



# CROSSCURRENTS

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## Dedication Set At Pembina

Work on the Pembina, North Dakota, flood protection project is now completed and a dedication ceremony is being arranged for the middle of September.

Besides the 2,000-foot flood wall, the project includes two and one-half miles of earth levee, a pump station, inlets, manholes, gate wells and storm interceptor sewers and outlets.

The flood wall in Pembina, N.D., received an Honorable Mention award in the landscape category in the 1977 Distinguished Design Awards Program.

Referring to the flood wall, the judges said, "This was selected as an honorable mention award because of the pleasant detail of the bas-relief on what otherwise would have been a most monotonous 3 mile long flood barrier. The pattern, with its shades and shadows, gives texture and creates great interest."

*ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR  
SLATED IN OCTOBER*

*The Employee Benefit Fund is sponsoring an ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR sometime in October, for St. Paul District employees and families. A display of employees' handiworks was mounted at the Engineers Picnic to give a sampling of the creative talents to be represented in the competition.*



*Pembina Flood Wall*

### RAINS CAUSE FLASH FLOODS

Damage survey teams were sent by the St. Paul District to work with the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration in the wake of record flooding in southwestern Wisconsin and southern Minnesota. Heavy rains caused extensive flooding in southern sections of both states.

An estimated \$7-million damage could have been prevented in southern Wisconsin by the Corps flood protection dam at La Farge had it been constructed. If the District's flood control project were in place in Rochester an estimated \$59-million in damages might have been prevented.

DISTRICT HIRES 19  
NEW CO-OP STUDENTS

by Mary Jones

Nineteen new Cooperative Education students have started work with the St. Paul District this month. Most of them will remain on the job until December.

The purpose of the Cooperative Education (Co-op) program is to give students work experience during the course of their college careers. Students usually work for 3 to 6 months, return to school for a period, then normally put in an additional 3 to 6 months on the job. The Co-op program currently involves about 45,000 students from 100 schools nationwide. The Federal Government is the largest single employer, though many private businesses are employers as well.

Co-op students can be found in various St. Paul District offices, at many diverse tasks:

In Planning, Kristine Smith is a civil engineering major from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville; Blanche Hom is a geography major from the University of Minnesota; and Dave Tschida (Hydraulics) and Mike Lescher (GREAT) are civil engineering majors from the University of Minnesota.

Also from the University of Minnesota are Linda Vanderwerf in Environmental Resources and Mary Jones in PAO. Both are journalism majors.

Working in the Comptroller department are Kaye Stratman and Nancy Peterson, both accounting majors from UW-LaCrosse.

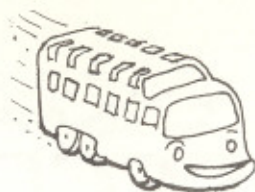
In Construction are Ted Blum and Perry Hubert, both civil engineering majors from UW-Platteville.

Co-ops in CO-GR are Lynn Herman (science), Steve Eggers (biology), Mary Thomas (biology) and Tom Hamilton (political science) from UW-LaCrosse.

Also from LaCrosse is Richard Harschutz (computer science) in ADP.

Theresa Westberg, Design, is a civil engineering major from UW-Madison.

From the University of Northern Iowa are two mass communication majors, Bill Banks, OAS, and Terri Wheeler, working in the EEO office.



RUNAWAY BUS FLATTENS  
SAFETY OFFICER'S CAR

The 13th of June may have been either an especially lucky-- or especially unlucky--day for Sam Moore, District Safety Officer.

He had left the office at 3 p.m., thanks to "flexitime," for a golf game and was headed for his car in the railroad depot parking lot in the next block. He arrived there just minutes after an unoccupied city bus rolled down a two-block incline and totally smashed his '76 Mercury station wagon.

Three other parked cars were damaged in the mishap, and one Rambler, just entering the intersection at the depot and Kellogg Boulevard, was able to stop only inches from disaster. The bus, which had been left unoccupied briefly at a route "turn-around" point, was later towed away.

Sam missed his golf game, but has consoled himself by observing, "Just a minute or two later I'd have been in that auto."

The following morning, 14 June, Ed Terlinde, AS-RM, narrowly escaped injury in another city bus accident. He was enroute to work, holding onto a pole as he stood at the front of the crowded bus. When the bus stopped for a signal at the intersection of Robert & Plato, another bus rammed into the rear end, injuring slightly more than two dozen people.

Ed was so shaken he just walked off the bus and, fearing he'd be late to work, walked the last mile to the office.

*The April-May issue of Crosscurrents failed to reach all the retirees because of a shortage of several hundred copies of the issue. Many retirees received "recycled" copies, thanks to the response of some 60 employees to an appeal for return of copies that had been read.*

## 'GOING PUBLIC'



Some 700 visitors attended when, in conjunction with Dairy Days, Lock and Dam No. 10 had its annual open house. Roy Jetter showed four films: Mississippi Challenge, Rivers, Floods and People, The Great River, and Stairway to Progress.

Visitors were given tours of the lock and dam. Weather was perfect; tow boats and pleasure craft were being locked continuously. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Robert Lounsberry, his wife and friends toured the structure and stayed at the site for several hours. Mr. Lounsberry was the principal speaker at the Dairy Day event. "We had more FFA groups and young people who had livestock entered in the competition view the lock this year than during previous years," Lockmaster Burnell Reinitz reports, calling the event "very successful."

Also, Roy Jetter received this note from the Future Farmers of America at Guttenberg:

"Thank you for coming to our agri-business class and talking to us about your work on Lock and Dam 10. It was very interesting, especially the slide presentation. I just wanted to drop off this note to tell you we appreciated your visit."

Lee Stenerson, assistant lockmaster at Lock and Dam 9, reports that on 27 June, 27 senior citizens from Platteville, Wisconsin, were escorted on a two hour tour of the facility. "Head count at end of tour was still 27," he adds.

