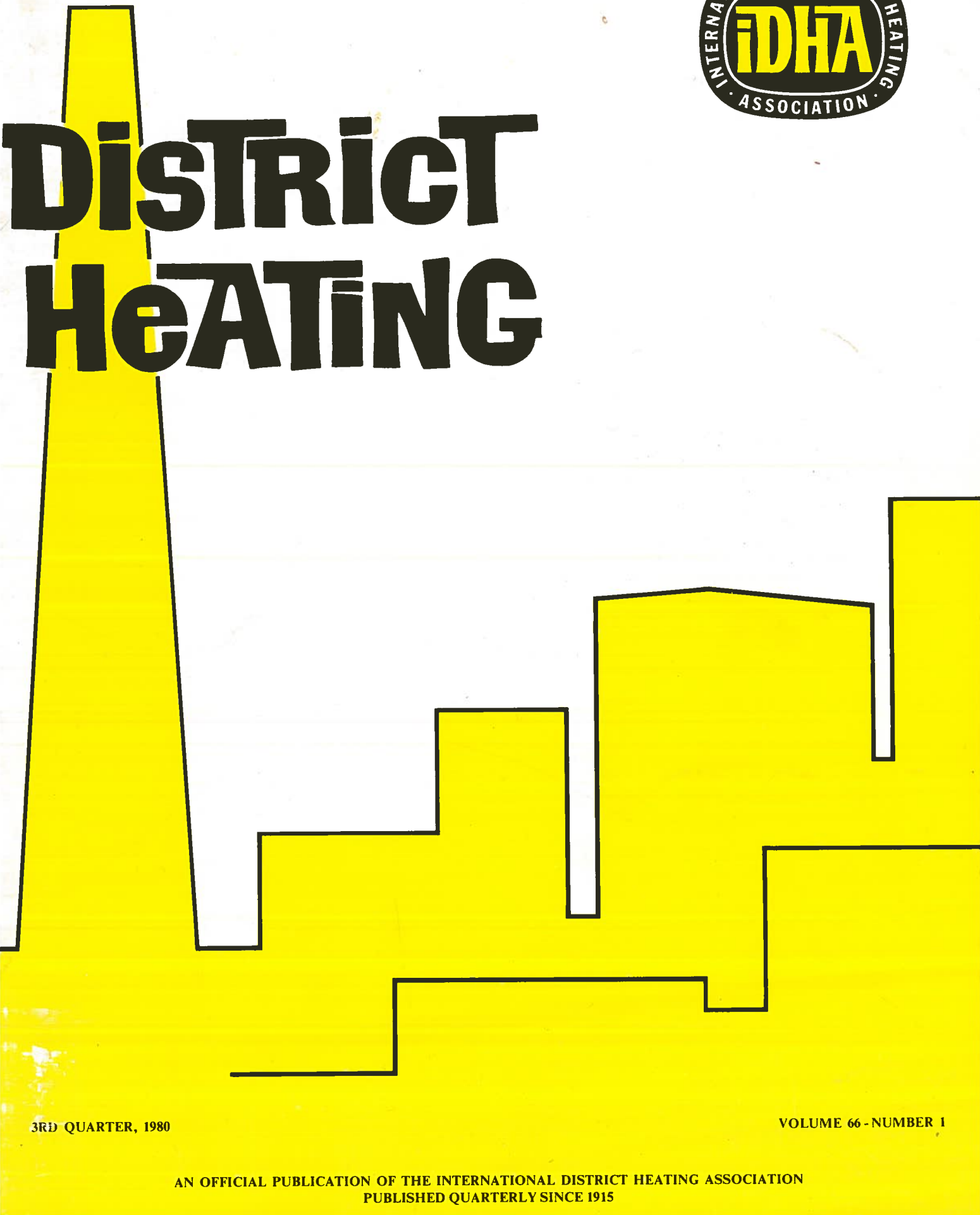




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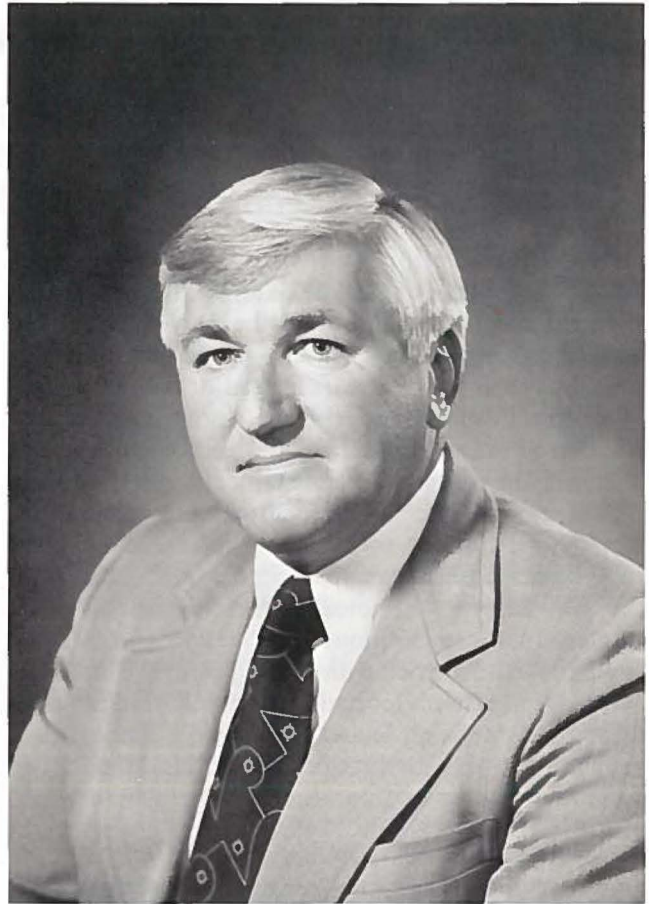
In this first message, I would like to extend to all members of the organization my thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your new president during the forthcoming year. I expect this year to be a very busy year for its officers, directors and committee members. It will be a year that is dedicated to telling the district heating story and working with its members and associates. Our goal is to promote district heating as we know it today and as we may visualize its role in the future. Our new base of operations in Washington, D.C. is a natural location to interact with agencies and interested persons to spread the word of district heating and develop plans and strategies necessary to utilize its potential to the fullest.

The energy picture today in the United States is critical and dependent on a number of factors not totally under our control. With knowledge in this regard, a number of projects are under study in this country in an effort to match some of the successes evident in various European countries. The International District Heating Association with its International Relations Committee has in recent years aided greatly in regard to information interchange and cooperation with many countries outside our Western Hemisphere. The end result is that people interested in district heating are telling their stories and spreading the word. The long term solution to the energy problem will not be simple to arrive at. The answer will be complex and depend on a diverse number of energy sources. This will reduce the dependency on a single energy supply. District Heating will be considered and will undoubtedly form part of a national energy plan to resolve some of the current issues.

