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## FIRST DAM SAFETY REPORT PRESENTED



*Ralph Westland, vice-mayor of Hutchinson; Gov. Perpich; COL Gay; William Nye, commissioner, Department of Natural Resources*

### FLOOD RECONNAISSANCE UNDERWAY

St. Paul District dispatched a reconnaissance team to the Red River Valley region 13 March in preparation for a possible flood fight there this spring. Area engineer Bill Spinnalla established his emergency flood center in Fargo and coordinated the work of team members, who inspected potential problem areas and conferred with local officials along the Red River and its tributaries.

The first contract, worth \$25,000, was awarded for construction of a levee system in Enderlin, North Dakota, along the south fork of the Maple River, with work beginning 20 March.

It was also decided that levees would be constructed in Fargo, ND, to protect the sewage treatment plant, and in Moorhead, MN, to protect a group of low-lying houses.

Major decisions on the extent of the flood fight this year were delayed pending flood forecast revisions by the U.S. Weather Service. As a starter, \$600,000 in emergency money was authorized for the District by OCE.

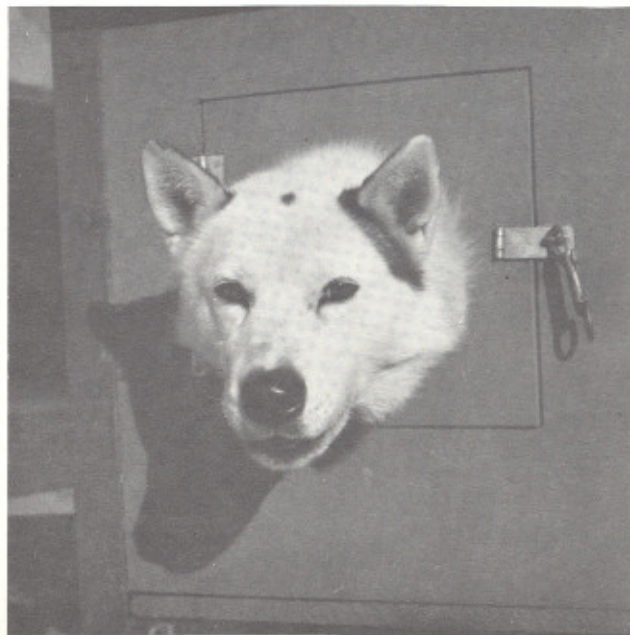
The St. Paul District handed over the first official dam safety report to Minnesota Governor Rudy G. Perpich on 10 March. It was the Corps finding on inspection of the Hutchinson dam in McLeod County.

The Hutchinson dam, which failed during the spring flood of 1965 and was rebuilt in 1966, was rated by the state of Minnesota as one of the 10 dams most in need of a safety inspection.

In its report the Corps stated that it found no evidence of safety hazards but recommends the development of an operating plan, lacking up to now, and the implementation of a periodic inspection and maintenance

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# First Dam Safety Report Presented

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program.

This safety inspection was conducted as part of the Federal Dam Safety Program launched in December 1977. It has as its purpose the inspection of all non-Federal dams categorized as "high hazard" by virtue of the dam's proximity to population centers.

The program is being closely coordinated with the State and will eventually be turned over to the State as State inspectors become qualified and are certified by the Corps. One factor affecting the turnover to the State will be the existence of a strong State Dam Safety Program. Currently, Minnesota has devoted only minimum resources to insuring the safety of dams within the State, but a bill is now pending before the State Legislature which would establish a full-time, fully funded dam safety office in the Department of Natural Resources.



COL GAY is handed the first dam safety inspection report by CPT Bill Carter, as members of the dam inspection teams stand by, (from left) Marlin Munter, Jim Murphy, Gary Smith, Doug Spaulding, Roger Just, Bob Engelstad and Sam Stansbury.

LIFE ON MISSISSIPPI  
TV PROGRAM SET 2 APR

Moore on Sunday, WCCO-TV, 2 April, 5 to 6 p.m. will present "Life on the Mississippi" about the lives touched by the river, from the headwaters at Itasca State Park to the Gulf of Mexico. "Not a documentary, but an adventure, a cultural and historical expedition led through the narrations of Mark Twain, using Warren Frost of the Chimera Theater," is how the program is described by Dave Moore.

Statistics and some photographs were supplied by the Corps offices in St. Paul and Vicksburg.

## THANKS FOR DISASTER HELP

The Barry County, Michigan, Road Commission wrote a letter of appreciation to Senator Robert P. Griffin, for the Federal assistance they received following the January blizzard. The procurement work done out of the Grand Haven office for that county was carried out by Joanne Catherman and Barb Adams of the St. Paul District for the Detroit District.

The letter pointed out that the FDAA expenditure of \$121,710 for heavy equipment rental to open roads and clean up after the "Blizzard of 78" saved their budget from disaster.

"This money was ably administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District. The speed with which they mobilized the prompt and tactful handling of the rental contracts was outstanding.

