not only saved time in thawing out rakes but has reduced the breakage of shear pins. The screening building is warmer in winter, and many flies and mosquitoes are kept out in summer.



THE JUST DUE OF CHAMPIONS: John Liberatore, who won the departmental golf tournament, receives his trophy (left) from Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter, while (at right) Frank Coaxum, Jr., accepts from the Commissioner a cup for the Survey team, departmental basketball champs. Survey, which is part of the Construction Branch, shut out Design and Administration in two successive games.

JOHN LIBERATORE WINS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY

John Liberatore, representing the Meter Shop, had to go all out to grab the victory laurels at the Water Department's third annual golf tournament.

The tournament was held this year under threatening skies, at the Cobbs Creek golf course.

John's 74 based on the Calloway handicap system, nosed out defending champion, Joe Stellabotte, of Design, who carded a 75.

Due to wet grounds, the players had to resort to other than usual means in playing the course. It wasn't that the ball wouldn't take the right bounce, it was that the ball wouldn't bounce, period.

Along with the golf trophy goes a cash award of \$25, which proves that it is nice work if you can get it.

Below is a list of the participants and their comparative scores.

Player	Section	Player's Actual Par	Calloway Score
John Liberatore, Meter Shop....		96	74
Joe Stellabotte, Design		92	75
Bill Davis, Distribution		92	76
Mario Celoni, Design		96	76
Mickey Rocco, Design		110	87
Bill Walmsley, Design		111	89

John Mirkil

If you confer a benefit, never remember it; if you receive one, never forget it.

—Cicero

OFFER MOVIE BARGAIN

Here's another bargain for the discerning movie goer.

The Employees' Recreation Association has arranged with the Boyd theater for special 20% discount tickets for the motion picture, "Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm." The tickets will be available to all members of the association.

The dates for use of the tickets are September 19 and October 11.

HOW TO SAVE DAY'S PAY - REPORT ADDRESS CHANGES

Employees are urged to report changes of name or address to their supervisors or to the personnel office.

Sick leave investigators on occasion are unable to locate employees because of unreported address changes. In these instances, in future, the employee will be marked "W" and not paid for that day, according to a departmental directive.



DISTINGUISHED UNIT AWARD WINNERS: The labor maintenance force at the Northeast Sewage Works topped all City departments during City Employees' Week to win the City's highest unit award for esprit de corps and excellence of work. Most of crew is shown: L. to r., Foreman Leo Pallante, Luther Fairley, Joseph Bieber, Julius Britt, Brister Lawton, Nathaniel Williams, Calvin Johnson, Ronald Knight, and Arthur Cobb.

FORM NEW TENNIS LEAGUE FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES

A City Employees' Tennis League has been formed, open to employees of all municipal departments. The league meets for practice and games each Saturday and Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Chamounix tennis courts, Ford Road and Chamounix Drive in Fairmount Park.

Open to men and women, experienced and inexperienced players equally, the league provides free instruction for beginners from 11:00 a.m. to noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tennis balls are supplied to beginners only.

Earl W. Parrott, Department of Public Property, was inaugurated as president of the league on May 30. Other officers are: Vice president, J. Harrison Smith, Department of Public Health; secretary, Ruth Meachem, Department of Public Welfare; and treasurer, Roberta Freedman, Department of Records.

The league played its first big match against the district office of the U. S. Veterans Administration on June 26.

Water Department employees desirous of joining the league should contact John Floyd, room 1128, City Hall Annex, tel. MU 6-3890.

Sylvia Weiss

NOW IS TIME TO APPLY . . . FOR FELS INSTITUTE STUDY

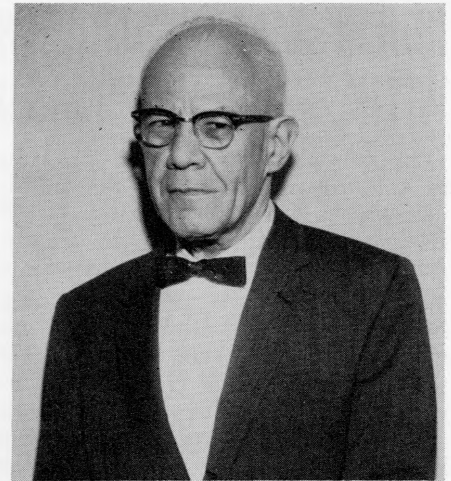
Free tuition courses at the Fels Institute of Local and State Government, University of Pennsylvania, are being offered again this year to qualified employees.

The courses, which cover a wide range of subjects in the field of public administration, provide credits which may be applied toward institute plaques and certificates or toward university degrees.