THE ST. PAUL DISTRICT EXHIBIT took part in the Armed Forces Display in Duluth, at Miller Mall, 15 through 18 June.

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Colonel Gay received a letter recently from Mr. and Mrs. James P. Baker, Maple Grove, Minnesota, commending Richard Ingle and Jim Nelson of Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam for their compassion toward them.

"My husband, his brother, our three young children and myself were caught in a severe thunderstorm in an open watercraft. It was a driving rain with hail, and we were all shaking so bad from the cold when we got to the lock. These two men got us up from the dam as quickly as possible, had us dock our boat, gave us shelter, warm clothing and hot drinks.

"They both were running around like crazy, getting coats from their cars and turning up the heat trying to warm up our thoroughly drenched bodies as quickly as possible.

"We are truly grateful to these two men and somehow deep in my heart I feel on May 27th 1978 Richard K. Ingle and Jim Nelson may have just saved our lives. Thank you for having men like this on the job."

### PROJECT OF THE MONTH...

#### "INTRODUCING TOASTMASTERS"

Don Wadleigh will present a slide show "Introducing Toastmasters" as Project of the Month on 27 July, 12:30 p.m., in Room 1219 and 1220. Don was instrumental in establishing the Heritage Toastmasters Club at St. Paul District, and will explain the concepts of the organization at this meeting, and answer any questions people may have regarding Toastmasters International.

Congratulations to KENT J. PEDERSON and ROBERT G. ENGELSTAD, both of Hydraulic Engineering and Foundations Materials Branch, on having passed the Professional Registered Engineer examination.

## ENGINEER DAY PICNIC

The Engineer Day awards presentation and picnic attracted some 150 people to Como Park Pavilion on 16 June. Despite the heat and humidity picnickers enjoyed fun and games -- horseshoes, baseball, and the "First Annual Eager Beaver Tug-of-War" -- and a catered chicken supper all accompanied by cooling liquid refreshments.

Colonel Heme served as master of ceremonies and Colonel Gay presented the awards following his Engineer Day remarks. In summarizing the year's progress and accomplishments, COL Gay touched upon the dam safety inspection program, three design awards for 1977 won by St. Paul District, and progress made toward planning of the Regional Visitor's Center at Lock and Dam 1.

Engineer Day scenes can be found on pages 10 & 11.

*The Department of Energy "Tips for Energy Savers" pamphlet is available in the Public Affairs Office. The booklet contains valuable tips on how to save energy in and around the home, on the road and in purchasing.*

### THREE GROUNDINGS OCCUR IN MISSISSIPPI CHANNEL

The largest jam-up of commercial tows in the Mississippi River 9-foot channel occurred in late May, the third of the season caused by groundings on sand bars. The record-setting delay had 13 tows with 112 barges bottled up at Read's Landing by the end of the 6-day closure. The William A. Thompson was hurried to the scene from its Fountain City base to dredge out the channel.

The closure occurred on 21 May when a tow containing three million gallons of diesel fuel ran aground and an emergency was declared by the Coast Guard.

### SMALL WORLD...?

THE ODDS weighed against it, but the Willmar City Council had a controversial permit signed, sealed and delivered to them in time for their council meeting 19 July, only hours after the permit details had been worked out in the St. Paul District office. Since the Willmar city officials were in a hurry to begin work on the project, they phoned to ask Mick Weburg if he would have the permit ready to be picked up that afternoon. Being 92 miles away, the city officials phoned the assistant Kandiyohi County engineer who was visiting his son in Minneapolis, and asked him to carry the permit back with him that afternoon. "Find Mick Weburg in the Post Office building in St. Paul right across the street from the Hilton Hotel," were the directions they gave.

Of course, when he arrived at the former Hilton, now Radisson Hotel, four blocks south of the Post Office building, he saw only a park across the street. In a panic, since it was now nearly 4 p.m., the Willmar man hailed a man passing by and shouted, "Where's Mick Weburg's office?"

"Room 1129 in the Post Office building down the street," the pedestrian yelled back.

Mick is still trying to figure out if the stranger happened to be a fellow employee, or if he has achieved some degree of notoriety.

### HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

A limited number of copies of a pamphlet, "Historical Highlights of the United States Army Corps of Engineers," have been received and are available upon request from the Public Affairs Office.

This pamphlet, printed in March 1978, presents selected highlights of the 200-year history of the Corps as an integral part of the growth and development of our country. It depicts the men and women of the Corps as part of a combat and support arm of the U.S. Army and as the principal Federal water resource agency responsible for the development and management of our national water resources.

# Fishing Lines



## FISHING CONTEST NEWS

by Wilbur Walleye  
President

After a slow start the St. Paul District Office Fishing Contest is starting to pick up momentum. There haven't been an overly great number of entries yet but some big fish are starting to turn up. We already have some nice fish officially entered:

19 in. Brown Trout	- Jean Wieser, ED-PB
14 3/4 in. Crappie	- Fred Whebbe, ED-D
17 in. Brown Trout	- Dave Ballman, CO-GR
6 lb. Largemouth Bass	- Budd Selby, DO
9 lb. 8 oz. Northern Pike	- Delores Sudeith, AS
6 lb. 8 oz. Smallmouth Bass	- Don Potter, ED-ER

and we know of some large entries coming in:

6 lb. Largemouth Bass	- Carl Stephan, ED-PB
5+lb. Largemouth Bass	- Martin McCleery, ED-PB
5+lb. Largemouth Bass	- Dave Haumerson, ED-PB
6+lb. Northern Pike	- Jim Freeman, CO-GR
21 in. Sauger	- Dennis Anderson, ED-ER
8 lb. 12 oz. Walleye	- Bill Spychalla, ED-PB
3 lb. 8 oz. Smallmouth Bass	- Tom Oksness, CO-P0

If you can't top these, don't be afraid to enter smaller fish as a lot of contest points are available for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places. Also if you have a trophy fish you get bonus points whether you place or not.