"It is encouraging to know that 'big government' can respond so quickly."

## MARINE MUSEUM SOUNDINGS

Total attendance at the Marine Museum in Duluth for the month of February is 1,631, and total for the year to 1 March is 2,751. Weekend visitation continues to increase, particularly with pleasant weather. The cumulative total since September 1973 is 1,847,177.

## Zumbro Flood Control Documents Completed

A Phase I General Design Memorandum and Final Impact Statement for a flood control project in the South Fork Zumbro River Watershed in southeastern Minnesota have been completed by the St. Paul District and are available to the public.

Providing flood protection basically for Rochester, a city of over 54,000 people, the project would also offer some protection for agricultural land and rural residences along watershed streams which often go over their banks.

Alternative solutions considered by the Corps included both structural and non-structural flood control procedures. Environmental impacts of alternative plans were examined by the Soil Conservation Service and the Corps while each agency prepared environmental impact statements for the recommended project.

The selected plan includes a balance of both structural and non-structural water management alternatives. An integral part of the plan is the maintenance of flood plain management regulation, flood insurance eligibility, and the existing flood warning system for the watershed. Structural aspects include about 9.3 miles of channel modifications, 2.6 miles of levees, drop structures, bridge modifications, and utility crossing modifications in Rochester. A river corridor hiking and biking trail system, four new parks and other environmental treatment measures are also included in the proposed plan.

Based on a 6-3/8 percent interest rate and an economic project life of 100 years, average annual benefits projected for the combined project are five million dollars. For each dollar spent on the \$55-million project, about \$1.30 will be returned, according to Corps estimates.

Both the Phase I General Design Memorandum and final environmental impact statements are under review by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

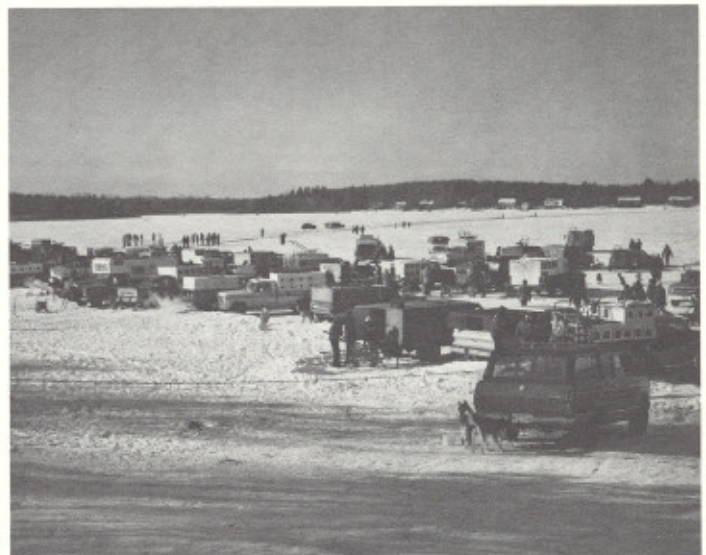
*Are you watching the Flood Watch bulletin board on 12th floor?*

## DOG SLED RACES

The husky on page 1 peers from his kennel while waiting his turn to race.



*Drivers from all over the country and Canada helped make up the 126 teams that raced in the Leech Lake dog sled race.*



*Cars of participants and spectators lined Leech Lake during the 4th annual Dog Sled race sponsored by the Leech Lake Chamber of Commerce.*

## WATER CONTROL CENTER

The section known as Reservoir Regulating became officially known as the Water Control Center, effective 13 February. Chief of the Water Control Center, which is under the new Hydrology Section, is John Seemann.

The change was made because "Reservoir Regulating" or "Hydraulics" as the office was previously known, did not describe the function of the section; also, there was confusion with the Recreation-Reservoir Management Section in O&M.

## 18 Rules for Good Riting

1. Each pronoun agrees with their antecedent.
2. Just between you and I, case is important.
3. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
4. Watch for irregular verbs which has cropped into our language.
5. Don't use no double negatives
6. A writer mustn't shift your point of view.
7. When dangling, don't use participles.
8. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
9. Don't use run-on sentences you got to punctuate.
10. About sentence fragments
11. In letters reports articles and stuff like that we use commas to keep a string of items apart.
12. Don't use commas, which aren't necessary.
13. It's important to use apostrophe's right.
14. Don't abbrev.
15. Check to see if you any words out.
16. In my opinion I think that an author when he is writing shouldn't get into the habit of making use of too many unnecessary words that he really does not need.
17. And, of course, there's that old one: Never use a preposition to end a sentence with.
18. Last but not least: Lay off cliches.



## TOP BEAVER TROPHY FOR TUG-OF-WAR WINNER by Dave Christenson

The cobwebs of winter are still lingering in most people's minds. Thoughts of warm weather, green grass and fun in the sun are just barely emerging. Yet, for a few enthusiastic Corps employees, summer fun has been on their minds since the bitter, endless cold of mid-winter.

