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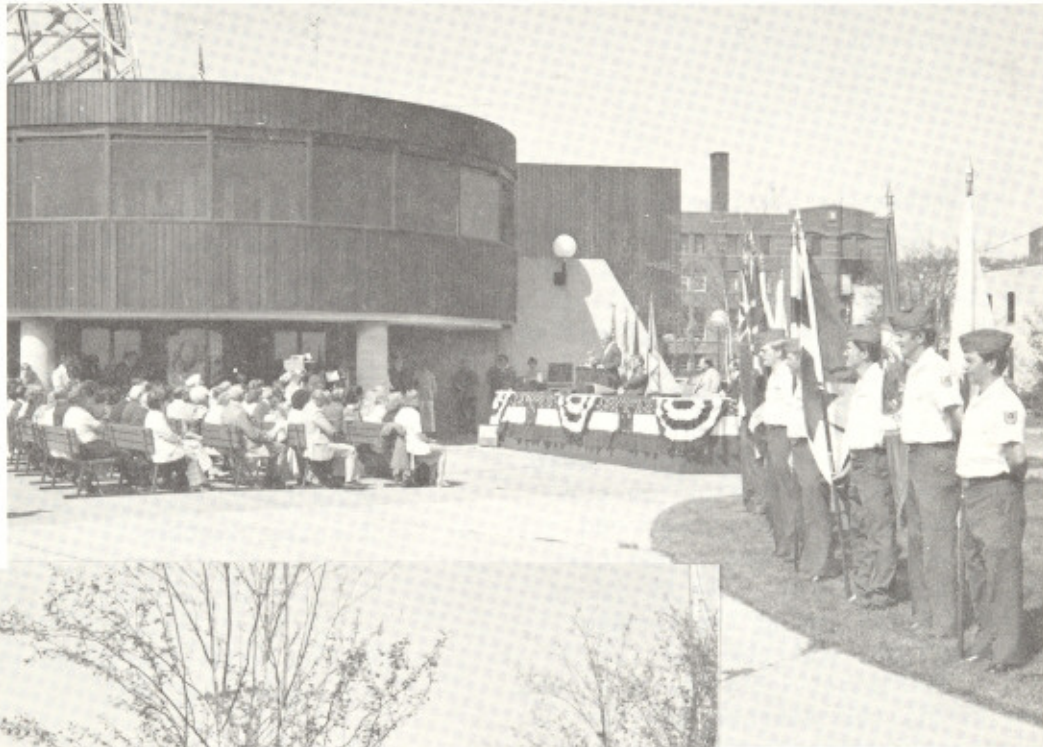
ST. PAUL DISTRICT  
U.S. ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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## Marine Museum Dedication

*July 5, 1979...  
It was a beautiful day in Duluth, as Rep. James Oberstar gave the keynote speech at the Marine Museum dedication.*



*Colonel Badger introduces key District people to the audience at the dedication of the addition to the Marine Museum.*

## Headwater Notes.

(Excerpts from Headwaters ledgers)

Pokegama Falls Dam  
August 25, 1886

Major Chas. J. Allen  
Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Sir:

A hand pump as you suggest with about 150 or 200 feet of hose with nozzle attaches would be very convenient and handy at the dams for sprinkling them in hot weather, for filling the barrels on the decking with water and for guarding against fire in general, and I think the purchase of one for Pokegama and one for Lake Winnibigoshish Dams would not be money wasted. The hay on the D.J. Knox meadow which was reported August 11th as not cut has since been cut and the hay secured. An estimate of the cost of reframing the embankment at Leech Lake will be sent in next mail. There has been no rain here since the 16th, the weather is very warm. Steamboat men report Swan and Willow Rivers very low, they also say a strong current from the Miss. River is running into Sandy Lake.

The Lock and Dam No. 4 personnel were called upon to help recover the body of Andy Escoba Macabeo, on 12 July. The 76-year-old fisherman from Paddock Lake, Wisconsin, drowned when his motor failed and his boat was drawn into rough water below a roller gate. Lockmaster Owen Wanek said the men at L/D 4 launched the lifeboat as soon as they heard calls from other people who witnessed the tragedy, then helped drag for the body for about 2-1/2 hours before it was recovered.