We have some categories where no one has entered any fish yet (e.g. brook trout, muskie, catfish). In a couple of categories first place is held down by some rather average sized fish:

8 1/2"	bluegill
10 7/8"	yellow perch
23"	walleye
10 7/8"	rock bass
10"	white bass

We know these fish can be beat so let's get out and do it.

## FISHING CONTEST RULE CLARIFICATIONS

We have had some questions on a few fuzzy points in the fishing contest rules that we hope to clarify.

1. The brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout categories are open to fish caught in streams and inland lakes. Fish caught in Lake Superior in these categories are not eligible save for steelhead in that separate category. The purpose of the rule is to keep Lake Superior trout, which run much larger in average size, from competing against stream and inland lake trout which are generally smaller in size.
2. A legally caught fish is further defined as a fish that you legally can keep. Thus a 25-inch muskie that you caught, photographed and threw back is not eligible as the size limit on muskie is 30 inches.
3. The contest ends 31 Dec 1978. Since it takes some time to get a photo developed the final day for entering fish caught prior to 31 Dec 1978 is set at 15 January 1979.



"The dam was about the best field trip we've had. That's the first time I've seen a dam."



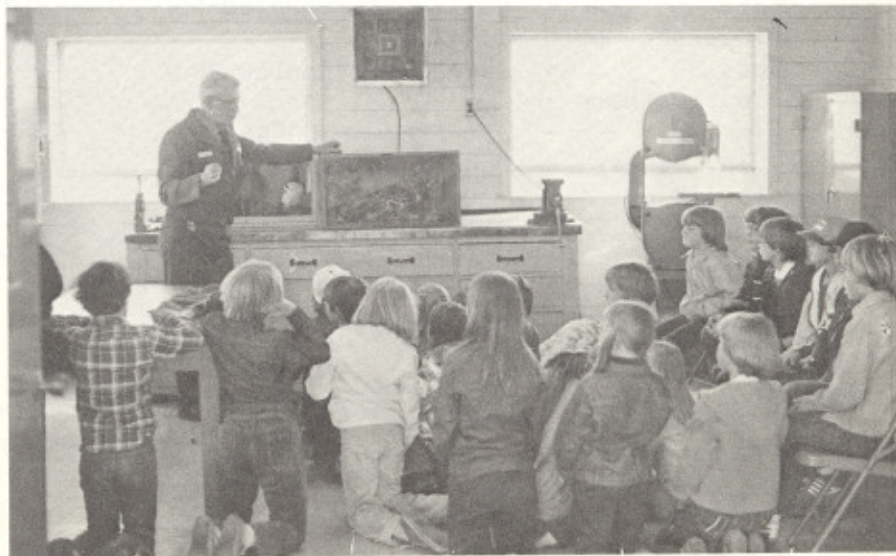
*Dick Otto gives instructions to students during an Eco-Expoz at Lock and Dam 3*

"Thank you for showing us the dam and taking us out in to the refuge. I really enjoyed it. The displays of stuffed animals were interesting. I thought of all the things Mr. Ellis said that we would see many specimens of wildlife but I only saw three ducks but that's enough..."



*Roger's Roadrunners are welcomed to Baldhill Dam by Mel Rieman*

"I really like looking at all the beautiful fish and the forrest. I hope you enjoyed having us. We enjoyed coming."



*A group of fourth graders listens as Chuck Adams discusses the habitat around Orwell Dam*

"Thank you for letting us come to your dam. I was a little scared, I got four wood ticks, I got one wood tick in my head..."

# "CLASSROOM WITHOUT WALLS"

by Nancy Johnson

This spring several of the field sites sponsored Eco-Expoz, an activity in which students receive tours and participate in educational games and exercises dealing with the environment surrounding the site.

An Eco-Expoz was held on 10 May at Gull Lake Dam and about 40 sixth graders attended.

Marty Ehrhardt, flood control dam operator from Gull Lake, and Robert Despot, a forester from the DNR, led the students in various activities throughout the afternoon.

Mr. Despot explained some of the duties of being a forester and also told of the cooperation that is needed between the local fire departments and the State in locating and containing grass and forest fires. The students were also given a demonstration of some of the equipment used in fighting fires. Later Mr. Despot led an exercise in which the students planted trees.

Marty took the students on a tour of the dam and explained its effect on the ecology.

Part of the afternoon was also spent on a nature hike. Prizes were awarded to the students who observed the most birds, animals, plants and insects during the hike.

Dick Otto, CO-PO, said the reaction to Mr. Despot was very favorable. The students enjoyed seeing the fire fighting equipment and they responded well to the tree planting exercise, he added.

On 26 May an Eco-Expoz was held at Lock and Dam 3. Part of the group was given a tour of the lock and dam by the assistant lockmaster, Eugene Schuppel. The students were able to see an actual lockage and they also got to see the machinery in operation.

Dick Otto led the other part of the group in an orienteering exercise at Commissary Point.



*Marty Ehrhardt explains the effects of the dam on the ecology to a group of sixth graders.*

Forty-five students attended the event at Lock and Dam 3 and Dick said everyone enjoyed the experience.

Similar activities also occurred at Eco-Expoz's held at Baldhill and Orwell Dams earlier this spring.

On 5 May, Orwell dam flood control operator, Chuck Adams, explained the operation of the dam to a group of fourth graders. The group also observed a sample of the wildlife that lives in the habitat around Orwell.

Roger's Roadrunners, a 4-H group, attended an Eco-Expoz on 13 May at Baldhill Dam.

Park Manager Mel Rieman explained to the group the nature of the materials in the dam's construction as well as when it was built and why the project was undertaken.

An exercise in fish identification followed and the group participated in an orienteering and nature hike exercise.