Preparing for the joy and fellowship of summer picnics, the 1978 Picnic Committee optimistically began the work of planning for the Corps of Engineers Annual Summer Picnic in January.

The committee has finalized the time and location of the picnic. The place will be the Como Park Pavillion in St. Paul on Friday, 16 June. Held in conjunction with Engineers Day, the picnic will include the presentation of awards by Colonel Gay, children and adult games, sport activities, and a catered picnic meal. Tickets for the meal are scheduled to be on sale during May.

As part of the get-together, the committee has tentatively scheduled a test of strength between the various branches. The winner of the competition, a tug-of-war for men and women, will receive the first annual Top Beaver Trophy. Rules for the competition will be published in next month's *CROSSCURRENTS*.

The committee is currently looking for volunteers to assist with the games and disbursing refreshments. Please contact Henrik Strandkov, 7702, or Jake Shetka, 7625, if you wish to help with the festivities.

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## Toastmaster's Club Started

An organizational meeting of a St. Paul District Toastmaster's club was held on 7 March to discuss the club name, scheduling, meeting place and procedure for election of officers.

Following the regular Toastmaster's format, there were speeches, evaluation, the word for the day and table topics. An experienced Toastmaster, Harold Masem, spoke on the "Speechcraft Program." He pointed out that in a nation-wide poll 41% of the interviewees said that their greatest fear is to be called upon to speak before a group of people. The 8-week speechcraft course is designed to overcome this fear.



*At the first Toastmaster's Club, JIM FORSYTH, ED-PB, served as Toastmaster; CHAR HAUGER, CO-GR, was volunteered to handle sign-up of members; JODY ROONEY, ED-PB, appointed Table Topics; and DON WADLEIGH, ED-PB, was instigator.*

A Minneapolis woman called PAO recently to ask for information on the Corps campgrounds in northern Minnesota, saying that the family loved to camp, and the best places they have found are the campgrounds operated by the Corps. "They're patrolled day and night and they don't put up with any nonsense."

## JUST BETWEEN US . . . .

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH of a daughter to GEORGE (ED-ER) and SUE PERANTONI, on 27 February, named Leah Sue; and to BRENT (CO-A) and KATHLEEN JOHNSON, a daughter on 1 March, named Jennifer Joy.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of WILBERT HEINZ, of Lock and Dam 6. He died on 13 March at the age of 61, after 31 years' government service. He is survived by his wife and children at Trempealeau, Wisconsin.

OUT FOR ILLNESS were CHUCK BRIDGER (CO-M) and LLOYD TIBOR, Lock and Dam 6.

"SORRY ABOUT YOUR ACCIDENT" to JOAN QUITTER (EP-R) who slipped on ice while on her way to work 3 weeks ago and suffered a badly broken ankle. She'll be out for another 3 weeks until a walking cast can be used.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of JOE PHOSPHYHALLA, 132 E. Magnolia, who died 5 January at the age of 80 years. Mr. Phospyhalla retired from Drafting in 1963. Our sympathy goes also to the family of retiree WILLIAM G. HEDDING (Hidding), who died 15 February at the age of 86.



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## Corps Goals

1. Support to the "TOTAL ARMY."
2. Support to the Public.
3. Development of the Corps Work Force.
4. Management of Corps Resources.
5. Fulfillment of Requirements with a Quality Product.

Contrary to what has been done in the past, the Chief of Engineers has established Corps GOALS for CY 78 rather than command objectives. These goals, aimed at promoting Corps performance as a team, are designed to meet the longer term needs of the Corps. Districts have also been given the flexibility to add to, emphasize, expand or modify these goals.

Another first this year was the inclusion of EEO as a part of one of the five Corps goals, the Development of the Corps Workforce. Considerable emphasis is being placed on recruiting, training, organizing, and managing fairly and equally the Corps workforce.

The District continues to make steady progress in EEO and to seek out ways to better develop our workforce, but until all employees are functioning at their fullest capacities, there remains a great amount of work yet to be done.



### A DOUBLE STANDARD?

*A businessman is aggressive; a businesswoman is pushy.*

*A well-dressed businessman is fashionable; a businesswoman is a clotheshorse.*

*He loses his temper because he's involved with his job; she's bitchy.*

*He gets depressed from work pressure; she has menstrual tension.*

*He's a man of the world; she's been around.*

*He's confident; she's conceited.*

*He drinks because of excessive work pressure; she's a lush.*

*He's a stern taskmaker; she's impossible to work for.*

*He's enthusiastic; she's emotional.*

## Flexitime 'Going Well'

Although he feels it is too early to make an analysis, Lynn Harris, acting Chief of the Personnel Office, said the implementation of Flexitime seems to be going very well.

Flexitime, a program designed to give employees more freedom in choosing their work hours, began on 1 March and will be evaluated after 6 months and again after one year.

"More employees are taking advantage of the early sign-in than had been originally anticipated," Lynn said. The program is being well received by both employees and supervisors, he added.

