

WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS



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Dennis Oakes, Mrs. Norma Baxter and Commissioner Marrazzo

Samuel S. Baxter Plant Dedication

The Torresdale Water Treatment Plant was dedicated as the Samuel S. Baxter Water Treatment Plant on Wednesday, October 19, 1983 during formal ceremonies hosted by Commissioner William J. Marrazzo.

Dennis Oakes, former City Representative, spoke on behalf of former Mayor Green who could not attend due to an emergency. Mrs. Norma Baxter, her son Richard A. Baxter and over 150 friends and employees attended the ceremonies. Samuel S. Baxter, who passed away on February 7, 1982, was the department's first Water Commissioner and Chief Engineer from 1952 to 1972. He had previously been employed in the Philadelphia Department of Public Works from 1923 to 1951.

His innovative engineering and sound

management principles were the driving forces behind a four hundred million dollar program to modernize and upgrade the City's water and sewer system facilities. The Torresdale Plant was opened in 1959 as part of this program of modernization under the leadership of Samuel S. Baxter.

He had an international reputation as an outstanding engineer and served as president of the American Water Works Association, the American Public Works Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

In the Fall of 1982, in recognition of his 49 years of outstanding public service to Philadelphia, City Council passed an ordinance designating the Torresdale Water Treatment Plant as the Samuel S. Baxter Water Treatment Plant.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER

Can you give us a name for our Newsletter? Something unique that we can use on the masthead to establish a new identity?

If you think of a name, you may win a \$50.00 Savings Bond or one of many other prizes which will be awarded in the "Name the Newsletter Contest."

After an absence of over fifteen years, the Water Department's Newsletter is back! Initially to be published quarterly, the newsletter will provide employees and their families with useful information about the department's activities, plans, and problems. It is not intended to replace any of the monthly newsletters now published by some of the operating plants.

We suggest you keep your suggestions short, preferably two or three words, and certainly not more than five or six.

Contest Rules

All employees of the Philadelphia Water Department are eligible to enter the contest. More than one suggestion may be entered, but it should be on a separate sheet of paper. In the case of winning duplicate suggestions, the earliest entry received will be declared the winner. Entries listing your full name, your unit, and the suggested name for the Newsletter should be sent to Maureen Sullivan, Editor, Room 1160 Municipal Services Building.

NEW LEGAL COUNSEL

Denise D. Colliers, Deputy City Solicitor, has been appointed General Counsel for the Water Department. She will assume full responsibility of the department's legal affairs.

Ms. Colliers formerly was the assistant to the director of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Swarthmore College. She replaces Peggy Goodman who was promoted to Division Deputy Solicitor in the Law Department.

Employees Donate The Gift of Life

On October 14, the department officially ended its fall 1983 blood drive, a drive which resulted in an unprecedented number of donors from among our employees. Though the drive lasted for a little over a month, we had nearly three times the number of volunteers than were generated in all of the previous year.

During the course of the drive, over 200 employees visited either the downtown Red Cross Donor Center, at 23 S. 23rd Street, or the Northeast Red Cross facility at 2417 Welsh Road, to volunteer to give "the gift of life" — blood. Perhaps more important than the total number of donors is the fact that fifty-nine of these people were giving blood for the first time. First-time donors are particularly important because once they learn how simple, and yet how fulfilling, the donation process can be, they tend to become regular donors.

A number of the employees who donated during the drive were among those classified by the Red Cross as "extraordinary donors." These are people who have, over several years of donating, given a total of a gallon or more of blood. As blood is donated one pint at a time, it requires a minimum of eight separate donations to reach the "extraordinary donor" stage. One gallon donors include **John Hunt**, of Customer Service, **Lawrence Rivello**, of the Emergency and Support Services, and **Curtis Rodgers**, of Sludge Management.

Employees who have donated between one and two gallons of blood are **Andrew Cottone**, of Pumping; **Francis Gola**, SWWPCP, **Sheldon Isaac**, Materials Testing Laboratory; **Kevin O'Rourke**, Sludge Management; **Ross Patterson**, Auto Maintenance; **Karen Richardson**, Metering; **Roy Romano**, Planning and Engineering; **Philip Sheau**, Personnel; **Thomas Volk**, Distribution; and **Richard Webb**, of Survey.

Two of the department's employees have donated more than two gallons of blood; they are **Charles Mingo**, of the Emergency and Support Services, and **William Horger**, of the SWWCP.