Interested persons should write to the institute for an application form, and submit a college transcript along with the application.

While some courses are given after working hours, others start at 4:30 p.m. Employees taking 4:30 p.m. courses may be granted administrative leave by their supervisors, with the understanding that they will make up the time used. For course offerings, see your bulletin board or write to the institute.

Foreigners call all Americans Yankees. Southerners say that Yankees are northerners. Northerners say that Yankees are from the New England states. People in New England say it is the Vermonters who are Yankees. Vermonters reply that a Yankee is just someone who eats pie for breakfast.



LOUIS KUSNER

ENGINEER LOUIS KUSNER WINDS UP CITY CAREER

After nearly 30 years of City service, Louis Kusner, an electrical engineer IV in the Design Branch, has retired. He became 70 on June 15.

Mr. Kusner, who was supervisor of the electrical design unit, held a series of responsible engineering positions with the City, dating from 1922 when he entered the old Department of Public Works. An assistant engineer up to 1935, his municipal career was interrupted for a few years by limitations in the City's budget, but he came back in 1946 as a design engineer and continued in this field.

Between 1938 and 1946, Mr. Kusner worked for W. V. Pangborne, Inc., E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

While with the Water Department, he played a key part in the electrical design of many important departmental facilities.

A graduate of Drexel Institute of Technology (1913-16) in electrical engineering, he is a registered professional engineer and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He lives at 2101 Walnut Street.

SAME DIFFERENCE



CITY-FEDERAL CREDIT UNION GROWS TO 7,400 MEMBERS IN EIGHT YEARS

One of the most painless ways of saving money—or borrowing it in a hurry—is through the Philadelphia City Employees Federal Credit Union, according to Dennis S. Welsh, president.

The credit union, which is seeking new members among City employees, has grown from 251 members in 1954 to more than 7,400 at present. In eight years its assets have climbed from less than \$19,000 to \$2.6 million, while 51,000 loans, totaling nearly \$18 million, have been made to members.

Mr. Welsh notes that employees who desire to save through the credit union can do so through regular payroll deductions of \$1, \$2, or any larger sum up to \$95. The organization pays a current dividend of 4% on savings.

Repayment of loans is made by applying a portion of each payroll deduction to the principal and interest

due on the loan. The balance continues to go to the member's savings account.

Each member receives life insurance at no cost to him. The amount of this insurance up to the age of 55 is equal to the amount of savings which the member has on deposit with the credit union. After 55, the percentage is somewhat less.

The credit union's fiscal affairs are audited regularly by a supervisory committee, with Federal Government examiners also making periodic examinations.

For further information, visit or telephone the Philadelphia City Employees Federal Credit Union, room 806, 1 North 13th Street, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (hours, 9-12, 2-5), LOcust 3-5895. Credit union membership cards are also available through the Water Department Personnel Office.

PHILLY MAKES HIT WITH AWWA MEMBERS

Philadelphia as a city of progress is indelibly imprinted in the minds of water works men in all parts of the country, thanks to the recent American Water Works Convention.

The compliments are still coming in. Members liked the way the convention was organized, the varied entertainment provided by the local arrangements committee, the smooth functioning of transportation, the hospitality and courtesy, the excellent press coverage, etc.

Apart from being the biggest AWWA convention—a Philadelphia Water Department man, Frank F. Guarino, was the 4,000th registrant—the 82nd Annual Conference provided an array of able workshop leaders, panelists, and formal speakers on topics of much interest.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall held up the Delaware River Basin Compact as a valuable new means to efficient use of water resources. From the Water Department, Commissioner Samuel S. Baxter, Deputy Commissioner Gerald E. Arnold, and Elwood L. Bean, chief of water treatment, brought important experience set forth in formal papers.

Since the hard working local arrangements committee, headed by Commissioner Baxter and drawn from the Philadelphia area has been listed in an earlier issue, it is only fitting to name here some of the Water Department employees who kept things rolling.

Cappio Ran Transportation

Few persons were as busy as Safety Officer John Cappio, who became a commander on wheels, arranging daily for the shuttle and special buses, overseeing loading, setting time schedules, and making sure that people got there when they should.

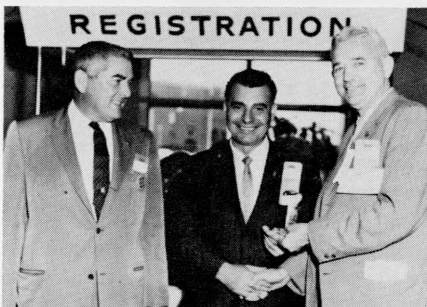
Samuel Schwartz, assistant to the Commissioner, deftly organized historical tours for the ladies and kept the bus drivers on the right routes.