Lynn stressed that the signing in and out procedure is the only way to account for who is on Flexitime and who is not and that seems to be the only drawback to the program so far.

*A briefing on Lock and Dam 26, complete with slides and script, is available in the Public Affairs Office.*

*The briefing is about a 20-minute program and was prepared by the St. Louis District.*



Age was no barrier at the ice fishing contest held 12 February at Eau Galle. Prizes were awarded in several categories and according to Stan Anderson, dam operator at Eau Galle, "everyone had a ball."

## 'GOING PUBLIC'



Colonel Gay attended a Natural Resources Council meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota, on 8 March, to brief the council on the Goose River Subbasin and Lower Sheyenne River studies.

A speaker at the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Lakes and Rivers Committee meeting on 18 February was LTC Walter Heme, Deputy District Engineer. The meeting was held at the College of Natural Resources at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CARL BORASH, ED-PB, received an award following his talk to the Lincoln School 5th graders last month about Corps of Engineers missions, a certificate which states: St. Paul Public Schools Career Education Department--Awards an Honorary Degree in Elementary Education to--CARL BORASH--This honorary degree is awarded to those people who have taken time from their busy schedules to share their interests, talents, resources and experiences with students in the classroom or during a field trip."

Incidentally, following Carl's presentation, one little girl raised her hand and asked him, "Did you work on the Panama Canal?"

• • •  
There's a new recipe for sponge cake that starts out, "First borrow all the ingredients . . ."

• • •  
Have you heard of anyone who wants to stop living because of the cost?

• • •  
It may seem quaint to us that our ancestors used clamshells and beads for money, but what would they have thought about a wallet full of plastic cards?

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The only thing some people learn from experience is that they just made another mistake.

## DREDGING MEETINGS HELD

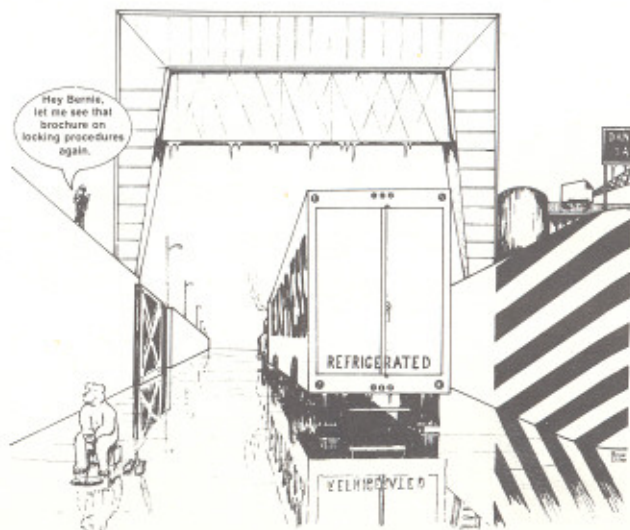
Two public meetings on river channel maintenance dredging for the 1978 navigation season have been held by the St. Paul District. These were held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on 13 March and in Red Wing, Minnesota, 14 March.

Discussion centered on possible disposal sites for material to be dredged this year from the 9-foot channel of the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and Guttenberg, Iowa, and the navigation channels of the Minnesota and St. Croix Rivers. Although final dredging requirements will be determined following soundings after spring high water conditions, projections have been made at this time based on previous experience and the channel condition last fall. Usually, about 36 locations require annual dredging, according to Corps records.

### PROJECT OF THE MONTH....

#### FLOODS

As the St. Paul District prepares for the eventuality of flooding in certain areas this spring, the project for this month is floods and flood fighting. Several films on the subject will be shown in Room 1033, on 3 April, 12:30 to 1:00.





# UPWARD MOBILITY

by Nancy Johnson

"Anyone who is a clerk typist with aptitude in the field should be able to qualify for an upward mobility position and then progress to full performance level," said Rich Laddusire, St. Paul District Program Coordinator for upward mobility.

The concept of upward mobility is that employees with potential, who lack qualifications, may become qualified for current or projected higher level vacancies.

There are currently six District employees in upward mobility positions. These positions are available to employees in jobs graded GS-9 and below who feel they are in dead end jobs.

Ruth Hageman, a processor in CO-GR, has been in an upward mobility position since July 1976. Before that she was a stenographer. She feels the program is a good one, especially for employees in clerk typist positions.



Ruth Hageman

"It was frustrating explaining procedures to new GS-8, 9, 10 and 11 employees and not being allowed to do them myself," Ruth said.

On-the-job training and attending outside classes are important parts of the program. Since November, Ruth has taken five classes, all of which would not have been available to her had she not been in an upward mobility position.



Janice Stolarski

Janice Stolarski, a clerk in Personnel, also has received outside training since receiving an upward mobility position last November. Before coming to the Corps, Janice was employed by the Bureau of Mines. She feels she will now have a better chance for advancement because of her upward mobility position.