The concept of Eco-Expoz seems to have caught on quite well and Dick Otto said about 5 more are scheduled for the summer and fall including one at Eau Galle and Cross Lake.

# AWARDS

DONALD W. GERLACH, OAS, received a quality step increase for his work as a Supply Clerk. He has primary responsibility for management of the Forms and Supply Room, and also assumes other duties when required such as Photographer and Transportation Officer.

FLORENCE M. LESEMAN, ED-PB, was awarded a quality step increase for her work as a Word Processing Specialist. Mrs. Leseman operates a magnetic tape typewriter to produce feasibility reports, Phase I design memorandums, urban studies and small project reports. Of special note is her work on the Burlington Dam Final Report, Grand Forks Stage II Report, Rochester General Design Memorandum and Minnesota River Plan of Study.

WILLIAM W. SPYCHALLA, ED-PB, received a quality step increase for his work as Civil Engineer, scheduling and directing Phase I GDM reports, congressional, interagency, interoffice, Federal and State agency, local and other correspondence and coordinating planning. During the past year he has completed an excellent Stage I report on alternatives for flood damage reduction, Sheyenne River Basin, North Dakota, one of the most complex, controversial and difficult investigations in the St. Paul District.

ROBERT J. CALTON was awarded an Outstanding Performance Rating for his work as Chief of Planning Branch which has been engaged in many water resource project studies which are complex from a local, regional, national and international viewpoint. Special recognition is given to Mr. Calton's outstanding work on two International Boards: the United States Section Water Quantity Committee, International Garrison Diversion Study Board and the United States Section, Burlington Dam Task Force.

Sustained Superior Performance Awards were presented to three employees of the Environmental Resources Branch:

JAMES N. HOLLERAN, for his work as an Outdoor Recreation Planner in accomplishing the ongoing public use development workload.

EDWARD L. McNALLY, for work as a Landscape Architect, accomplishing assigned projects in a timely manner.

FRANKLIN E. STAR, for his work as an Outdoor Recreation Planner, in which he has been deeply involved in development of the Mississippi River Headwaters Master Plan for Public Use Development.

A Special Act Award went to JANICE A. STOLARSKI, of Personnel Office, Technical Services Branch, for her work as a Clerk-Typist during extended sick leave of the Personnel Assistant in the Branch. Mrs. Stolarski assumed many duties beyond the realm of her normal position, despite the fact that she was relatively new in her job.



## CIVIL SERVANT OF THE YEAR

This year's selections by St. Paul District Corps of Engineers employees for Civil Servant of the Year were DOUGLAS SPAULDING, Civil Engineer, of the Hydraulic Engineering and Foundation Materials Branch, and WALTER F. HERMERDING, Park Manager at the Pine River Dam, Project Operations Branch.

The two outstanding employees were among representatives from the various Twin Cities area Federal agencies honored at a luncheon with a certificate and an award.



MG HARRIS NAMED  
DIVISION ENGINEER

Major General Richard L. Harris took command of the North Central Division office on 3 July. He succeeds Colonel Andrew C. Remson, Jr., who returned to his previous assignment as Chicago District Engineer.

General Harris was previously Commanding General of the U.S. Army Training Center Engineer and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.



*Major General Harris will visit the St. Paul District on 7 to 11 August. Following a briefing in the District Office, MG Harris will visit projects at Lock and Dam No. 1 and St. Anthony Falls, Mankato, Duluth and Headwaters area.*

LEE KATZENBERGER DIES

*SINCERE SYMPATHY is offered the family of fellow employee Lee M. Katzenberger, 52 years, who died 18 July at his home. He had left the office early the previous day because he was feeling ill.*

*Mr. Katzenberger, who worked in Construction, is survived by his wife Lois, his mother and a brother. Services were held on 21 July with interment in the National Cemetery. Mrs. Katzenberger's address is 171 North McKnight Road, St. Paul, 55119.*

U.S. SAVINGS BOND  
CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

The 1978 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign was "very successful, as we met all of the goals we had set for ourselves," according to campaign manager Chuck Crist, ED-PB, "for which I want to thank all those who participated."

"We succeeded in obtaining a total of 128 new savers or increased allotments," he adds.

Currently, about 60% of the St. Paul District employees are participating in the Savings Bond Program.

Jody Rooney, ED-PB, was selected in a random ADP drawing, from names of all who participated this year in the campaign. Her name will be entered in the official drawing conducted by the Pillsbury Company in August, for an all-expense paid weekend trip for two to New Orleans provided to three Federal Agencies and private companies by the Pillsbury Company.

GOVERNOR WRITES TO CHIEF

Colonel Gay has received a letter from General John W. Morris, transmitting a copy of a letter from Minnesota's Governor Rudy Perpich to the Chief of Engineers, as follows (in part):

"On June 19, I had the pleasure of participating in a ground-breaking ceremony in connection with the expansion of the Lake Superior Marine Museum located in Canal Park, Duluth, Minnesota.

"This splendid facility has already drawn nearly two million visitors from throughout the United States and foreign lands. We anticipate that it will be an even greater tourist attraction when enlarged. We are deeply indebted to the Corps of Engineers for helping our people to keep in such excellent touch with sea-going life and activities on our great Lake Superior.

"I also want to note that the Corps has been involved in many projects of significant benefit to communities throughout our state. Thanks to the good efforts of the Corps in Minnesota, the well-being of our citizens has been significantly advanced."