Water from the Mississippi is still going into Pokegama Lake. The discharge here still continues to increase although very slow. Today 2625.2 cu. ft. per. sec. is passing. The quantity of water coming out of Prairie River since Aug. 19th is as follows:

August 19th 59.81 cu. ft. per. sec.  
August 25th 66.28 cu. ft. per. sec.  
The gauge at Grand Rapids today reads 4.50

Your approval for purchasing the following list of supplies which are needed immediately to subsist the watchmen at Leech Lake & Lake Winnibigoshish Dam until January 1st, 1887 is respectfully asked. The articles can be bought at Grand Rapids and sent by canoe to the dams.

8 cases 2# canned corn beef	200# Pork &
10# Bake Powder	50# ham
100# Butter	100# Sugar
8 sacks flour	2# Pepper
200# Lard	50# Oat Meal
2 cases Peaches	50# Corn Meal
	20 cans Cond. Milk

The cost of the above articles here will be about \$130.00.

Very Respectfully  
your Obt. Servt.  
John Bullen  
Asst. Engr.

### REUNION REMINDER

Remember to make reservations now for the fourth annual reunion of Corps employees which will be held in the Holiday Inn-Roseville, on 5 September. All past and present employees of the Corps and their families are welcome. Contact Evelyn Schwartz for more details, at 260 Westview Dr., W. St. Paul, MN 55118 (Telephone No. (612) 455-0386.)

## "Par For The Corps"

Another of those rare encounters with the public on the District's Information Line: A young man called to ask about locking procedures for a 4-ft. hydroplane with a 10-hp motor, commuting regularly from Prescott, Wisconsin, to St. Paul on the Mississippi River. He said that he'd temporarily lost his driver's license because of some traffic violation, but figured he could still get to his job by river.. before the river froze.

He agreed that there could be considerable difficulties involved. "For instance," he said, "I'll have to ask my boss if having to wait for a towboat to lock through will be an acceptable excuse for being late to work."



Representative Jim Oberstar helps Mrs. Ralph Knowlton, widow of the late Corps employee who spearheaded the drive for the Marine Museum, cut the ribbon to the new addition on 5 July. Surrounding them are COL Badger and his daughters.

### Blondes Too Frivolous, Brunettes Too Chatty

# No Women Stenos!

The employment picture for women civil servants has changed considerably since 1911 when the President of the Civil Service Commission announced that the government would no longer hire women stenographers because blondes were "too frivolous" and brunettes were "too chatty."

Such bits of history, as well as current regulations aimed at insuring equal opportunities for federal women employees, are contained in a new booklet from the Federal Women's Program (FWP) entitled, *Putting Women in Their Place*.

Just where is a woman's place? The new FWP booklet highlights laws and government directives which say that women's place is wherever their abilities, experience, education and interests qualify

them to be. It also explains the role of the Federal Women's Program and the duties of its managers and committee members—all aimed at helping women to realize their potential and to find their place in the federal workforce.

Enlightening, entertaining, and illustrated with many photographs, *Putting Women in Their Place* is available at many agencies' local FWP offices. It will soon be stocked for sale (\$1.20) by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402; stock number: 006-000-01081-4.



Only you  
can prevent  
forest fires.



Raccoons  
can't.

## INCENTIVE AWARDS

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING AND SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Jean E. Dzik, ED-HF  
Leroy L. Lorinser, AS-R

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Thomas A. Larson, OC  
Florence M. Leleman, ED-PB

### SPECIAL ACT AWARD

Florence M. Leleman, ED-PB  
Catherine A. Smith, DC-F

### SUGGESTION AWARD

Donald W. Gerlach, AS-G, received a \$55 award for suggesting a new method for conducting the yearly physical inventory of property.

### CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION-/EEO

Peter A. Fischer, ED-HF  
Richard K. Laddusire, EP-E  
Robert L. Northrup, ED-PB  
Margaret M. Reilly, AS-G  
Fred W. Voegle, DC-FR

*Anyone wanting a copy of the June Crosscurrents may pick it up at the Public Affairs Office. ... We now have some extras.*

*A while back, we sent out a DF to office personnel asking for the return of any extra copies of Crosscurrents, because we did not have enough to go around to all the retirees. In fact, we were 200 copies short. Many thanks to those of you who sent in your copies... must have been about 50 in all. But we still had far from enough and the printer eventually supplied the needed copies. So now, we do have some extras!*

## EDWARD SING COMMENDED FOR LIFESAVING EFFORTS

On the afternoon of the 4th of July, Robert J. Babines, 36, was working on an equipment barge in tow of the Tender Butler at the Service Base in Fountain City when he suddenly collapsed. Edward Sing, who was in charge of the Butler, rushed to his side and, seeing that Mr. Babines had stopped breathing and was apparently having a heart attack, he gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for several minutes, but without results. He then alerted watchman Carl Brommerich, who phoned for an ambulance, then joined Ed in the resuscitation efforts.

Despite their desperate efforts, however, Mr. Babines succumbed while he was being rushed to a hospital in the ambulance.

Ed, who is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), has been officially commended for his quick action and compassionate efforts to aid his fellow employee.



Minnesota Congressman Arlan Stangland autographed this picture with Ray Sandford at East Grand Forks, Spring '79.

# NCD GOLF TOURNAMENT

by Dave Tschida

The annual NCD-NCS Golf Tournament was held Saturday, 21 July 1979, at the Dell View Resort near Wisconsin Dells. As you might remember, last year's match ended in a tie. But this year I believe the true champions showed what they were made of: The NCS golfers had little trouble winning, as the 344 points versus NCD's 256 seemed to indicate.

The low score for the tournament was turned in by Ed McNally, who fired a 78. Other golfers with low scores were John Seemann, 82, Dave Tschida, 83, and Pete Peterson, 84. The number of golfers participating this year was 25, including MG Harris, who, by the way, won the prize for closest to the pin on hole number 17. Other prize winners were Jim Kursu for lowest putts, closest to the hole, and one for a birdie and one for blind bogey; Frank and Jan Whitmore (a tie) for the most valuable player; Harry Andersen for lowest gross score in the second flight and Carmen McNally for lowest net score in the second flight.

The list of players for NCS were:

- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| John Seemann   | Ed & Carmen McNally  |
| Dave Tschida   | Al Bjorkquist        |
| Jim Kursu      | Sam Moore            |
| Roger Worth    | Harry Andersen       |
| Bob O'Conner   | Frank & Jan Whitmore |
| Jack Landsdahl | Pete Peterson        |
|                | Jim Nelson           |



Everybody had a good time, and we're looking forward to next year's match sometime in July. If you didn't participate this year and are interested, keep this golf tournament in mind and practice up.

*Beth Ruyak, daughter of Jim Ruyak, will participate as Wisconsin's entry to the Miss National Teenager competition to be held 10 August in Atlanta, Georgia. The pageant will be televised by KSTP-TV.*

# JUST BETWEEN US ..

(Based on Employee Benefit Fund records)

Congratulations on two weddings in Program Development ..

On 29 June, DEB KELLY became Mrs. Scott Glewwe and on 6 July, JIM STADELMAN and Diane Blonigen were married.

Our sympathy to Bill Goetz, CO, on the death of his mother.

Ill during the month was Richard Schreifels, AS-RM.

So long to Al Cohen, EP-C, who is leaving for the Bureau of the Mint in Washington D.C.

Friday the 13th, of July proved to be an unlucky day for Roy Shetka, who suffered a broken collarbone in an auto accident as the day had barely begun. He was driving home late from flying with the Minnesota Air National Guard when his car was struck by a taxicab at a West 7th Street intersection. Roy was hospitalized for a day, and convalesced at home the next week. (The cab was carrying no passengers, and the driver escaped with cuts and bruises.)