The role of the IDHA headquarters in Washington, D.C. is to provide such information to concerned individuals as requested. We are indeed pleased with Norm Taylor, our Executive Director, and his able staff who are supporting our operations in a most capable manner.

Now, briefly, what about this forthcoming year. There will be many meetings for the officers and the directors to attend. There will be some organizational goal settings and some planning of strategies involved. A new committee will be formed to provide liaison with Washington based groups. Joint workshops and a national conference on District Heating is planned. News letters are to be written. It will be a busy year and perhaps we should be thankful for it and for opportunities it presents to us within IDHA to provide direction and purpose as our organization enters its 72nd year of service.

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OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Robert Botsford first worked for Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation as a Laboratory Technician while attending college. Upon graduation from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1957 he joined RG&E as a Test Engineer. After working as a Station Engineer and Assistant Superintendent at the Beebee Station, and as a Superintendent at Stations #8 and #9, Bob was promoted to Superintendent for the Steam Heating Systems in 1972, when he also received his M.B.A. from the University of Rochester. He now serves as Superintendent for Fossil, Hydro, and Steam Production.

Besides his active role in IDHA, Bob is a member of the New York Power Generation Committee and the Rochester Engineering Society. He is involved in his community, having served as a town councilman, and currently works with his community's United Way and United Community Chest Campaigns. Bob also participates actively in his church.

Bob and his wife Ann live in Ontario, New York with their four children.