# Scenes from the



*Colonel Heme commands the troops during the tug-of-war battles.*



*Part of Planning Branch's tug-of-war team: Kathy Voigt (far left), Stan Kummer and Becky Brager.*



*A group of youngsters line up waiting for the start of the next race during the children's games.*



*Jake Shetka and Al Kean, ED-H, kept the beer flowing throughout the afternoon.*

# Engineer Day Picnic



*Leroy Lorinser, AS-R, left, receives awards for 2500 hour sick leave and Outstanding Performance Appraisal from Colonel Gay.*



*Budd Selby, ADP, seated on the floor, seems to be enjoying the awards ceremony. Also from ADP, seated on the bench, are Frank Sager, his wife Mary Jo, and Jan Sawicki.*



*A happy and hard pulling tug-of-war team from Planning (left to right): Martin McCleery, Kevin Cook, John Bailen, Kris Smith, Eric Kosberg and Dan Martin (not shown).*

by 'Sonny' Sauger

All fisherpersons are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual District Tackle Swap to be conducted from noon till 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, 8 August, in Room 1220. Interested spectators are also welcome. Intense interest in the District fishing contest promises to make this years 'swap' more enticing than ever before!

Be prepared for two-fisted, wide open, hard-nosed negotiations. Early rumors indicate that many valuable 'tools of the trade' will change wormy hands. Through careful trading, you too may acquire a 'sure fire' lure or a valuable relic for your tackle collection.

While most experts do not believe that the drama generated at last years swap by Wilbur Walleye's futile attempt to acquire Stan Kumpala's muskie secrets will materialize again, efforts by newcomers to the field may result in an interesting show. Be there!

### Calorie consumption

A recent report by the Southern California Medical Association pointed out that proper weight control and physical fitness cannot be attained by dieting alone. Many people who are engaged in sedentary occupations do not realize that calories can be burned by the hundreds by engaging in strenuous exercises that do not require physical exercise. The following is a list of calorie burning activities and the number of calories per hour they consume.

Beating around the bush.....	75
Jumping to conclusions.....	100
Climbing the walls.....	150
Swallowing your pride.....	50
Passing the buck.....	25
Throwing your weight around.....	50-300
(Depending upon your weight)	
Dragging your heels.....	100
Pushing your luck.....	250
Making mountains out of molehills.....	500
Hitting the nail on the head.....	50
Wading through paperwork.....	300
Bending over backwards.....	75
Jumping on the bandwagon.....	200
Balancing the books.....	23
Running around in circles.....	350
Eating crow.....	225
Tooting your own horn.....	25
Climbing the ladder of success.....	750
Pulling out the stoppers.....	75
Adding fuel to the fire.....	150
Wrapping it up at day's end.....	12

(Reprinted from the Foreign Service Medical Bulletin)

by Don Wadleigh

The Heritage Toastmasters Club has been founded. The goal of reaching charter status during May was attained with 20 active participants and submitting the charter fee to Toastmasters International. A charter award ceremony will be scheduled soon. Watch Crosscurrents and bulletin boards for details.

Heritage Toastmasters, which meets every Tuesday noon, provides its members the most widely acclaimed program available to improve communication abilities and to develop their leadership and executive potential. Members have the opportunity to deliver prepared and impromptu talks, learn parliamentary procedure and conference and committee leadership techniques and be objectively evaluated with suggestions for self improvement.

All district employees who must make public appearances, presentations before groups or conduct meetings will find this club very helpful in developing their skills and gaining confidence. Heritage meets every Tuesday at 11:50 in room 1220. If you are interested in membership, contact any of the officers: Don Wadleigh (acting President), Fred Kelley, Mary Rivett, Jim Forsyth, Steve Larson or Leonard Gloeb.

### DISTRICT WILL HOST REGIONAL SAME MEET

St. Paul District will host the Regional Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) conference at Gull Lake on 11 - 13 September. The theme of the conference, to be held at Madden's Resort, is "The Mississippi River: Beginning to End." The National Board of Directors of SAME will meet in conjunction with the Regional conference, and attend the sessions. Board president Lieutenant General John W. Morris will be guest speaker at the opening day banquet.

The Chief of Engineers, LTG Morris, will visit certain St. Paul District projects while he is in the area.

# JUST BETWEEN US . . . .

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY were DON TRANA, Mankato Project; MARY HUTCHINSON, CO-A, DONNA KELL, DC-F, DAVE HAUMERSEN, ED-PB. Also ill was ERVIN KERKENBUSH, L/D 5.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE MARRIAGE of GLENN ENGSTROM, ED-D, on 10 June, to the former Barbara Brett. Best wishes also to LINDA HABERKORN, CO-GR, who became Mrs. John Hauman on 21 June.

SO LONG to MOSS MILLS, ED-PB, who transferred to the Charleston District on 23 June, and to CARL BORASH, ED-PB, who transferred in May to Anchorage District.

BEST WISHES ON THEIR RETIREMENT to MARGARET MADDEN, DC-FR, who had 39 years service, 11 years with St. Paul District, and to ANATOLI POPOV, ED-D, who served 12 years, all with St. Paul District.

KEN KADLEC, CO-GR, remains in intensive care at Unity Hospital in Fridley, having suffered critical injuries in a car accident on 9 June when his car ran off the freeway. He was thrown out, and the car landed on him. Ken faces surgery on broken vertebrae, and skin grafts on his back which was burned by the catalytic converter of the auto.

BON VOYAGE to DEBBIE LAWRENCE, ADP, who left 6 July for a three month tour of duty at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She will be working with JEAN TURCOTTE, ADP, who transferred to Middle East Division at Riyadh last October.

Extra Engineer Day booklets are available from Public Affairs Office.

*SLIDE RULE: Don't stand at the bottom of the slide when a big person is coming down...*

CONGRATULATIONS on the graduation from high school of these young ladies who worked part-time as students and who have now been hired full time:

Debbie Kelly, ED-ER  
South St. Paul High School

Kris Otte, CO-A  
South St. Paul High School

Kirsten Locke, DC  
South St. Paul High School

Deanna Carboni, DC  
Johnson High School

WHERE ARE YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR? Any issue you'd like to air, opinions to present, we'd like to print for others to consider or comment on. Send your "back-talk" to us...but be sure to sign your name, and we'll try to provide space in this column.

