



JANUARY 1978

ANN ARBOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Washtenaw County Association held a successful Christmas party at Weber's Inn on December 16. A buffet luncheon and open bars greeted the guests who included the various trade associations in the area and representatives of Local 190, the Detroit Builders Exchange, MPMCA and Lansing MCA. It was a good time for people to get together again, to renew old acquaintances and share in the Christmas spirit.



MAY 1978

Washtenaw County Association President, Don Noffsinger, represented the Association which helped to sponsor the 1978 Spring Home and Builders Show in Ann Arbor. This was the first show in the Washtenaw County area since 1968 and it was a huge success. Construction associations, building trade unions, area suppliers and distributors, banks, recreational equipment dealers and others displayed their products and answered questions regarding remodeling, mortgaging, new home construction and purchasing of fixtures. The various associations also answered inquiries about their services. Washtenaw County Association sponsored a double booth where affiliate members (area wholesalers) supplied products and where regular members discussed their companies and the Association. A microwave oven was given as a door prize by the Association. Several thousand people reviewed the displays over the weekend which was geared to explain to the public, "the construction industry story," Plans are already underway for the 1979 show which, hopefully, will be expanded and enlarged on the programs of this year.



JUNE 1978

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Robert J. Fair, Washtenaw County Executive Director with area inspector's at the Plumbing Inspector's Association Annual Meeting.

W. NELSON VANDER HYDEN MEMORIAL AWARD

Louis Boone, Past President and Director of the Association was presented the first annual W. Nelson Vander Hyden Memorial Award at the annual meeting of the Washtenaw Contractors Association. Louie, President of Boone & Darr, Inc., was chosen to receive the honor by the Board of Directors of the WCA.

W. Nelson Vander Hyden died this past year of cancer at the age of 54. He had been President of Jeffress-Dyer Construction Company since 1964, and came to the community with the company in 1956, during a time when that firm built numerous local buildings including the U of M's Childrens Hospital, Institute for Social Research, University Hospital Outpatient Building, Phoenix Memorial Laboratory and Kresge Medical Research Facility to mention just a few.

U. of M. Director of Physical Property, Jack Weidenbach, called Vander Hyden "always a gentleman and professional" as he spoke to the contractors prior to the presentation of the award. Local architect Don Wright called Vander Hyden 'a contractor's contractor', as he told of the background of the award. "This award will be presented annually to the individual or firm who have used the high standards of professionalism that characterized Van, and contributed to the betterment or improvement of the construction industry."

The award was presented by Paul Rose, current President of Jeffress- Dyer who noted that Boone was a close friend of the late contractor and has displayed many of the ideals and professional qualities which everyone saw in Vander Hyden. Anne Vander Hyden, the late contractor's wife, assisted in the presentation and called Boone a true friend. "You can count the number of people who are willing to give their life for you on the fingers of one hand and Louie is one of them," she said. **CONGRATULATIONS LOUIE!**

AUGUST 1978

WASHTENAW COUNTY NEWS

President Noffsinger reports that the Association along with Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 190 have reached a contract agreement. The Agreement is for two years. The increase is \$1.03 for the first year and \$1.17 for the second, along with this increase there were changes in over-time, underground, service agreement, etc.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT JOINT CONSTRUCTION BOARD

President Noffsinger has been elected Chairman of the Labor-Management Joint Construction Board. The Labor-Management Joint Construction Board is made up of various construction association and labor unions in the Washtenaw County area. They meet monthly to discuss items of mutual concern. Cletus Adkins, Business Manager for the Roofers Local Union No. 70 was elected Vice Chairman.

NAPHCC ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Association's representative to the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors, Inc. National Convention was the Executive Director, Robert J. Fair.

SEPTEMBER 1978

WASHTENAW COUNTY ASSOCIATION

President Noffsinger reported that there will be approximately 55 graduating apprentices from the apprentice training program in Ann Arbor this year. The class will have "recognition night" in the latter part of November.

The Washtenaw County Association is again working with the Washtenaw Contractors Association for fiscal year 1978-79 in promotional efforts for the construction Industry. More will be reported on this later in the year.



OCTOBER 1978

WASHTENAW COUNTY

President Noffsinger reports that the Washtenaw County Association held their Annual Plumbing Inspector's



luncheon on September 11, 1978, at Weber's Inn. Featured speakers for the luncheon were: George Weinhagen, Deputy Director, Bureau of Construction Codes, and William Moyer, Chief of Plumbing Division, State Plumbing Board, State of Michigan.

We had an excellent turnout from the membership as well as the Inspectors, and heads of Building Departments in the area.

Subjects covered were:

1. State Construction Code Commission and its relationship to the State Plumbing Board.
2. State plumbing inspections given in the areas.
3. Elimination of one Ann Arbor Plumbing Inspector position.

Plaques were presented to Alvin Cst, Milan Plumbing and Heating Company and John Montonye (accepted by Ron Kneer), Indoor Comfort Company for their many years of service to the Association.

A plaque was also presented to retiring Plumbing Inspector for the City of Ann Arbor, Carl Coleman. It was also announced at the meeting that John Montonye, who recently suffered a mild heart attack was home and doing well.



NOVEMBER 1978

WASHTENAW COUNTY

President Noffsinger reports that the annual Christmas party will be held at Weber's Inn in December. The Homebuilders Association, the General Contractors Association and the Electrical Contractors Association will participate in this Christmas party also.

Washtenaw County Association PHCC will host the November Owner's and Contractor's meeting. This group consists of all area public owners who utilize construction services and area contractor associations. The program will consist of the group members who believe that more money can be saved if the consumer lets construction contracts separately rather than through general contracting,

President Noffsinger also reports that the Association is starting its Fall membership campaign. The Association is proud to say that employers employing local union members consist of approximately 93% of the total union membership.

"As President of the Washtenaw Association, I would like to wish all members of the MPMCA a Happy Thanksgiving,"

**Sincerely,
Don Noffsinger**