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Babines, 36, who died of a heart attack suffered while he was working at the Corps Fountain City Service Base on 4 July. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two children. The family had moved here only last October from Albuquerque, New Mexico.



# JUNE 18 1979

## PICNIC DAY



"LET'S GET THIS SHOW STARTED"



"LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS"



"FLOODFIGHTERS AWARDS"



EVEN SOME RETIREES SHOWED UP



A FUTURE CORPS EMPLOYEE?



"HORSESHOES"



GUESS WHO WON?



"THESE KIDS SHOULD BE EASY"



A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

# LEO HAS SHARP INTERESTS, NOT ONLY IN CACTUS!

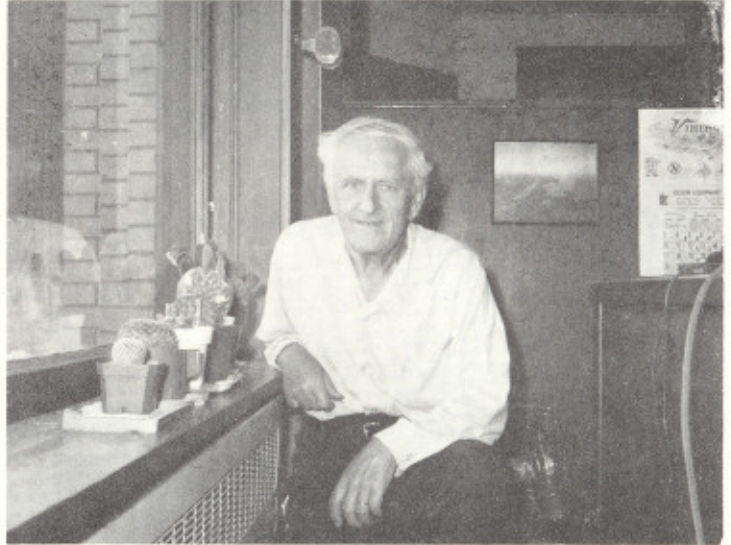
Leo Zygmanski, of the Lake Superior Area Office, is quite probably the only person in Duluth who is growing prickly pear cactus in a "secret place" on a sandy beach on the lake. But he says that he is not unique -- that quite a few people make a hobby of raising cactus -- but his fellow workers in the Duluth office shake their heads at that, pleased to claim "Zyg" as a rather unique person. He is, after 21 years in the office, an important part of the place. As Chief ("and only," he chimes in) Draftsman, Leo, at 66 years, is not planning retirement yet. He has a lively interest not only in cactus but in traveling (Europe, Hawaii, Mexico) and old buildings ("I hate to see them torn down.")

Leo has many more than the half dozen or so cactus plants set on the window sills of the Duluth office; he has some in the furnished room he spends his week-nights at, and more at the house in Hibbing, some 78 miles distant, where he and his wife, Rose, make their home. Mrs. Zygmanski is a school teacher there.

He brings in to the office only a few of his favorite specimens because, of course, cactus thrives on sunlight, and that means the plants must be moved around the four sides of the building, following the sun, from sill to sill.

This provides "break time" for Leo, and livens up the office.

As for those prickly pear cactus plants growing on the Duluth beach, Leo points out that



he transplanted them from the Montana-North Dakota border, where this hardy species grows under conditions which could be likened to those of the Lake Superior shore, at least concerning the icy gales of winter.

Leo is more concerned about what people might do to the plants, so he keeps their location to himself, telling his friends at the office, when they slyly try to pry out his secret, only that "it's somewhere on Minnesota Point." And that is not too specific.

Before starting his work for the Corps, Leo had worked for a mining company and for a railroad in the Hibbing area. He says he even tried his hand at school-teaching, "but I don't care to talk about that!"

Bringing the subject back to his interest in cactus, Leo summed up his observations by warning, "The temptation is to over-water, and you have to watch them closely for that ... and be sure they have plenty of sunlight."



## *At The Lake Superior Area Office*



These are the people ...