## C U News\$ & View\$

U.S. ENGINEERS ST. PAUL CREDIT UNION

SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND

The U.S. Engineers St. Paul Credit Union announces that the Board of Directors have voted its members a 5-1/4% dividend for the period of 1 January through 30 June 1978.

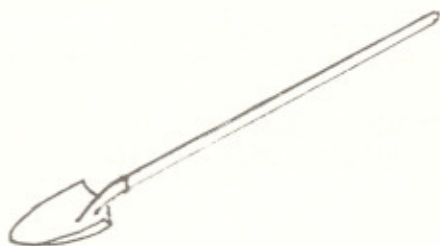
*Do You Know What Our Insurance Pays?  
It is apparent that many of our members do not fully understand our life savings and loan protection insurance coverage... For the answer to your questions, call Al Rosenberg, Ext. 7542.*



# GROUND BREAKING

## CANAL PARK VISITOR CENTER & MARINE MUSEUM

DULUTH, MINNESOTA  
19 JUNE 1978



The groundbreaking on 19 June for the addition to the Lake Superior Marine Museum, the St. Paul District's popular visitors' center at Canal Park, Duluth, attracted over 100 persons.

The guest of honor, Governor Rudy Perpich, addressed the audience before wielding the "gold" shovel to ceremoniously break the ground. He praised the efforts of the Corps in helping preserve the heritage of the State, while explaining the continuing role of the Corps of Engineers in development of the Great Lakes navigational potential.

"Since its opening in 1973, nearly 2 million people from 50 states and many foreign countries have already visited your Marine Museum," Governor Perpich said. "I think with very good reason, you can expect the expanded museum to become one of the Great Lakes region's finest tourist attractions in the future."

Division Engineer Colonel Andrew C. Remson, Jr., also participated in the program, with Colonel Gay, and William Galinski, president of the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association which has worked closely with the St. Paul District in the development of the museum.

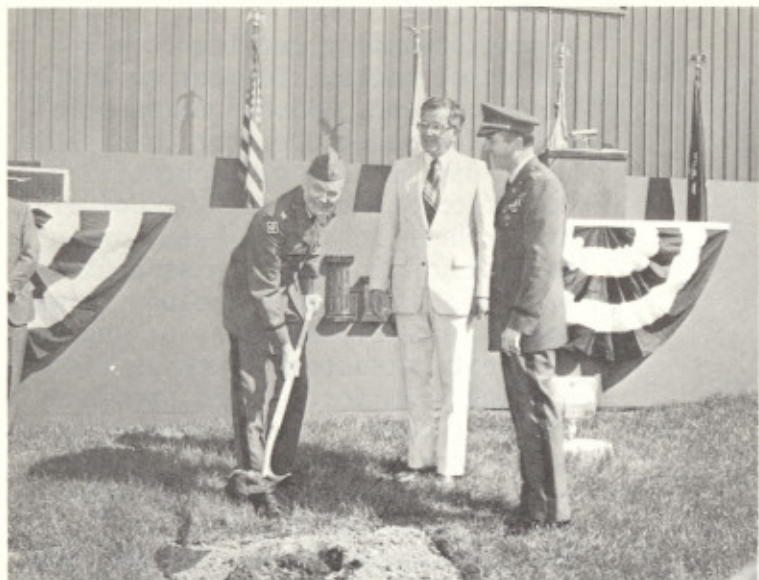
The expansion program will triple the amount of display space in the museum, and is expected to be completed by the start of the '79 tourist season.



*At the coffee following the groundbreaking, Jim Ruyak (left), Gov. Perpich, Bill Goetz, Bill Wilson (one of the contractors) and Dean Peterson, of the Lake Superior Office, stand in the "bridge" of the Marine Museum.*

*Courtland Mueller, Lake Superior Office, with Colonel Andrew Remson, aboard the Dipper Dredge Gaillard for a view of the operations in Duluth Harbor.*





*Division Engineer Colonel Andrew Remson turns over a spadeful of dirt while Governor Perpich and Colonel Gay look on.*

*Governor Rudy Perpich signs the guest book in the Marine Museum while Museum Aide Anne Bradford looks on.*



*Following the groundbreaking, Colonel Gay, holding his daughter Mary Priscilla, and Mrs. Gay chat with a surprise visitor to the ceremony, LTC Norman Hintz, on leave from Korea. LTC Hintz was Deputy District Engineer at St. Paul until his reassignment overseas. Vacationing in the area, he attended the groundbreaking to meet his St. Paul District friends.*

## FROM OAS

LOST TICKETS OR GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS CAN COST TRAVELER. Every year thousands of dollars are charged against Department of Defense civilian travelers because of lost, stolen or destroyed transportation tickets or Government Transportation Requests. Travelers are responsible for safeguarding transportation documents and preventing their unauthorized use. The failure to do so makes them liable for the cost of the transportation. Travelers should:

- a. Store and carry documents in a safe place; never leave them unattended. (Many instances have been reported where travelers left tickets on previous flights, in auto glove compartments from which they were stolen, or in hotel rooms where the maid threw them out.)
- b. When issued the tickets, verify that there are coupons for each segment of travel. Check again at each boarding gate to assure that the carrier agent withdrew the proper coupon only. (Some passengers report only one-way tickets were issued in exchange for a Government Transportation Request which authorized round-trip travel.)
- c. Notify the nearest agent of the ticketing carrier immediately of lost/stolen tickets or Government Transportation Requests. Also report the loss of any transportation document to the Transportation Officer, OAS.
- d. Never discard unused tickets, Government Transportation Requests, or carrier refund application forms; surrender them only to the Transportation Officer, OAS. NEVER TURN IN UNUSED TICKETS TO THE CARRIER.