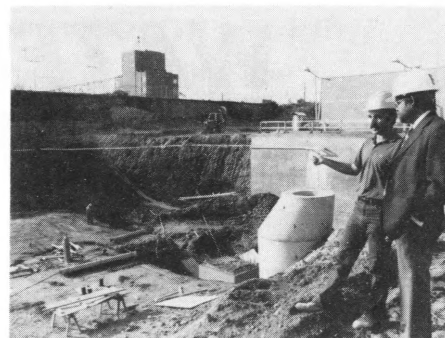
Another way of becoming an "extraordinary donor" is to participate in the pheresis donation program. Pheresis is a

special form of donation in which only one component of the blood is used and only certain people are eligible. Specific parts of the whole blood, such as the white cells or platelets, can be used to treat such diseases as leukemia and aplastic anemia. The entire process can take as long as three hours, but considering the serious illnesses that these donations are used to treat, it is time very well spent.

In the past four months, five of the department's employees have taken part in the pheresis donation program. They are **Leonard Bernstein** of the Plant Expansion Project Administration, **Barry Brait**, of Accounting, **Michael Hogan**, of Financial and Rate Analysis; **Girvin Kurtz**, of Design; and **Robert Schimmel** of Conveyance.

Much of the credit for the success of this drive should go to the employees from each unit who volunteered to act as donor recruiters. All of them gave a great deal of time and effort to make this program a success. Our recruiters included **Frank Ball**, of the Machine Shop, **Dilip Bhattacharya**, Southwest Abatement; **Robert Britt**, Southeast Abatement; **John Craney**, Customer Service and Metering; **Leroy Dolison** and **Janie C. Lindor**, Emergency and Support Services; **Paul Franklin**, Southeast WPCP, **Jim Hempson**, Construction; **Michael Hogan**, Finance; **Paul Kopicki**, Abatement; **Yasmen MacIntosh**, Data Management; **Hugh Myers**, Building Maintenance; **Ed Shervin**, Treatment Headquarters; **Ray Staniec**, Belmont Filters; and **Frank Vinci**, from Sludge Management. Special thanks should go to **William Cook**, of the Distribution Unit, who recruited 40 donors for the drive, and to **John Muldowney** of the Samuel S. Baxter Water Treatment Plant, who recruited 34 donors as part of a separate drive that he conducts regularly at our northeastern facilities.

However, the final credit for the success of the drive must go to the men and women of the Water Department who volunteered to give not just some of their time, but a part of themselves so that many seriously ill people could have a second chance. Thanks to all of you who cared enough to give blood.



Guru Bose, Plant Supt.
and Fred Rustam

Work Begins on Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Contractors have begun some long-awaited work on the Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant. Excavation work is almost completed and the foundations have been poured for two of the new facilities being built.

The biggest change at the plant will be a new chemical storage building. It will house an underground tank farm, new chemical feed equipment and a new process control room, new piping for the chemical feed systems will be part of the job and the contractor will be working all over the plant running the lines and installing new application points and new sample points.

Two features of the new facilities will be a new process control system and the elimination of gaseous chlorine in the plant, the new control system will be microprocessor-based and will improve data logging and monitoring of the treatment process. All chemical feeds will be automatically flow-paced, automatic backwash control of the filters will be provided and extensive alarm and monitoring capability will be provided, all instrumentation in the plant will be modernized and expanded.

The new Queen Lane Plant will have the capability to feed several new chemicals, most importantly sodium hypochlorite, the use of sodium hypochlorite (NAH) as a primary disinfectant will eliminate the use of gaseous chlorine in the plant. NAH is as effective a disinfecting agent as chlorine, but because it comes in solution form, it is easier and safer to handle.

The renovation work, which was bid at \$10 million, is scheduled for completion in April, 1985, during this time the plant will be kept fully operational, except for several temporary shutdowns.



John Durrant

Durrant Receives Award

John Durrant, acting chief of the Materials Testing Laboratory, was awarded the Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award for Professional Achievement by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) on October 19, 1983 at its annual convention in Houston.

This prestigious National ASCE award was created to recognize professional contributions of younger members to the Society. The award is presented annually to no more than five persons throughout the United States.

John, a graduate of Villanova University, is vice president of the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineering. He also serves as chairman of the Chestnut Hill Community Association's Traffic and Transportation Committee.

