

## WALTER F. SNYDER

*Executive Director of the  
National Sanitation Foundation—  
1944-1965*



Men and women who find careers in the fields of environmental health share certain interests, problems, convictions and aspirations which place them in a professional situation that is decidedly their own. They dedicate their lives to the service of their fellow men. They are deeply committed to the belief that this

world, this nation, this state, this district or town can, and must, be made a better, safer place in which to live. They are a realistic amalgam of exact science and boundless optimism, and their zeal is never dimmed.

Walter F. Snyder was one of these people. He learned from his colleagues



and taught others what he learned. Almost everyone who encountered him in a classroom, meeting or conference knew they were in the presence of an evangelist of environmental health. Many who met him realized that this friendly yet outspoken man possessed remarkable powers of insight, organizational creativity and leadership. These gifts, combined with his desire to work with and through people, were ultimately to establish him as a leader among those who seek to attain environmental quality.

For 10 years, he directed the environmental health program for the City of Toledo, Ohio. Even as he worked to improve an urban environment he was extending his own frontiers with graduate work at the University of Toledo as well as the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Through his studies and first-hand observation of events, he was convinced that progress on countless vital problems of public health could best be resolved by bringing representatives of government, industry and user groups together on neutral ground where they could discuss their differences and reconcile their viewpoints.

In 1944, Walter Snyder resigned from his position in Toledo and returned to Ann Arbor. His belief that environmental quality could best be achieved through deliberation, harmony and accord attracted interest and support among highly placed members of the U of M faculty. As a result, the National Sanitation Foundation was established at the School of Public Health in that year. He served as its Executive Director until his death in 1965.

The new Foundation had marked success in providing a mechanism for bringing new standards of

sanitation to industry, and in conducting supportive research. Today, the National Sanitation Foundation, an independent, non-profit organization with a large professional staff and testing laboratory of its own, is an ever-widening influence in the field of environmental quality. This influence is due today, as it was in the very beginning, to the principle of inter-group communication and cooperation pioneered by Walter F. Snyder.

## *The 1974 Walter F. Snyder Award presented to JAMES E. JUMP*

Erv Jump of Kentucky is a man with a message. For twenty years he has journeyed about the nation making business contacts, absorbing viewpoints, serving on national committees, meeting with students in high schools and colleges, conferring with officials of government and counseling with health departments. To one and all his message has been: *Environmental health is everybody's business.*

In his personal life environmental health is not only his vocation; it is his avocation. There is no record of how often he has been asked to serve on one committee or another—only the fact that he has never refused to serve, never failed to do what was expected of him, and carefully avoided taking credit for what he has done.

His friends are to be found in top agencies of the federal government, in state capitols and local governments throughout the nation.

According to one friend, his wife and family have practically “grown up” in NEHA. He was a pioneer member of the first NEHA industry advisory committee and in 1968 was given a





He began business as an agent for various products used in industrial processes. In 1960 he established the Aero-Flo Corporation, and served as its president. The business flourished. In 1966 he merged Aero-Flo with the Clow Corporation and became a vice president of the combined organization.

Because James E. Jump has committed his life and energies to the health and well-being of his fellow men, because his integrity and capabilities are such that he has often been chosen as liaison man between government, industry and consumer, he is required once more to stand in the limelight. On this occasion he is honored with the Walter F. Snyder Award for achievement in attaining environmental quality.

