

## **JANUARY 1974**

# **Washtenaw Association Sponsors Safety Seminars**

### ***Supervisory Personnel Seminars Held***

The Washtenaw Association has held two sets of Safety Seminars to help instruct all supervisory personnel on the job sites to recognize safety hazards and help to prevent on-site accidents. The Seminars were given by the Association's Safety Consultant, Lindsay Hayes. The meetings consisted of two four hour sessions the first introduced those in attendance to the new State safety requirements and the interpretation of various parts of the State safety act. The second session was an on- site training survey to teach the elements of conducting a self-survey.

Most Companies belonging to the Association had men trained at the Seminars. All included in the training felt it was the most worthwhile to date in an effort to prevent accidents and on-site penalties. All in attendance will receive certificates from the Association. Recordskeeping Requirements Seminar Mr. Hayes also scheduled two meetings for secretaries or individuals responsible for keeping OSHA records for the Company. The Program consisted of reviewing all aspects of recordskeeping and answering any questions that came up regarding specific problems.

## **Code Interpretation Committee Formed**

A new committee has been formed in the Washtenaw Association. The "Code Interpretation Committee" will be meeting with members of the Ann Arbor Building Department, including the Inspectors, to discuss and come to an agreement on one interpretation of the new plumbing code (Chapter 98) that everyone will have to abide by. Members of the Committee include: Donald Noffsinger, Johnson & Lillard, Inc., Chairman, Howard McMullen, Garvin Plumbing & Heating, Michael O'Neill, A. M. O'Neill, Inc., Louis Boone, Boone & Darr, Inc., William Romelhardt, Hutzler Plumbing & Heating Company and Phillip Slack, Towler & Notar, Inc. for the Association and Jack Donaldson, Director, Construction Division of Building and Safety, Carl Coleman, Chief Plumbing Inspector and Jesse Underwood, Plumbing Inspector for the Building Department.

Comments from members are welcome to help the Committee in their efforts. Contact the Washtenaw Association office with any problems that you may be having regarding the code so that they can be discussed at the next meeting.

## **FEBRUARY 1974**

### **WASHTENAW**

The Association held their Annual Banquet and Dinner Dance at the Crystal House Motel, January 18th, 1974. The total membership was invited along with State Association representatives, local Union representatives and other people directly related to the Association's activities.



*L. to R.; Pres. Gerry Notar, Jenese Mitchell and Bob Fair*



*Counter Clockwise: Roy Garvin, Nettie McMullen and Red McMullen June Mormon*

*L. to R.: Marilyn and Verle Crawford, Joann and Fayne McGovern*



The Association along with other Contractor Associations in the area have reorganized the former Construction Liaison Board and have formed the Washtenaw Council of Construction Employers. The board approved the proposed letterhead at the last meeting. The group will take a position on any construction related problems. Members of the Council beside the local PHC Association includes: Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County, Washtenaw Contractors Association and Washtenaw County Electrical Contractors Association.

Association representatives have been meeting with the Ann Arbor Mayor and City Council Members to discuss the problems with the construction and sewer tap-ins in Ann Arbor. Some Council Members have stated that they feel that all building permits should be cut off until some definite answers are available concerning the capacity of the local sewage treatment plant. The Association has been assured that before final action is taken by Council that the Industry will have a chance to react to any recommendations made.

Thirty two new apprentices were taken into the Union at their January membership meeting. The new apprentices will begin classes at Washtenaw Community College the first week of February. The new group of apprentices will be attending four hours of night school every week instead of going to school during one working day every other week.

The officers and directors for 1974 will remain the same as 1973. New elections will take place at the next annual business meeting in January 1975. The officers and directors are: Gerald A. Notar, President, Fayne McGovern, Vice President, Louis Boone, Secretary-Treasurer, Howard McMullen, Past President, William Romelhardt, Director and Vernon Smith, Director.

**APRIL 1974**

## WASHTENAW COUNTY

The Washtenaw Association along with other Contractor Associations in the area have been meeting with a City Council subcommittee to discuss the problems of sewer tap-ins with new construction. John McCormick, Chairman of the City Council committee, has publicly stated that he feels all building permits should be cut off until some definite answers are available concerning the capacity of the local sewage treatment plant. His proposed moratorium on building permits would last until September, 1974.

The Industry was well represented at a recent City Council meeting by Contractor Associations, representatives of the local building trades unions and construction workers to express their opposition to the recommended moratorium. Industry representatives stated that if there is a serious problem, more facts should be made available before any drastic action is taken by Council which would cause massive layoffs, a halt to building and utter chaos in the Industry. Pointed out was a report that the City received from its sanitary engineers estimating that the City can continue to allow construction of the equivalent of about 1,000 new residences per year as long as planned improvements at the plant are made. The first stage of these improvements is scheduled to begin later this spring, provided the State approves the work. A request was made for Council to prohibit non-city residents from trucking their sewage to the City's plant for treatment. This would provide sewage treatment for three hundred additional homes. Mayor Stephenson stated that Council has not yet determined what approach should be taken to the growth problem, but a moratorium has not been declared. Council has unofficially agreed to not approve any new residential building site plans until a decision is reached. But, the Mayor warned that if the City ignores the problem and pumps unsatisfactorily treated sewage into the Huron River the State Health Department could cut off all new sewage hook ups which would amount to a moratorium. A member of the Ann Arbor Board of Realtors called the concerns for public health "scare tactics" being used to deceive the public.

The outcome of the meeting was that Council agreed that either it or the sewage subcommittee would meet with the Contractors and labor officials in the near future to discuss the problem and try to come to a decision acceptable to all concerned. **MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS. THIS IS YOUR LIVELIHOOD!**

## JUNE 1974

### ANN ARBOR

At a recent meeting of the Washtenaw County Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors held May 20, 1974, a two year labor agreement was unanimously approved. The contract calls for a \$.90 increase the first year and a \$.81 increase the second year. The contractors also received an increase of \$.05 in their promotion fund making it \$.15 an hour. These increases amount to 8.6% the first year and 6.8% the second year. Various wordage changes in the contract include that the contract shall be open the second year to discuss travel pay only. Another item stated that no apprentice or journeyman be paid over scale subject to violation of the labor agreement. All future apprentices will attend night classes at the Community College. This is a big step forward as all apprentices in the past have attended day school. The contract changes will be printed and mailed to members in the very near future.

## DECEMBER 1974

### WASHTENAW COUNTY

#### Inflation Being Fought in Washtenaw County

President Notar reports that the Association, along with various trades, professional and business

groups in the Ann Arbor area, are banding together with a WIN in Washtenaw County Program to fight inflation on a local level in support of President Ford's anti-inflation program. This coalition believes that it can fight inflation successfully by strongly addressing itself to the following basic issues which promulgate inflation in our communities by creating unemployment and by unduly restricting sensible and responsible growth.

1. The Total Planning Process
2. Water Department
3. The Ann Arbor Growth Policies
4. The Anti-Business Attitude Prevalent Throughout City Hall
5. The Sewer Situation
6. High Taxes
7. Rent Control

While this coalition has not yet developed a clear-cut tactical offense nor the knowledge or money necessary to carry on the offense, it must fight so that the values inherent in our systems as well as our entire economic existence may be preserved and enhanced.

## **Annual Christmas Party**

President Notar reports that the Association, with members of the Council of Construction Employers (consisting of the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County, Washtenaw Contractors Association, National Electrical Contractors Association of America, Washtenaw County Division) sponsored a Christmas party in Weber's Inn. Those in attendance included Engineers, Business Representatives, City Government Representatives and Contractors from the various Associations.