*The telephone number for travel information has been changed from X 7529 to X 5981. Either Sue Bjorkquist or Mary Ann Rheinberger will handle your travel needs.*

Video Services, a small, recently established branch of OAS, is providing expanding service to all office elements. To meet an increasing need, OAS has taken on a full time video operator as of 15 May. Bill Banks, a Cooperative Education student from the University of Northern Iowa, has been working as a visual information student trainee. His duties include filming special occasions, areas of special interest, disasters (such as floods), editing film footage and producing training films. His office is located in Room 1033A.

Equipment in Video Services is divided into three systems. The editing system consists of two Sony video cassette recorders, a Sony control unit and two miniature monitors. A second system, a portable field unit, consists of a JVC video cassette recorder, a JVC color video camera and all necessary supporting equipment. The playback system is used for group presentations.

Any department can rent the equipment, but if they don't wish to rent Bill along with the equipment, they must have a trained operator. There is also a library of training films that can be checked out. For further information concerning renting equipment or checking out films, call 7519. District Memo 108-1-2 also shows rental rates and policy.



*A key ring with two keys was found in GSA auto 9398. They may be claimed in Public Affairs Office.*

### IF YOU FIND MISTAKES ...

In this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!!!





## Headwater Notes

(Excerpts from Headwaters ledgers)

December 23, 1897

Mr. B.C. Finnegan  
Grand Rapids, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Please employ someone temporarily as laborer at Pokegama Falls Dam at a rate of pay not exceeding \$30. per month. He should be someone who is able to cook.

Frank N. Allen at Winnibigoshish will not be needed there after Dec. 31, but I do not know whether he would like to come to Pokegama or not. I will write him and refer him to you. Please inform Capt. Abbot who you hire and when.

By order of Captain Frederic V.  
Abbot

Very respectfully,  
Archibald Johnson  
Assistant Engineer

"Ike" Kolb, retired damtender at Sandy Lake sent this clipping, from a column in the local newspaper:

### A BIT OF MEMORY

The 4th of July brings back many nostalgic memories to my mind some joyful and some not so pleasant. When I look out our east window upon the Mississippi I like to think back to what must have been a joyous occasion back on July 4th, 1910. Wonder if there is anyone in Libby Township that remembers the day, except perhaps my husband. The account recorded in Irving Hart's article "Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi," is as follows: "A hundred and fifty persons joined in an excursion to Sandy Lake on the 'Oriole' to see the new dam at Libby and celebrate the national holiday. The boat left Aitkin at 3 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth, reaching Sandy Lake about noon and left the lake about 2 a.m. the next day to return to Aitkin about 9 a.m." Local residents went down to Libby by motor boat, some walked down on the east side of the river. There was a baseball game between the Sandy Lake Indians and the McGregor team and much entertainment, a gala day enjoyed by young and old. Today, the camp grounds on both ends of the government dam at Libby looks like a miniature city on weekends.

## "Par For The Corps"

LYNN CUYLER, who was named Emergency Operations Manager to succeed Harry Andersen, jokes that he wasn't in that job for four days before certain people were asking him to leave. "One disaster after another occurred on those first days..." LaFarge and southwestern Wisconsin floods, then southeastern Minnesota floods, and the tragic Rochester floods, then tornadoes in eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota, including the Gary, Minnesota, tornado which rained death and destruction on that community. "Someone said that the Emergency Operations Manager didn't have to bring the emergencies with him."

RAY SANDFORD, ED-PB, is an experienced traveler, but even he was surprised at the speed of a recent four-day "coast-to-coast" trip which took him from Alexandria, Virginia, Tuesday night; routed through Buffalo, New York, because of the airline strike, to St. Paul by Wednesday night; then, vacationing westward through Wichita, Kansas, on Thursday, he was in Gallup, New Mexico, on Friday. In Greensburg, Kansas, Ray tells us, is the world's largest hand-dug well, constructed for the Santa Fe Railroad in 1887-88. It was quite an engineering marvel, he explains, because as the well was dug, a circular stone masonry wall 32 feet in diameter was constructed and allowed to settle down to line the excavation -- to a depth of 109 feet. Metal stairs now provide access to the water level. The well was the water source for Greensburg until 1932, and could still be used if needed, he says.

PARK SQUARE THEATRE, the unique company which performs under the rafters of the restored Park Square Court nearby, announces its 1978-79 season. According to former Corps employee, now managing director, Paul Manthey, the season's offerings will include *Candida*, *Twelfth Night*, *Ghosts*, *The Bald Soprano*, *The Glass Menagerie*, and *The Taming of the Shrew*. For more information about the tentative dates and ticket prices, contact Public Affairs Office.



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THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

GLENN DUREN, lockmaster at Lock and Dam No. 2 sent this item for Crosscurrents:

You see me every day... with many faces...in many jobs... possessing many skills...

I have a name and distinct personality too, JUST LIKE YOU.

If I complain about a petty thing, maybe I am saying more than you hear: That I am a human being, with feelings. AND JUST LIKE YOU, I WANT ATTENTION TOO.

I'll accept criticism when I've done wrong, but how I wish you would praise me when I've done right. I'M JUST LIKE YOU, I LIKE COMPLIMENTS TOO.

When I belabor a point that seems unimportant, maybe what I am really saying is that I consider my opinion important. AND I'M JUST LIKE YOU, I WANT SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO ME TOO.

And when a new policy is announced and I rebel against the change, maybe I honestly don't know why. YOU SEE, I'M JUST LIKE YOU, I WANT MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED TOO.

Some days you smile and some days you frown, and I understand: Your life is full of good days and bad days. Do you understand? I'M JUST LIKE YOU.

And when I gripe about this or that, please don't write me off as a "troublemaker." Haven't you ever griped before? I'M JUST LIKE YOU, I NEED TO LET OFF STEAM TOO.

And if I ask something of you and you know it can't be done, please don't try to "con" me. Remember, I'M JUST LIKE YOU, I'D RATHER HEAR NO THAN A MAYBE THAT NEVER COMES TRUE.