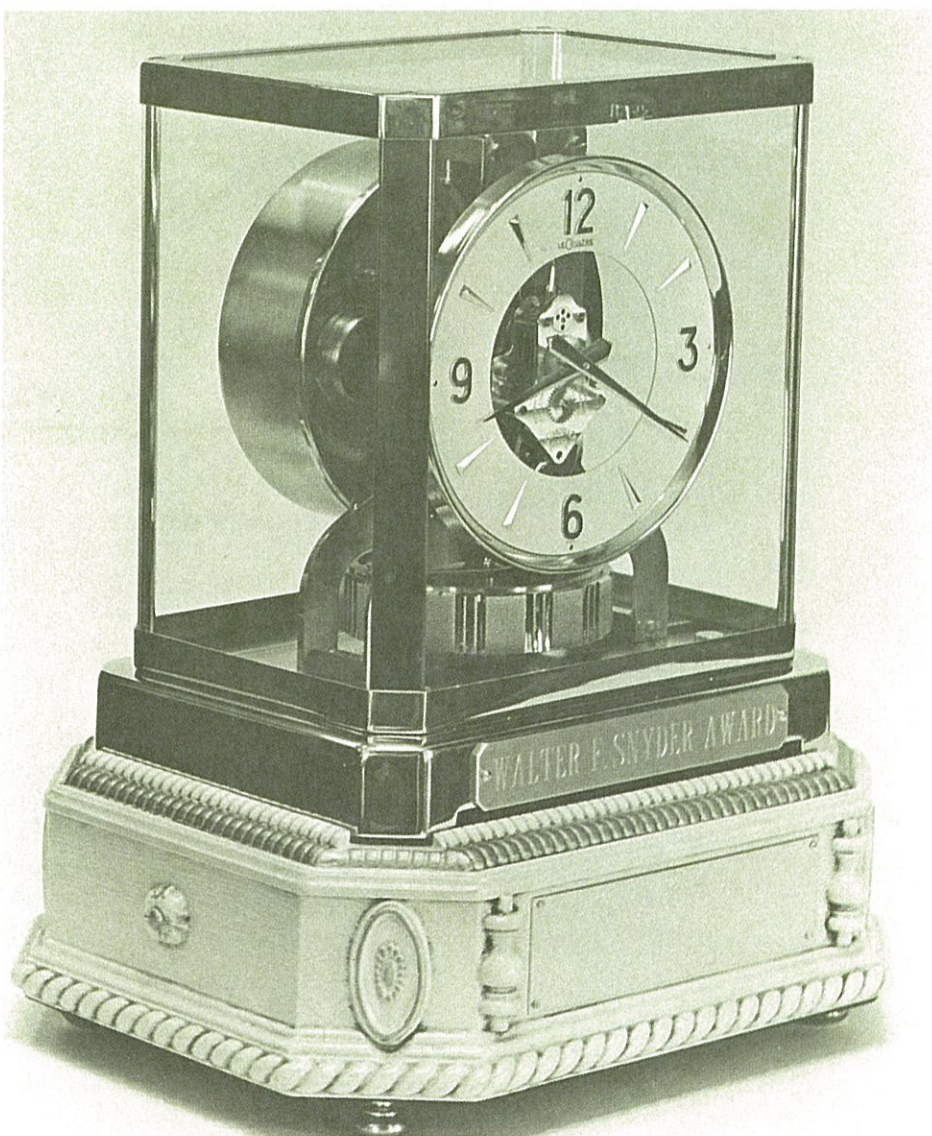
presidential citation. In 1971 (with no place to hide) he was named NEHA Man of the Year.

Still another achievement, too nationally visible for any hope of concealment, was his successful leadership within the NSF advisory committee that established criteria for extended aeration package wastewater treatment plants. He demonstrated his faith in the program by having his own company be the first to commit a plant for testing under the NSF

criteria.

In the Kentucky business community there is the further record that Erv Jump, a Kentucky colonel, has been a Jaycees Man of the Year, that he is the founder of the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the state board of the U.S. Small Business Administration and a member of the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Pollution Control Association. In addition he is a highly successful farmer.





The Walter F. Snyder Award is presented annually by the National Environmental Health Association and the National Sanitation Foundation to a recipient who has achieved peer recognition for outstanding accomplishment in the field of environment . . . for notable contributions to public health and the quality of life, for demonstrated capacity to work with all interests in solving environmental problems, for knowledge and proficiency in utilizing voluntary standards to obtain environmental objectives, and for leadership in securing action on behalf of environmental goals.