In his spare time, John works with the Delaware Valley Eye Bank at Wills Eye Hospital, providing education and other support to persons facing corneal transplants. He also devotes time to a new photography hobby. John and his wife, Pamela, live in Chestnut Hill and have one son.

NEW SECURITY UNIT

A new unit has been formed within the Administrative Division to provide security services to all Water Department facilities. The new Security Services Unit began operation on January 30, 1984 under the direction of Mr. Charles L. Upchurch, Security Services Manager. Formerly a member of the District Attorney's technical staff, Mr. Upchurch has been assisting Deputy Commissioner Thomas E. Walton, III on departmental security matters for some time. He developed the concepts on which the new unit is based and has now assumed all responsibilities for implementing them.

The department's existing Security Unit of the Water Operations Division has been transferred intact to the new security unit. Lieutenant Samuel Couch will continue to supervise all Security Officers. Staffing will be increased in the future to provide for investigative services and maintenance and operation of electronic security services.

Smoke Detectors For Fire Prevention

Are you one of those people who thinks fires can only happen to the guy next door? Well, last year alone, 5,500 people, just like you, died in home fires. Most of them died needlessly. Surprisingly, the majority of fire deaths are not caused by fire itself. Most often, fire victims die from smoke inhalation. For this reason, smoke detectors play a large part in saving lives.

A smoke detector works by sounding an alarm when it senses smoke. Since smoke rises, the best place to install a detector is in the ceiling or high on an inside wall just below the ceiling. In a multi-leveled home, you need a detector on each level. On the first floor, place the unit on the ceiling, at the base of the stairwell. Upstairs, install the detectors close enough to the bedroom so that you can hear the alarm inside the bedroom when the door is closed. Don't install a detector within three feet of an air supply. This will blow the smoke away from the detector. Also, don't place detectors between air return duct and any sleeping area. This will recirculate and dilute the smoke which can result in delaying the alarm. If you install more than one detector, you should purchase units which can be interconnected. This way, when one unit detects smoke, all the detectors sound the alarm.

Once you install smoke detectors, it's important to inspect them periodically. Keep the grillwork free from dirt and dust which can cause a false alarm to sound. You can clean a smoke detector by gently vacuuming it. Never paint over detectors; this makes them totally useless. Also, test detectors at least every 30 days. Most models come equipped with a test button for this purpose. In battery-operated detectors, remember to check the batteries. You should place them approximately once a year. When they begin to weaken, the detector sounds an alarm. This signal usually lasts about seven days. So, if you're away for a long period of time, remember to check the detector on your return home.

Smoke detectors can't prevent fires, but they can alert you to the danger. Once an alarm sounds, leave the house immediately. Don't worry about your favorite pictures or that priceless antique. Valuables can be replaced; lives can't. Those few seconds can mean the difference between life and death.



Ms. Cleo Williams

First Female Truck Driver

The department is fortunate to have the first and only female truck driver. Cleo Williams, is a Heavy Equipment Operator (HEOI) in the Inlet Cleaning Unit.

Cleo drives and operates a combination dump truck and crane, which mechanically cleans inlets. This truck, also known as the combo, lifts the debris from the inlet with the crane and places it in the dumpster. At the end of each day, the material is taken to an incinerator or landfill.

She was promoted to the HEO I position in November, 1982. Prior to that, she was a laborer for five years in the same unit. Leroy Kelley, her supervisor says, "Cleo's a good worker, always striving to be efficient and precise in doing her job. She passed her probationary period with commendations for her willingness and ability to perform her duties with little supervision."

Well known in the unit for keeping a clean and neat truck, Cleo is pleased that she was promoted to this job which is usually occupied by males. Most of all she doesn't think she's special, just that she's qualified.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

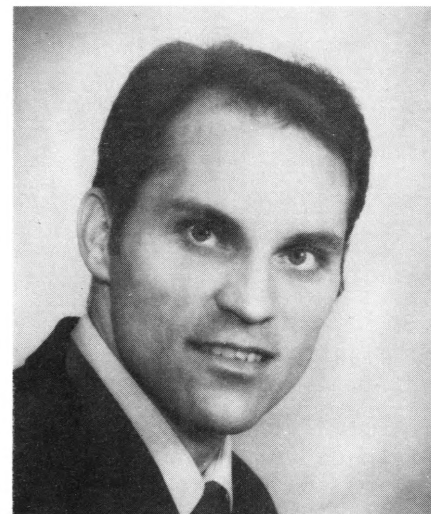
WITHIN THE LAST TWO MONTHS:

- Has anyone gone on vacation? Where?
- Is an employee or their spouse expecting a baby or had one or did they become grandparents?
- Are any of the employee's children starting or completing college or in the military service? Where?
- Is an employee playing on or coaching an athletic team?