Mary Huss and Al Rosenberg, Supervisor

Mary Huss was a clerk typist in Program Development before moving to her upward mobility position three months ago. She is now a fiscal clerk in CO-A and will attend a week long course in Chicago as training for her job. She feels upward mobility is a good program to get into.





*Char Hauger*

"People don't realize what a great opportunity this program is," said Char Hauger, a processor in CO-GR.

Char was hired as a processor and since being in an upward mobility position she too has received training and has been given a lot more responsibility.

"You have to be interested in learning to make your upward mobility position work for you," she said.



*Denise Blackwell*

Denise Blackwell has been in her upward mobility processor position for almost one and a half years and she describes the program as being "terrific." She'd like to see more positions become available and feels other District employees should be better educated about the program. A lot of employees, she says, don't realize they can get out of their dead end positions.

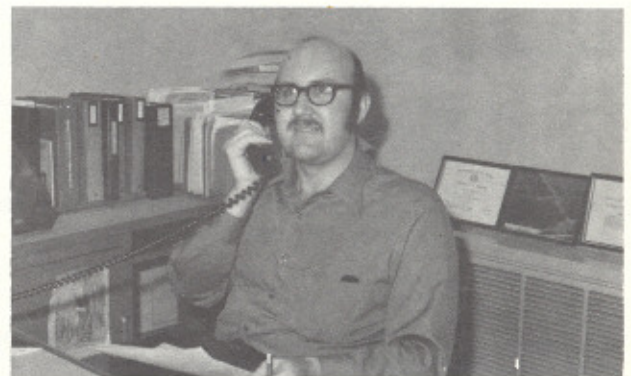
She added that some employees aren't willing to be down graded to accept an upward mobility position.

Rich Laddusire pointed out that salary protection is given to those employees who take a drop in grade to enter an upward mobility position.



*Maurice Geiken*

Maurice Geiken has been in an upward mobility position for almost one year. Before becoming an electronics worker at the Message Center in Hastings, he was a radio operator. He also is receiving supplementary training for his job and feels he made a good move by getting into the program.



*Rich Laddusire*

Upward mobility positions are announced by a job opportunity announcement which identifies the position as such. All employees who apply are rated by the Civilian Personnel Office and those judged "best" qualified are referred to the supervisor for selection.

As for the future of the program...more positions should become available as every job that goes through the Personnel Office is screened as a possible upward mobility position.

Rich Laddusire urges anyone interested in an upward mobility position or in any aspect of the program to contact him.

## A LOOK AT CIGARETTE SMOKING

The Facts: Each year 300,000 Americans die prematurely from the effects of smoking. Millions more live on with crippled lungs and overstrained hearts.

Cigarette smoking is a major cause of emphysema, lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, and heart disease.

There is no controversy about the facts. Thousands of careful studies have documented them. No major medical or health agency questions them.

One Cigarette: The longer you smoke, the deadlier it is. But it doesn't take years for smoking to affect you. Just a few puffs can hurt.

Just one cigarette--

- speeds up your heart beat.
- increases your blood pressure.
- upsets the flow of blood and air to your lungs.
- causes a drop in the skin temperature of your fingers and toes.



A few puffs also slows down the action of the cilia inside your bronchial tubes. These tiny hair-like bodies normally work like brooms to sweep out germs, mucus, dirt from your lungs. One cigarette makes them sluggish. Inhaling over long periods paralyzes the cilia completely. Then your lungs are exposed to all kinds of infections. That is one reason why smokers are sick in bed an estimated 88 million more days each year than nonsmokers.

The Facts for Nonsmokers: Cigarette smoke affects the nonsmoker in much the same way as the smoker.

Inhaling second-hand smoke makes the heart beat faster, the blood pressure go up, and the level of carbon monoxide in the blood increase.

There is more cadmium in the smoke that drifts off the burning end of the cigarette than in the drag the smoker takes. Large doses of cadmium have been related to hypertension, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema.

Smoke from an idling cigarette contains even more tar and nicotine than an inhaled one.

The amount of carbon monoxide in the blood of nonsmokers doubles in a poorly ventilated room filled with cigarette smoke. Even outside the room, inhaled carbon monoxide stays in the body for three or four hours.

The nonsmoker is forced to breathe in smoke from the burning end of the cigarette as well as the smoke exhaled by the smoker.

Researchers have found that lung illness is twice as common in young children whose parents smoke at home compared to those with nonsmoking parents.

An estimated 2 million Americans are sensitive to tobacco smoke and suffer smoke-caused asthma attacks.

The U.S. Surgeon General has said, "Nonsmokers have as much right to clean air and wholesome air as smokers have to their so-called right to smoke, which I would redefine as a so-called right to pollute. It is high time to ban smoking from all confined public places such as restaurants, theaters, airplanes, trains, and buses. It is time that we interpret the Bill of Rights for the nonsmoker as well as the smoker."

# "Par For The Corps"

HEIMLICH MANEUVER SAVES  
CHOKING CORPS EMPLOYEE

On the Information Line recently, requests came for: a license to sell beer from a pontoon on the St. Croix River..."Could you please send me a 1-mile section of the Mississippi River.." and where to write for reservations for the military hotel on Waikiki Beach, Honolulu.