Courtland Mueller, Chief at the Lake Superior Area Office, (in back) stands with Ray Lund, Al Klein and Dorothy Backstrom ...

(below, from left) Jack Mulek, George Fastland and Bruce Nelson...



This is the building...

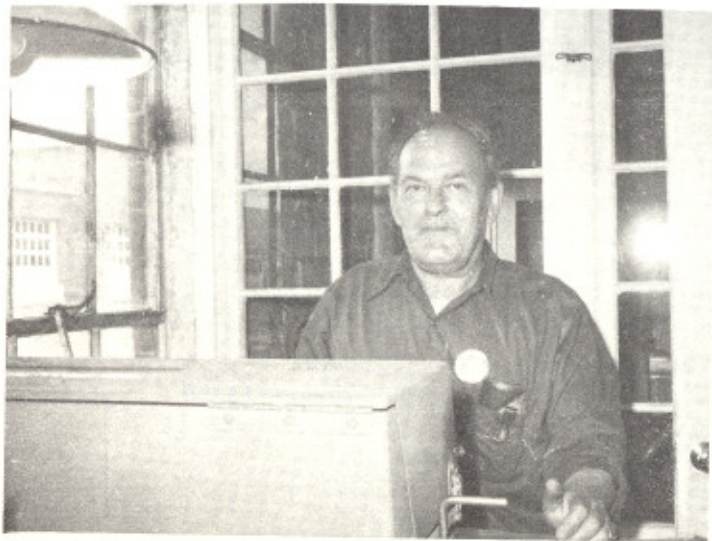
in which the Lake Superior Area Office is located, in Canal Park, in Duluth... beside the Duluth harbor entry, at the foot of the famous aerial lift bridge leading to Minnesota Point, facing the great Lake Superior... to the rear of which the Marine Museum and Visitors Center has been attached... across the street from Jenos plant, and next door to the fascinating Grandma's restaurant. The original building dates to 1905, with a 30-ft. extension to the east (rear) added in 1942, according to Ray Lund.





Starting a 800-mile journey through the Great Lakes navigation route to Detroit, the vessels of the Lake Superior Area Office formed a flotilla on 22 June as they moved out of the Duluth harbor. The people at the Corps office photographed the Dredge Gaillard with the tugs Lake Superior and Marquette, which were followed by three scows. The floating plant is working for the Detroit District for 12 weeks this summer.

Meanwhile, the Derrickbarge Coleman is handling the work in the Duluth-Superior area. Here, Jerry Bonk, survey boat operator, is about to take the Tender Bayfield, seen directly behind him in the vessel yard slip, to move a scow from beside the Coleman, distant background.



Howie Schwartz checks the automatic gauge which transmits and records water levels in the Duluth-Superior Harbor, to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



Les Lundin (left) master of the Derrickbarge Coleman, and David Danielson, operator of the Coleman, on the deck of the vessel, amidst huge rocks removed from the Superior Harbor.



Howie Schwartz, maintenance foreman at the vessel yard, and Jerry Bonk, in the office of the vessel yard. On the wall behind are displayed photos of the floating plant of the Lake Superior Area.

The Derrickbarge Coleman is now working on a salvage mission in Lake Superior, according to Associated Press news reports of 31 July, aiding Navy diving crews at the site of the 1858 wreck of one of the earliest known Great Lakes steamships, the Indiana.

The salvage operation is cooperating with the Smithsonian Institution to retrieve the power plant from the ship which lies 117 feet deep.

At a spot about seven miles off shore, according to the news article, "Experts aboard an Army Corps of Engineers derrickbarge, the 'Coleman,' sank four foundations into the sandy bottom around the Indiana Sunday (29 July), after 'jockeying into position' directly on top of the wreck.

"The derrick is being used as a diving platform and as a hoist to pick up about four tons of engines as they are freed from the Indiana."

The Smithsonian Institution says that inside the wooden-hulled ship is one of the earliest surviving marine steam plants on a commercial American vessel.

