

MAY 1977



Don Noffsinger, President of the Washtenaw County Association, presided over a luncheon meeting at Webber's Inn in Ann Arbor March 21 st. The purpose of the meeting was to inform interested members about MPMCA's insurance program. Included in the program were Don Priest and Bob Lussenden, members of the Insurance Committee; Ed (Goodman of Goodman Agency to talk about business and workers'

compensation insurances; and Cliff Rowden of Group Actuaries to talk about the Health and Hospitalization Benefit Trust and the 10% dividend that was paid to Benefit Trust participants this year. Also in attendance were Michael West of MPMCA and Bob Fair, Executive Director of the Washtenaw County Association. Members at the meeting actively participated in the discussion and responded to the comparison between MPMCA insurance premium rates and their own insurance rates.



SEPTEMBER 1977

WASHTENAW COUNTY

The Washtenaw County Association has established an Advertising Committee partly as a result of the seminar for the Directors and Local Association Presidents held in Lansing, July 29. The Advertising Committee will report at the September 21 meeting ideas on how to promote the

mechanical trades in Washtenaw County.

President Don Noffsinger reported a new service contract which was negotiated and commenced June 1. This contract came about at an opportune time because work has improved during the summer months and will pick up some more in September. The Washtenaw County Association has started up the United Fund Campaign, hoping that each employee will contribute the equivalent of one hour's pay.

President Noffsinger also reports that the Association has started a plan room which should develop into a form of exchange such as done through the Builders Exchange of Detroit and Michigan.

There was an excellent response to the solar energy seminar sponsored by the Washtenaw Association last spring. As a result of that seminar, a library on solar energy information will be established at the Association office.

The Association has disbanded the Affirmative Action Program that was in effect and reestablished it through the Plumbers and Pipefitters Apprentice Committee. Also, the Washtenaw Association is in the process of expanding the bi-monthly newsletter and the updating of the industry index and legislative directory.

OCTOBER 1977

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A hearing was held in Detroit on Tuesday, August 30, by the State Board of Appeals regarding the sewer permit moratorium for Washtenaw County. A three-judge panel listened to briefs prepared by the plaintiffs and defendants (City of Ann Arbor) and this panel of judges will be making a decision as to whether they should support Judge Fink's order as to whether Washtenaw County is to continue its sewer permit moratorium. It is the contention of the City of Ann Arbor that the effluent is not unsatisfactory and will not endanger the health of the community. Ann Arbor is, therefore, asking for a repeal of the moratorium. Any questions in regard to the moratorium can be referred to the Washtenaw County Association office at 2311 Shelby Street, Suite 102, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Telephone: 313-761-0474.

DECEMBER 1977

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President Noffsinger reports that the Association offices have relocated. The new offices are located at 1935 Pauline Boulevard, Suite 100-A. One of the many features of the new facilities includes a larger conference room and areas for more member activity.

The Association, along with the Washtenaw Contractors Association, recently held their annual Christmas party at Weber's Inn. A newly devised advertising campaign was presented at the annual get together.