It appears that District Office employees are taking a new interest in ancient Greek classic writings, judging from the quotation which is cropping up on office walls, a quote attributed to a Petronius Arbiter, 210 B.C.:

"We trained hard...But it seemed that everytime we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganized...I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralization."

*(Editor's note: Titus Petronius Niger was a "Director of Elegance"--Arbiter Elegantie--in Emperor Nero's court. He was author of "Satyricon" considered to be the first western European novel. He was implicated in a plot to assassinate Nero and compelled to "commit suicide," and left as a will a detailed account of Nero's peculiarities. No copies of the latter writing have turned up in the District Office.)*

A group of Corps employees were talking during a coffee break in the cafeteria about the spring flood threats and discussing various means of preventing damage in residential areas.

Jokingly, one of them remarked, "Too bad we can't wrap the houses in plastic bags."

"That's too dangerous," another responded, "The people inside wouldn't be able to breathe."

"Well, maybe we could just evaporate the people," the first shot back.

Choking on food lodged in his throat, unable to speak or breathe, a District Office employee jumped up from a table in the building cafeteria Wednesday noon, 15 March, running toward the door and gesturing toward his throat. "I thought it was the end," he said later, "with no air coming in."

But then a fellow Corps employee, Joe Murphy, grabbed him around the waist from behind and pressed his clasped fists into the victim's abdomen. The obstruction was freed and color returned to the victim's face.

Joe says that he had just recently read about the lifesaving technique, the Heimlich Maneuver, printed in last month's *CROSSCURRENTS*.

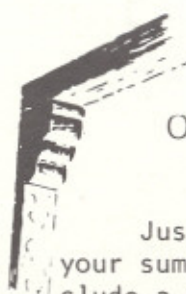
Incidentally, the employee later revealed that he was choking on a spoonful of minestrone soup!

Public Affairs Office has photo prints used in displays of the Engineer Day picnic last June and the Holiday Party in December. Anyone who is interested in claiming one of these pictures is invited to pick it up at PAO.

## DISBURSING OFFICER

Grant Logan will again assume the duties of Finance and Accounting Officer and Disbursing Officer on 1 April after a lengthy illness. Fred Vogeles had been filling the position during Grant's illness.

## OLD TIMER'S CORNER



Just a reminder -- as you plan your summer travels -- be sure to include a visit to St. Paul in September to attend the annual Corps of Engineers reunion on the 6th. Details and reservation forms will be in *CROSSCURRENTS* in early summer.

# LTG MORRIS: 'CORPS NEEDS POLICY'

*A write-up in the 16 Feb 78  
Vicksburg, MS, Evening Post  
by Edward McHale, City Editor*

The chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Wednesday that lack of a national water resources policy has produced dangerous uncertainty in government about flood control and other civil works programs.

"There is more uncertainty right now as to where the water program is going than at any time that I can remember," said LTG John W. Morris at a luncheon sponsored by the Warren County Port Commission.

"I think that, on the one hand, you've got a rather energetic congressional group at least in terms of getting appropriations and public works going," said Morris. "We have a very strong conservation-environmental initiative over in the executive branch where I work. And we have a president who says he's going to come forward with some new policies.

"All of these things are going to have to be decided and sorted out sometime within the next 12 months. This is the year, in my judgement, that something's going to have to emerge which sets the nation's water program in some direction."

Morris visited Vicksburg en route to New Orleans for the national Water Resources Congress.

During his speech to government and civic leaders, Morris said deep budget cuts, various reorganization proposals and additional responsibilities given the Corps had fueled the uncertainty about water resources policy.

"There certainly doesn't seem to be a consistency of attitudes between the Congress and executive branch on some fundamental issues," he said.

"Now, the president has said he'd like a conservation ethic--everybody use less and, in effect, have more. There has been, in this year's budget, another no 'new start' year, a reduction of funding for 57 or 58 studies which are ongoing and a reduction of funding for some 59 or so engineering design projects while full funding for most of the construction items.

"The culmination of this, if carried on much longer, will be that we'll end up in about five years with a program that will be pretty much washed out except for a few residual projects. The notice on the budget is that the intent is to slow the program down. That's spelled out right in the budget message.

"Congress, on the other hand, doesn't seem to want to slow the program down," Morris said. "In the House and Senate Appropriations committees, there is enthusiasm for making the programs go.

"That's going to have to be straightened out pretty quick to see just which solution comes out," he said.

President Carter further thinned Corps resources, he said, by giving military engineers the added responsibility for inspecting non-federal dams in the wake of a fatal 1977 dam breakage at Toccoa, GA.

"We asked for some help, manpowerwise, and they were kind enough not to cut but 100 people--they were going to cut us 200, but agreed to only cut us 100 when they gave us this job--and that's painful."

Also of concern, Morris said, are various proposals to divide up some Corps responsibilities among other government agencies.