Two 10-man shifts of Navy divers are working on removing the power plant. Officials said that it was too soon to estimate how long the salvage job would take.

While the Dredge William A. Thompson is dredging near Holman Field, St. Paul, office personnel are being given an opportunity to see the floating plant in operation. Tours are being arranged by the Public Affairs Office in cooperation with Maintenance Branch.



"Organized confusion" best describes the scene in the Marine Museum and Visitors Center the week before the dedication ceremonies which were held 5 July. Here, Pat Labadie, curator, carries materials from storage to be placed back in the display areas.



Workers at the museum enjoy a brief break, to assess the situation. From left: Ed Krent, exhibit designer; Val Burlingame, Recreation Resource Section; Dean Peterson, LSAO; Bruce Tante, Design Branch; Jeff Birch, exhibit fabricator and Beth Duncan, of the museum staff.



Recreation Aide Beth Hickok supervises the work of two young men who volunteered their services to help prepare the museum for the dedication. Polishing the brass on the wheel is Tim Dungan, left, and Sean Bradley.



Another young volunteer, Bill Curnow, carries a life ring from the warehouse storage place, while Kevin Sorenson, on loan from Pokegama Dam in Grand Rapids, and Beth Hickok prepare to pack up a load of display materials and artifacts to return to the museum.

# Heritage Toastmasters

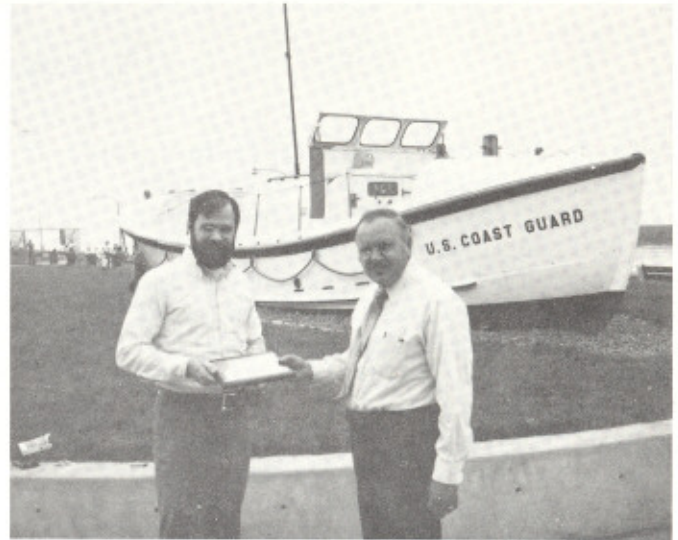
by Annabelle Allen

Last month we informed the readers that the first part of the Educational segment of each meeting was the short prepared speeches given by the members. The second part of the Educational segment of each meeting is the Evaluation. This is presided over by the Master Evaluator of the day. His/her task is to make general constructive evaluation of the whole meeting as well as to introduce the individual evaluator for each speaker.

Toastmasters learn from each other, primarily from the mistakes that we make. We are not professional speakers, we are "speakers in training." We evaluate each other on speech delivery, grammar, poise, preparation and over-all delivery. Evaluation is not meant to point out character faults or weaknesses, but rather to draw the speaker's attention to those parts of public speaking that he/she needs to work on the most.

After the evaluations, the timer for the day makes a brief report and the Ah-Grammarians (pause counter) assesses small fines for audible pauses and for not using the Word for the Day.

Toastmaster meetings end on a light note, with the Jokester for the day telling a favorite story, joke or pun.



"Great Lakes Historian of the Year" is the title by which Patrick Labadie has been honored by the Marine Historical Society. Pat, curator of the Canal Park Marine Museum and Visitor Center, had to miss the annual meeting of the society in Detroit last spring because he was too busy preparing for the dedication of the expanded facility in July. So, a member of the society traveled to Duluth earlier this month to present Pat with the plaque.