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NEW EMPLOYEES

NAME	POSITION	UNIT
Ronald McCoy	Chemical Technician	Bureau of Laboratory Services
Curtis J. Rodgers	Graduate Sanitary Engineer	Sludge Management
David Wilmore	Laborer	Inlet Cleaning
Warren C. Johnson	Laborer	Inlet Cleaning
William E. Kirkman	Laborer	Inlet Cleaning
Cornelius Herbert	Laborer	Inlet Cleaning
William J. Horger	Treatment Plant Operator Trainee	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Betty Peterson	Treatment Plant Operator Trainee	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Regina Albergo	Clerk Typist II	Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant
Stanley Smith	Administrative Intern	Audits and Special Studies
Joseph Hinton	Water Distribution Repairman	Emergency and Support Services
Anthony Still	Water Distribution Repairman	Emergency and Support Services
Jesse Mathis	Water Distribution Repairman	Emergency and Support Services
Laurence A. Rivello	Water Distribution Repairman Helper	Emergency and Support Services
Daniel W. Harvey	Water Distribution Repairman Helper	Distribution
Reginald Lloyd	Water Distribution Repairman Helper	Distribution
John Daniels	Water Distribution Repairman Helper	Distribution
Renee Garvin	Utility Librarian Technician	Executive
Charlotte Long	Clerk Stenographer II	Executive
Joseph Mullen	Management Trainee	Collector Systems Support
Curtis Johnson	Semi-skilled Laborer	Interceptor Monitoring
Frank W. Vinci	Graduate Sanitary Engineer	Sludge Management
James Honesty	Laborer	Inlet Cleaning
George Oreu	Electrician	Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant
Harvey B. Sharpe	Custodial Worker I	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Ozell Allen	Computer Operator	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Richard D. Raighn	Water Distribution Repairman Helper	Distribution
Charles Butler	Security Officer I	Building Maintenance
Joseph Lanciano	Security Officer I	Building Maintenance
Vincent Gordon	Security Officer I	Building Maintenance
Robert Snyder	Custodial Worker I	Samuel S. Baxter Filters
Gregory V. Mack	Custodial Worker I	Belmont Filters
Andrew Berko	Electrician	Pumping
Marietta Green	Clerk Typist II	Metering



Mike Nelson

Nelson Elected President

Michael D. Nelson, Chief of Water Pollution Control Division, has been elected the 1983-84 president of the Water Pollution Control Association of Pennsylvania.

The state-wide association is composed of 1,600 members dedicated to educating its members and the public on water pollution control issues and solutions. Its members include plant operators, engineers, consultants, manufacturers, regulatory personnel and educators from the municipal and industrial sectors.

A graduate of Newark College and Villanova University, Mike is a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania and also holds an A-1 Pennsylvania Sewage Treatment Plant Operators Certificate. He is past president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Association, Incorporated.

Mike is a long distance runner and participated in the New York Marathon on October 23. He completed the 26 mile run in 3 hours and 59 minutes, during heavy rains. A resident of Northeast Philadelphia, Mike and his wife, Barbara, have five children.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER

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Is an employee an officer of or involved in a community, civic, musical, dramatic, art or professional organization?

Did they hunt for deer or small game?

Have you heard of any retired employees' activities?

Did an employee get engaged, married, or have a significant wedding anniversary?

Does any employee have an interesting hobby?

Is the employee taking any educational courses?

Has the employee moved to a new home?

Has anyone lost a lot of weight on a diet?

Has anyone made an unusual purchase, such as a sailboat, motorcycle or Jaguar sedan?

BIRTHS

Jeanne Ballestero, Bureau of Laboratory Services, a baby girl on June 30, 1983.

Kimberly Casey, Inlet Cleaning, a baby girl on November 16, 1983.

Charlie Shea, Baxter Plant, a baby girl, on July 7th.

Joseph Morrow, Industrial Waste Unit, a baby boy on February 5, 1984.

Joan Furness, Construction Branch, a baby grandson on January 3, 1984.