"We just cannot, in good conscience, allow the regulation of these rivers to be divided up between different interests," he said. "If you regulate them for one thing exclusively, you have to have an adverse effect on some other thing.

"This does concern me because I am concerned about people who are very susceptible to flooding and who live in the river basin at the bottom end of the funnel where your whole life depends on how well things are regulated upstream.

"There's a great deal of work to be done," Morris said. "But until the policy thing is settled, we're in lots of trouble in terms of capabilities to do things.

"I think the president will probably come forward within the next week or two with some thoughts on where we're going to go, where he thinks we should go. Where we're going to go will ultimately be decided, I suppose, by legislation."

# TRAVELERS BEWARE

The Federal Aviation Administration has warned air travelers that it both is dangerous and illegal to carry loose book matches in their luggage.

The agency said the matches could ignite in a suitcase and start a smoldering fire that could ruin travelers' personal belongings. Moreover, there always is the danger of a small fire becoming a large one or triggering an explosion on an aircraft in flight.

Persons who carry loose book matches in their carry-on or checked luggage also are subject to fines for carrying hazardous materials on board an aircraft in violation of FAA regulations.

A fire can start when the cover of one match book is open and vibration or movement brings the heads of the matches into contact with the striking strip of another book, the agency said. The usual result is a small, smoldering fire in the suitcase with the damage confined to the contents of suitcase. But in one case an explosion resulted when the smoldering fire ignited the contents of a can of hair spray. Fortunately, the suitcase was not aboard an airplane at the time.

FAA said that twice in the last two months it has received reports of matches starting fires in luggage. Others may have been started and gone unreported, it added.

In one of the two cases, FAA said, the fire was discovered when a baggage handler noted smoke coming from the suitcase while unloading it from the aircraft. In the other, only two books of matches actually caught fire, but there were 89 other books of matches in the same suitcase that could have been ignited. FAA is now taking action to fine the owner of the suitcase.

The FAA classifies matches as hazardous because the heads are a flammable solid. They can be legally carried on aircraft only when they are tightly packed in a closed container within the suitcase.

The penalty for violation of the regulation is a fine of up to \$10,000. If criminal intent can be proved, the maximum penalty is a \$25,000 fine, five years in prison, or both.

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## BASKETBALL TEAM DOES WELL

The District basketball team recently completed the 1977-78 season in the St. Paul Commercial League with its best record. The team finished with a 7 win 3 loss record during regular season play. Tournament play between the three divisions in the league began on 6 March. The Corps lost its first game and was eliminated from further tournament competition.

First year manager Al Bjorkquist says the team tries to find a balance between playing to win and playing to have a good time. "There is no pressure and everyone enjoys the recreation," says Al.

Members of the 1977-78 team are: Jim Burnett, Kevin Cook, Chuck Crist, Ed Eaton, Tim Fell, Jim Freeman, Richard Lundstrom, Dale Mazar, Martin McCleery, Jeff Meighan, Gary Paless, John Plump, Ed Rosario, John Sauer, Chuck Spitzack, Don Wadleigh, Ben Wopat, Chuck Workman and manager Al Bjorkquist.

Al adds it's not as much fun to be a manager...it's more fun to play, so this is his first and last year as manager.

*Sharon Brown, EEO Specialist, is now in Room 1520. Her new phone number is 725-5838.*



*Over 500 spectators and participants showed up at the Homme Dam to be in the snowmobile race held 26 Jan. There were over 30 individual entries and at times the machines travelled over 80 m.p.h. Pictured above are 14 heat winners lining up for the class championship race.*



## SOFTBALL ORGANIZING

About 20 potential members of the Corps softball team attended an organizational meeting last week.

The Corps team will be playing in the Minnesota State Employees League and games will be played either Monday or Thursday nights.

Notices of practices and other pertinent information will be posted near the elevators and Jack Crowson, CO-GR, urges anyone interested in playing to watch for the notices or contact him at 227-4940.

Workers at Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam on 5 March discovered the body of a woman on the spillway of the dam and assisted Minneapolis police and firemen in getting out by boat to retrieve it. Investigation revealed that there was probably no foul play involved in the death of the 51-year-old woman, who had apparently jumped into the river during the night.

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This man is recognized by people all over the world as the symbol of efforts to clean up the environment.

His message, simple and haunting, has been taken to heart by countless numbers. Many of these individuals have also taken it upon themselves to do something for a cleaner, healthier life.

**Keep America Beautiful Day 1978, April 22, will be for everyone. America needs everyone looking after her.**

Find out what you can do. Contact your local Clean City Committee, Chamber of Commerce or Beautification Commission. Or write Keep America Beautiful, Inc., 99 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

**Keep America Beautiful Day 1978  
Saturday, April 22**

**Get involved.  
You may have occasion  
to smile yourself.**



COL Gay addresses news conference

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency dredging requirements were the subject of a press conference called by COL Gay in the District Office, 21 March. Representatives of television, radio and the press were told by the District Engineer that the Corps cannot sign a 1978 dredging agreement with PCA because its standards are too rigid and cannot be met in their present form. District counterproposals to the PCA draft proposals will be made soon.