Then there was Mary Schmidt, *News* editorial assistant, who was the composed, efficient focus of brisk press room activities, serving as receptionist, stenographer and question answerer.

At Torresdale, Superintendent John Dillener and his staff hung out the welcome sign for several hundred AWWA members, who took time out



SECRETARY OF INTERIOR Stewart L. Udall, center, holds a press conference at the American Water Works convention . . . one of many highlights of the week. Below, a few of the scores of exhibits which overflowed the Center Exhibition Hall, spilling into the corridors.



FRANK GUARINO, center, of Water Department, was 4,000th registrant at AWWA convention. Wentworth Smith, left, of New York, and Commissioner Baxter are pleased as Punch.

to see the plant. Many members also went to Queen Lane and the Load Control Center.

A bow goes also to Charles Tongue and his skilled building maintenance crew who set up the Water Department's convention exhibits as efficiently as they have done in other places on other occasions.

SKLAR RUESS AWARD GOES TO CHILDREN'S SUPERVISOR

A memorial award set up by Louis B. Sklar, Electrical Engineer III in the Design Branch, and Mrs. Sklar has been bestowed this year upon Miss Joan Gottlieb, of 5726 Woodcrest Avenue, who oversees children's activities at one of the Police Athletic League centers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sklar established a trust fund in memory of their daughter, Bernice Sklar Ruess, and income from the fund defrays annually an award to an outstanding young woman. The award is made by the Pannonia Ladies' Auxiliary.

Miss Gottlieb received a \$25 savings bond and a plaque.

"Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all the others."—Winston Churchill.



BEST INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS: Special bowling trophies went to (l. to r.) Elaine Stevens, highest average; Barbara Johnson, high series; Zurn Winston, most improved bowler; and Edith Frye, high singles. **BEST TEAM,** below, are Annex players (l. to r.) Dorothy Kutys, captain; Marie Grant, Dorothy Watson, and Florence Graham.



WOMEN BOWLERS GET TROPHIES . . TROPHIES

One well known supper club was flooded with trophies recently when the women's bowling league of the Water Department held a banquet to mark the end of the season.

It was the first season for the newly organized league, and the ladies had rolled up some eye shattering scores. Hence the well deserved trophies.

The entire story is told in pictures on this page.



MANAGER LEIGH HEBB, above left, gets his trophy from Jack Irwin on behalf of grateful women bowlers. Below, bowlers, friends and families.



PAY DAY MAGIC

By Rosemary Rosenthal

Pay Day—no other two words seem to have such a magic quality and carry so much pleasurable anticipation. Would some of the “thrill” be lost if we were to be paid weekly? Maybe some day we shall find out.

The bewitching hour arrives and we are handed our pay check. Ah, what matters is, if for two weeks we had to push and shove to get on buses and elevated trains—and if perchance we did spot an empty seat—don't rush to sit down—rest assured, some “gentleman” will get to it before you do. How many untold mornings did you fight the urge to stay in bed—take a day's vacation—pretend you didn't hear the alarm clock go off—but, no, the magic of the pay check loomed in the distance and you knew once you had cashed the check, all the inconveniences would be worthwhile.

Farewell Dollars

But how long do you have the cash? The utility companies are waiting for their share—and the department stores—can you ever resist them?—are certainly not going to be patient much longer with their bills. Why does City Hall Annex have to be just across the street from Wanamaker's? And why is it so convenient to “cut thru” Wanamaker's to get to Chestnut Street? Chestnut Street . . . another trap for unsuspecting women.

You keep telling yourself you definitely don't need another dress or another pair of shoes—or another of anything—but the stores do have sales and you do love nice things and your will power seems to fly out the doors when the pay check is in the hand.

You keep telling yourself that there will be other pay days and more pay checks (and more August White Sales and End-of-the-Month sales and closing out sales, ad infinitum) as you slyly turn away from the teller's window of the savings bank and blithely tell yourself, “Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think,” I swear I'll put my NEXT whole pay check in my savings account!!!

I knew a wise man that had it for a by-word when he saw men hasten to a conclusion: “Stay a little that we may make an end the sooner.”—Francis Bacon.



IN THE OLD DAYS sewer building was a rugged sport, requiring a lot of muscle. Just about everyone, including the water boy, turned out (above) for construction of the Twin Somerset Street sewers in 1889, and the 1909 Fairhill Street sewer at left also got much attention.

THE BRICKLAYERS had a field day, below, with the Mill Creek sewer built in the comparatively open countryside of West Philadelphia. Scene from 1880's shows bend near 47th Street and Haverford Avenue.