PROMOTIONS

PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

NAME	POSITION	UNIT
Jamie Ellison	Physical Testing Technician	Materials Testing Laboratory
Zacharias Xenakes	Surveyor III	Survey
Arthur Wilson	Analytical Chemist II	Bureau of Laboratory Services
Laura Spitz	Administrative Technician	Plant Expansion Program Administration
Nathaniel Woodson	Physical Testing Technician	Materials Testing Laboratory
Dennis King	Systems Programmer II	Data Management Center
Girvin Kurtz	Architectural Projects Specialist	Design
Stephen Furtek	Civil Engineer I	Design
Kevin McNichol	Civil Engineer II	Design
Brian McNamara	Civil Engineer II	Design
Brian Mohl	Mechanical Engineer I	Construction
Stephen Metzinger	Civil Engineer I	Design
Wayne Kudenchak	Civil Engineer II	Construction
Clifford Lahann	Civil Engineer I	Design
Henry Morer, Jr.	Electrical Engineer I	Design
Theresa King	Sanitary Engineer I	Research and Development
Richard Sheffler	Civil Engineer I	Construction

FINANCE

NAME	POSITION	UNIT
Jo Ann Ballay	Account Clerk	Accounting
Chester Wojnar	Accountant I	Accounting
Thomas Colantuono	Accountant I	Accounting

WATER OPERATIONS

NAME	POSITION	UNIT
Norman Weintraub	Chief, Water Transport Operation Engineer	Water Conveyance Headquarters
David Rainey	Equipment Dispatcher	Distribution
Milton Fletcher	Water Distribution Foreman	Water Conveyance Headquarters
Eric Anderson	Emergency Water Distribution Repairman	Emergency & Support Services
Charles Butler	Security Officer I	Security
William McKeon	Sanitary Engineer IV	Samuel S. Baxter Water Treatment Plant
Marcus Spencer	Treatment Plant Operator I	Queen Lane Filter Plant
Robert Schimmel	Mechanical Engineer II	Water Conveyance Headquarters
Henry Rock	Welder	Distribution
David Poff	Sanitary Engineer I	Load Control

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WEDDINGS

Carol Portman, Executive Office, to David Udis on October 29, 1983.

Frank Shoch, Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant, to Ellen L. Mabel on October 15, 1983.

Robin Rizzo, Personnel, to Dino Pierelli on January 21, 1984. Resigned to reside in Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Henry T. Hinton, Jr., Drainage Information, to Leticia Egea, on February 18, 1984.



Melvin Beale, Distribution Supt. and Daniel Harvey

1984 Combined City Employees Campaign

The employees of the Water Department contributed \$89,453 to the 1984 Combined City Employees Campaign for Human Services.

This outstanding contribution was far and away the largest amount ever raised for a fund drive in the history of the Water Department. It exceeded our goal of \$77,000 by more than 16%.

What made this Combined Campaign unique was that it gave each employee the opportunity to select from literally thousands of health and human services agencies in making their contribution.

As an incentive for increased participation, we again held our raffle, which included the awarding of Six World Series tickets, Champagne breakfast served by Captain Sewer, and one hundred Captain Sewer coffee mugs.

The following employees were the lucky winners of the World Series tickets:

Tom Brady	Construction
Kash Jackson	Customer Service
George Strumfels	Design
Daniel Harvey	Distribution
Larry Harrison	Distribution
Jacob Lowman	Distribution

The enviable winner of the Champagne breakfast with Captain Sewer was Joe Gosselin of the Northeast Treatment Plant.

The one hundred winners of the Captain Sewer coffee mugs were equally distributed around the Water Department.

All in all, what made this Combined Campaign so successful was the willingness of Water Department employees to give generously to organizations seeking to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Be happy and proud of your \$89,453 gift!