## AWARDS

The following individuals received awards at the Incentive Awards Ceremony on Friday, 24 March in Room 1220:

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING  
Edward J. Roscoe - DC  
Roger E. Ronning - VEO

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING &  
SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE  
Robert F. Post - ED-ER

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE  
Chester G. Hallmark - ED-HF

QUALITY STEP INCREASE  
Charles P. Spitzack - ED-D

QUALITY STEP INCREASE &  
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING  
Thomas A. Larson - OC

*An Outstanding Performance Rating has been sent to Michael J. Mullen, former Personnel Officer, now in South Pacific Division.*

## SUGGESTION AWARDS

GERALD K. BLAIR, ED-HF, was awarded \$75 for suggesting a new procedure to mark corrections, deletions, and/or additions to a drawing. Color coding these changes will facilitate the work of the draftsmen.

MARVIN L. PEDRETTI, Lock and Dam 10, was granted \$50 for suggesting the installation of signs warning of "DANGEROUS UNDERCURRENT - NO FISHING" near the downstream miter gates at the locks and dams. Fishermen otherwise often fail to stay aware of the danger of thin ice at these places.

SHARON K. BROWN, EEO, was given a \$25 award for suggesting that videotapes be used to instruct new clerical employees in such matters as Army correspondence, records management, travel, time and attendance and use of fiscal documents.

DAVID CHRISTENSON, ED-PB, was granted \$25 for suggesting purchase of a compact, portable overhead transparency projector for use at public meetings and training sessions.

MARY K. LINDER, ED-ER, received \$25 for suggesting purchase of films and manuals for use in training District Office clerical personnel in use of the CPT machine.

## 50,000 DAMS

About 50,000 dams restrain rivers in the United States, but only 58 percent of all sites with hydroelectric potential in the continental United States have been dammed, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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GIVE THE ORDERS!

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CHESTER & SOULS

# Fishing Lines

BUDD BAGS BIG BASS

Budd Selby, DO-0, recently caught a nice 6 lb. largemouth bass while fishing for northern pike in Big Wood Lake. Budd openly discussed his catch with this reporter:

Reporter: Where'd ya catch this big feller, Budd?

Budd: In the mouth.

R: I meant which lake, Budd?

B: Bi Woolak.

R: Was that Big Wood Lake?

B: Yep.

R: Where is this lake at, Budd?

B: Wisconsin.

R: Where in Wisconsin?

B: Northwest of Milwaukee.

R: How far northwest?

B: 'bout three hunert miles.

R: How do you get there from the Twin Cities, Budd?

B: In my truck.

R: Where on the lake were you fishing, Budd?

B: In a hole.

R: Whereabouts on the lake?

B: Waysout from shore.

R: How deep were you fishing?

B: 'bout a foot 'n half off the bottom.

R: What did you catch him on?

B: A shiny little minner.

R: Budd, I get the impression that this is kind of a secret fishing hole. Did you ever take anyone there?

B: Only my deaf mute friend Rufe. I blindfold him all day. He fishes with his line wrapped around his finger. Funny thing, he never seems to have much luck.

R: Well thanks for the interview, Budd. Any final words?

B: Yer nose is leakin on my floor.

Sidney Sauger, ACE Reporter



If you tell a man there are 300 billion stars in the universe, he'll believe you. But if you tell him a bench has just been painted, he has to touch it to be sure.

DISTRICT FISHERMEN  
BEGINNING TO STIR

District fishermen are beginning to stir from their winter doldrums. Two fish have officially been entered in the District Fishing Contest--a dandy 6 lb. largemouth bass caught by Budd Selby, CO-0, and a 10-7/8 respectable (?) yellow perch by Gary Palesh, ED-ER. We are in the process of having a bulletin board worked up to show contest entries and standings.

March is the best month for ice fishing, so get on out there and give it a try. For you summer anglers who have never given ice fishing a try, now is the time. The weather is nice, the fish are biting and you do not have to bring the following gear: boat and trailer, oars, motor, gas can, anchors, life preservers, coolers, fish stringers or baskets, big fold-out tackle boxes, long cumbersome rods, heavy reels, suntan lotion, swimming suits, insect repellent, brothers-in-law or ice.

Wilbur Walleye, President



## The Day That Counts

### Yesterday

There are two days in every week that should be kept free from fear and worry. One of these days is yesterday; it has passed forever beyond our control. We can not undo a single act we performed or erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone beyond recall.

### Tomorrow

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow, with its possible problems or promise. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow will come, but until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow; it is not yet a reality.

### Today

This leaves only one day--today. Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burden of those two awful eternities--yesterday and tomorrow--that we break down. It is not the experience of today that causes the most anxiety. It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday, or the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Thus, only one day in the week requires our very best attention and action--the "today" we live one day at a time.