

JANUARY 1976

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Sewer Hookup Ban Discussion

The October meeting of the Labor-Management Joint Construction Board was Chaired by Bruce Towler, Business Manager, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 190 and co-sponsored by the Association and local Union.

Featured speakers at the meeting were State Representatives Gary Owen (D), District 22 and Roy Smith (R), District 51.

The possibility of a sewer hookup ban was discussed at great length. Such a ban could shut down the construction industry and snowballing effects of this could compound employment and economic problems already critical in Michigan. It was stated that such a ban would bring construction to a complete standstill, possibly including the municipal projects such as the new county jail and federal office building in Ann Arbor.

It was agreed at the meeting to form a committee consisting of the local Associations and their respective State Association representatives along with building trade representatives to seek a direction to proceed. This committee will initially meet with members of the Department of Natural Resources in Lansing to present their position on this matter at the earliest possible time.

OCTOBER 1976

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Larry Burkheiser, executive secretary, Michigan Health and Safety Institute, was a guest at the August 18th Board of Director's meeting. Larry reviewed his activities for the first half of 1976 and gave a brief report on what is to be happening the remainder of the year. The association unanimously agreed to increase its annual dues contribution to the institute from \$200 to \$500 per annum.

Through the unified and concerted effort of all segments of the community in Washtenaw County, the Washtenaw County Sewage Plan, which is the expansion of existing facilities in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, was accepted by the Water Resources Commission. Plans and steps to proceed in obtaining the grant are now being made with construction expected to begin in early October, 1977.

DECEMBER 1976

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Joint Apprenticeship Committee -L. to R., Niel Bucholz, Robert Fair, Bruce Towler, Tom Flynn, Bill Romelhardt, Don Noffsinger, Robert Northrup and Gene Shuey.

William Romelhardt Honored

The Washtenaw County Plumber/Fitter Joint Apprenticeship Committee held a Testimonial Dinner in honor of William Romelhardt for his untiring efforts as Chairman of the Committee for the past 17 years. Don Noffsinger, who replaced Bill as Chairman of the Committee, presented Bill with a plaque on behalf of the Apprenticeship Committee. At an earlier meeting in October, Lloyd Zill accepted a plaque on behalf of the Association in Bill's absence. Don Noffsinger also presented the Association plaque to Bill at the Apprenticeship Dinner. The Association and Joint Apprenticeship Committee wishes the best of luck to Bill in his future endeavors.



Members and Inspectors at luncheon.

Inspector's Luncheon



L. to R., Bill Moyer, Don Noffsinger, Jack Donaldson.

The Association held their Third Annual Inspector's Luncheon, September 20th, at the Holiday Inn West.

The meeting was Chaired by Don Noffsinger, Association Vice-President and State Director for District #3. Featured speakers were Bill Moyer, Chief Plumbing Inspector and Executive Secretary of the State of Michigan Plumbing Board and Jack Donaldson, Assistant Director, Building and Safety Engineering, City of Ann Arbor.

Along with Association members, Inspectors representing nine different areas in Washtenaw County attended. Bill discussed the new proposed 81 changes in the Plumbing Code and urged members to attend the Public Hearings that were held in October. A report was also given on the progress of the State Mechanical Code. Jack

Donaldson discussed areas of mutual concern with members and inspectors. A question and answer session followed.