PROMOTIONS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

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NAME	POSITION	UNIT
Sebastian Guglielmo	Interceptor Services Supervisor	Interceptor Monitoring
Thomas Coffey	Treatment Plant Operator II	Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant
Joseph Barber	Labor Sub-Foreman	Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant
Wardeen Cook	Labor Foreman I	Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant
Roland Cooley	Heavy Equipment Operator II	Sludge Management
Raymond Williams	Maintenance Mechanic II	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Francis Senske	Sanitary Engineer IV	Sludge Management
Bruce Johnson	Labor Foreman I	Inlet Cleaning
Lemuel Johnson	Sewer Maintenance Foreman I	Sewer Maintenance
William Brown	Treatment Operator I	Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant
Daniel Plasky	Administrative Services Supervisor	Water Pollution Control Treatment Headquarters
Michael Impagliazzo	Heavy Equipment Operator II	Sludge Management
Michael McKenna	Equipment Operator I	Sewer Maintenance
Idell Deary	Equipment Operator I	Sewer Maintenance
Charles Johnson	Sewer Maintenance Foreman I	Sewer Maintenance
James Downs	Treatment Plant Operator II	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Stephen Lerario	Industrial Waste Control Technician II	Industrial Waste
David Collins	Plant Mechanical Electrical Operator	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Derrick Sawyer	Treatment Plant Operator Trainee	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Joseph Cerrone	Industrial Waste Control Technician II	Industrial Waste
Tyrone Cunningham	Treatment Plant Operator I	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant
Neville More	Electrical Engineer I	Water Pollution Control Treatment Headquarters

RETIREES

NAME	UNIT	DATE OF RETIREMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
John Boyd	Belmont Filter Plant	8/30/83	13
Settle Carrol	Distribution	7/29/83	20
Thornhill Cosby	Pumping	8/29/83	29
Frank Fala	Building Maintenance	7/26/83	24
Frank Janits	Distribution	7/22/83	30
Philip Marcolongo	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant	7/14/83	12
Robert Miller	Survey	12/14/83	34
Ralph Mongelluzzo	Distribution	7/15/83	21
Leonard Moss	Distribution	7/29/83	28
Julian Murray	Sludge Management	7/26/83	20
Benson Nichols	Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant	7/27/83	29
Evan Norton	Distribution	11/25/83	30
John Pegues	Inlet Cleaning	8/15/83	25
William Poplaski	Northeast Abatement	9/27/83	29
George Pringle	Sewer Maintenance	7/28/83	30
James Spinner	Samuel S. Baxter Water Treatment Plant	7/29/83	26
Stanley Zagnojnny	Pumping	8/22/83	27



Ron Luciani, Design Chief and Thomas F. Smith

Thomas F. Smith Retires After a Lengthy Career

After a 35½ year career, Thomas F. Smith, Assistant Chief of Design, will be retiring on February 24, 1984. His last working day was on December 8, 1983.

Tom started his formal education at Villanova University and graduated from the Drexel Institute of Technology. Prior to college, he served with the United States Army in Europe as a paratrooper during World War II.

In 1949, he went to work for the Streets Department and seven years later joined the Water Department. His vast experience with the department has been a great asset to the Design Branch and will be immensely missed.

Tom's co-workers, who know him for his unique sense of humor and dry wit, honored him with a farewell gathering on December 7. We hope that Tom continues to find happiness in his new endeavors.

New Driver Training Program

The Safety and Training Offices have begun a drivers' training program for selected employees. The three day course covers topics such as Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Laws, vehicle maintenance, defensive driving, skills-practice, hazards of drinking and driving and accident reporting.

First priority has been given to employees whose driving record warrants training, second, training will be offered to newly hired equipment operators. Finally, refresher training will be given to employees who have not been trained in the last year.

The training is being held at the Court Three Building on the grounds of the Samuel S. Baxter Water Treatment Plant. The building has been cleaned and refurbished and will be used for the classroom training portion of the program. A driving course has been developed for the skill training portion.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S 3RD ANNUAL PICNIC

Over 250 employees and their families attended the department's annual picnic on Saturday, September 24, 1983 at Pachella Park located at Henry Avenue and Livezey Lane.

Everyone participated in the many games and contests. The children, especially, enjoyed the pony rides, sack races and getting their faces painted.

Not only was there plenty to do, but there was plenty to eat and drink. Everyone raved about the barbecued chicken and corn-on-the-cob dinners which were sold for six dollars each and for one dollar, there was unlimited soda and beer.

To top things off, it was a beautiful fall day for a picnic. Everyone had a great time and plans to return next year.