If sometimes I don't show initiative, there may be a reason. Maybe I'm confused and really don't understand what you want me to do. I'M JUST LIKE YOU, AT TIMES I NEED DIRECTION TOO.

Sometimes I rebel when you criticize me for something I've done wrong-And you're probably right-but the tone of your voice can destroy my day. REMEMBER, I'M JUST LIKE YOU, I WANT RESPECT TOO.

If this letter sounds like I place all the blame on you, then I failed to say what I mean. I just wanted to tell you, From my point of view:

ALL IN ALL, I'M JUST LIKE YOU.

THREE SUPERVISORS RECEIVE  
SPECIAL EEO AWARDS AT PICNIC  
by Sharon Brown

From time to time there are supervisors who are recognized for their superior accomplishment in fostering equal employment opportunity for their employees. Three of these supervisors were recognized on 16 June at the annual awards picnic. Shown in the picture with COL Gay from left to right are Harold Taggatz, Joanne Catherman, and Dave Parsons.



Harold Taggatz, Chief of Project Operations, was commended for his innovative approaches to Upward Mobility, the CO-OP educational programs, and the summer hire program. He is also recognized as a sensitive supervisor who directly encourages and assists his employees in developing to their full potential.

Joanne Catherman, Contract Negotiator, Procurement and Supply Division, has continually shown a high degree of sensitivity to her employees' skills, abilities, needs, and interests. She has actively promoted and participated in the hiring of the handicapped and serves as the District's Federal Womens' Program Coordinator.

Dave Parsons, Chief, General Regulatory Branch, has always been a leader in the District in supporting the EEO program. He shows unusually effective leadership, skill, imagination, innovation and perseverance in extending equal oppor-

tunity to all groups. His track record in the Upward Mobility and Cooperative Education Program shows that self-development opportunities for employees do lead to excellent achievement in productivity.

CONGRATULATIONS to all three of you for doing an outstanding job for us on the EEO front.

Be sure to watch the next edition to see who the other four nominees were but who were unable to be at the picnic to receive their awards.

NEW RIGHTS FOR ALLEGED  
DISCRIMINATING OFFICIAL

by Terri Lynne Wheeler

In the discriminating process the ability to be fair extends more than just one way. It extends towards the alleged discriminator as well as the complainant.

The main objective of the complaint process is to determine and decide if in fact discrimination has occurred and if so, has the due process been obstructed in any way.

It should be very clear and evident that anyone who has had a discrimination accusation filed against him/her should have a very clearly defined set of rights. On some occasions an alleged discriminator has been required to furnish a testimony without having been told that the alleged complaint has been implicated towards him/herself personally.

In any case it is very important that any employee feel comfortable in using the due process provided by the discrimination procedure. Yet in doing this it must not interfere with the rights of the individual against whom the complaint is filed. There is also no regulatory law requiring a complainant to identify an "alleged discriminating official"; complaints are lodged "against" agencies and not "against" individuals. However, if an alleged discriminator is named by the complainant he/she must be kept informed throughout the entire process.

The complaint process is one that protects the rights of the people, yet in doing this it must protect the rights of the alleged discriminator. Our Constitution allows for the protection of all persons, yet one person's rights must not infringe upon the others.

OLD TIMER'S CORNER

THIRD ANNUAL REUNION OF CORPS OF ENGINEERS EMPLOYEES,  
PAST AND PRESENT, ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1978

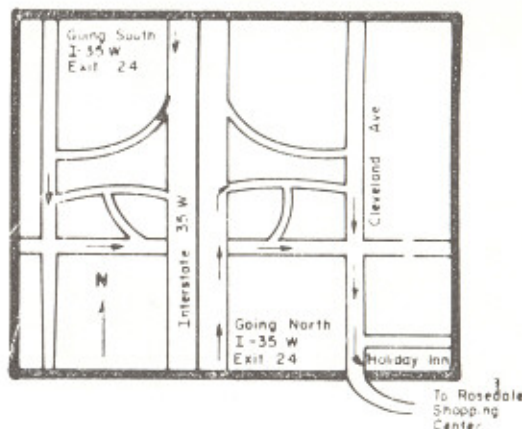
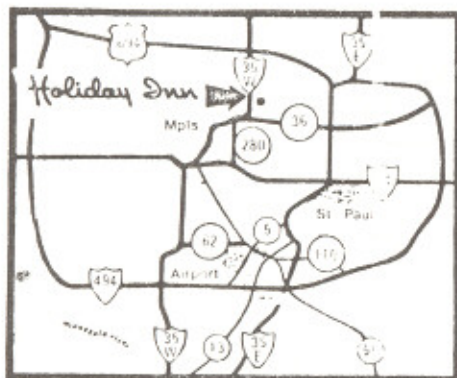
The meeting place is Holiday Inn - Roseville, 2540 No. Cleveland Ave., just north of St. Paul (see maps) in the Roseville Room between noon and 5 p.m. This is the same place the reunion was held in 1976 & 1977.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., with a choice of ham steak with pineapple and cherry sauce or roast top round of beef both at the price of \$5.50 per serving including gratuity and sales tax.

All past and present employees of the Corps of any office or field unit with their wives or husbands, and wives or husbands of former employees are welcome.

For those who cannot make it to the luncheon, you are welcome to come later to meet and greet old friends.

Maps showing how to get there by car:



Reservation Form: Fill out, clip and return the following form for registration of your reservation.

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CORPS REUNION LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name	No. of meals - Ham Steak \$5.50	_____
Street	No. of meals - Roast Beef \$5.50	_____
City	Amount inclosed	\$ _____
State & Zip	Names of Guests	

Luncheon tickets may be picked up in Roseville Room before lunch. Mail reservation to Miss Hildegard Wimmer, 52 Kraft Rd., W.St. Paul, Minn. 55118 (Telephone No. 612-451-2082). Please make checks payable to Hildegard Wimmer.