Congratulations to the following employees who were honored in March, 1984 for 25 years of service:

ADMINISTRATION

Addie Matthews Robert Walker
Floyd Platten

PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

Josephine Blackwell Samuel Mark
Marie Grant Barbara Payne
Arlene Jordan Inez Roberts
John Lawton Clyde White
Rinaldo Luciani

WATER OPERATIONS

Azad Attarian Leo Lawton
Louis Barnes, Jr. Anthony Mazzeo
William Brown John McDade
Alfred Cardano Barbara Moreira
John Catalano Clarence Morris
Harry Cooper George Myers
James Esterline Leo Peyton
Lawrence Fitts Roy Somers
Wayne Fowler Steven Supp
Walter Holloway Lloyd Swinson
James Hughey David Thomas
Elijah Jackson Wyatt Thomas
Huett Jackson William Townsend
James Johnson Vincent Washington
Percy Johnson Lester Watkins
Isadore King Spence Wilks
Maxine King

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Thomas Coffey Leroy Kelley
Jessie Davis Charles Meyrick
Samuel Elliott James Pugh
Jaffis Harris Robert Rabiger
Charles Hawkins James Roberts
Frederick Hicks Frank Rogers
Thomas Johnson Leon Skiter
Delores Jones Charles Slaughter
Edward Jubilee Theodore Stevenson

RIVER DIPPER'S PERMIT

This permit is issued to any and all
To dip from the river in spring or in fall,
In summer or winter — as much as you wish
And carry it home in a pail or a dish.

It's raw and untreated and includes the waste
That's slipped in upstream to improve the taste,
No chlorine's been added to make it more pure,
Bacteria are grateful for that, we are sure.

It takes 55 gallons to equal one drum
And only four barrels weigh nearly one ton.
Will you carry this much in your car or by hand
To use in your house — or sprinkle your land?

If it's filtered and treated and pumped to your home
With pressure and purity, the hard work is done.
You just turn the spigot in kitchen or bath
It saves you a trip down that little back path.

The cost is so little and its value so high
That on any market, it's the world's best buy.
The end of the story makes common sense—
One ton of water costs just thirty cents.

NEWS CORNER

Steve Ballay, Computer Center and Jo Ann Ballay, Fiscal, are expecting their first child in April.

Phil Downs, Computer Center and his wife Tina, are expecting around the same time.

Joe Duffy, Fiscal, celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary with his wife Carolyn on February 20th.

Alfred V. Altopiedi, a mechanical engineer in the Construction Unit, received his Degree of Juris Doctor from Delaware Law School of Widener University in December 1983. As an evening division student, he successfully completed the 4 year program in 3½ years. His interests in the legal profession include construction litigation and product liability.

Sanitary Engineer Mike Pickel has transferred to the Belmont Water Treatment Plant to assume the duties of Plant Engineer. Mike formerly worked as a staff engineer in the Water Pollution Control Division's Collector System.

Joe Makowski, Fiscal, a major in the 304th Civil Affairs Group, Philadelphia, attended a United States Army Reserve Annual Training Tour at Fort Stewart, Georgia in mid-February.

After visiting EPCOT and relatives in Lakeland, Florida, Bob Walker, Commissioner's Office, headed over to Port Orange to see Elmer Goebel, retired Distribution Superintendent. Elmer claims he is still bowling and playing golf every week.

Joseph Golembeski has transferred to the Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant to accept the position of Assistant Plant Superintendent. Joe previously worked in the Planning and Research Unit.

Ed Fox has transferred to the Computer Center to begin a new career as a programmer trainee. Ed placed 2nd on the city-wide examination after his previous experience with the department qualified him for the examination. He was formerly the inventory control technician in the Finance Division.

Ted Baruch, Laboratory Services, and his wife Betty celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 25th.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Sick Leave Privileges

The department will give special recognition to employees who have used five or less sick days (paid or unpaid, charged or uncharged) during 1983 and have been continuously employed since April 1, 1983.

This group of employees will not be subject to sick leave investigation when they are out sick. They will not be required to call the Personnel Office when leaving or returning home for medical treatment. This exemption will continue until the amount of sick leave exceeds five days. However, a doctor's note will have to be submitted, since this requirement is contained in the union contracts. Employees who are exempt, will be notified by letter.

Child Care Questionnaire

The department is interested in determining the child care needs of its employees. A questionnaire will soon be distributed to all employees. If you have a child or even if you do not, please take a minute to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Personnel Office, Room 1130 Municipal Services Building.

WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

This newsletter is published by and for the employees of the Philadelphia Water Department. All personnel are encouraged to contribute articles, photographs and any other interesting material to the unit reporter or the editor, Maureen Sullivan, (Room 1180 Municipal Services Building).

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