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# JIM RAMER, the INVENTOR

by Mary Diedrick

What do you think of when you hear the names Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Ben Franklin, and Jim Ramer? We all know the first three are inventors, but what about the last fellow? Well folks, Jim Ramer is also an inventor, and with 20 inventions under his belt, he is well on his way to joining the ranks of the great inventors. Ramer who is project manager of the EPA field office in Milwaukee has been working with the Corps for the last 20 years. During this period he has created 20 inventions dealing with a wide variety of topics, from a transportable military bridge to a hull pressure compensator for submarines. Recently Ramer received a commendation award from the Corps for his latest efforts in track structure for upgrading the railroad, for a solar pulsar for laser pumping, and for an apparatus for treating sewage.

You could say Jim is a born inventor. His father was a project manager for the Corps of Engineers. At the age of five years, Jim began to accompany his father on visits to various dam projects. His playground was the variety of project locations, and his toys were the equipment in the shops. At the age of 10, Jim was able to operate all of the equipment in the shops, and was creating, among other items, steam engines.

His creativity and interest in the design world was furthered in the army which he joined in 1958. He was stationed at Fort Carmel, in Kentucky, where he worked with the post engineers



**Jim Ramer**

in a multi-facility design and construction area. When he left the service in 1960, he joined the St. Louis District of the Corps, and began to think about profits and patents for his inventions. The patent system is quite complicated and very expensive. It can cost anywhere from \$2500 to \$4000 to acquire a patent. The Corps pays for Jim's patents, which allow it to have rights over the design, but Jim retains the commercial rights.

Needless to say, it didn't take the Washington University in St. Louis very long to get wind of Jim's expertise and experience in construction, and they asked him to share his knowledge with the students. Consequently, in 1968, Jim began to teach a surveying class, and a course dealing with contractual aspects of engineering. He taught at the school for 10 years, and while there, he acquired Masters degrees in Civil Engineering and Political Science-Governmental Administration.

It was through the graduate school at the University that he formulated many of his ideas for projects. "You just subconsciously take in the need for something, and all of a sudden it's there," explained Jim, about how he acquires ideas for different projects. "It's like a songwriter, the basic melody is there, and

## Ramer, continued

he just polishes it up. The same with inventing, you have to polish up the basic idea." Some of the ideas and inventions that Jim has created include a solar furnace, a 50-CFS-pump station, and a rotary engine.

Jim says his major accomplishments lie with two projects. The first is a deep-shaft hydropower storage pump. This was recommended by the National Bureau of Standards to the Department of Energy. According to Jim, this device could enable the U.S. to be energy sufficient until the year 2000-2100, without building nuclear plants or relying on fossil fuel. The combustible engine is Jim's second source of pride and joy. It will act as a substitute for the internal combustion engine. This engine is designed to run on coal, or any combustible fuel, such as sawdust, or alcohol. The National Bureau of Standards and the Department of Energy are also studying the design.

Jim, while with the Milwaukee EPA branch of the Corps, is teaching at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. He has put his pursuit of a PhD in political aspects, and political impact of major civil works projects, on hold for a while.

Jim is a truly gifted person, with special talents. We are certainly lucky that he is utilizing his abilities and talents to their fullest extent for the good of all; hopefully the government will continue to put Jim's ideas and dreams into a real product that will benefit everybody. Just like Thomas Edison and old Ben Franklin, who knows which idea can lead to a new concept in lifestyles, or open a new frontier in science.

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## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Cancer patients undergoing treatment in area hospitals are in desperate need of help from volunteer drivers, according to Sandy Duraine, of the American Cancer Society office in Roseville.

Ms. Duraine called the District Office while canvassing for volunteers, to ask if Corps employees or members of their families would be willing, singly or collectively, to give of their time. It would require four to six hours once each month, to drive cancer victims who have no other means of transportation for treatment such as chemotherapy or cobalt radiation.

"There's no lifting involved," says Ms. Duraine, "but maybe sometimes a helping arm." Many are elderly and frail, but there has been a patient as young as two years. A station wagon donated to the Cancer Society is used for transportation to and from hospitals.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office, 725-7505, or Ms. Duraine at the American Cancer Society, 1700 West Hwy. 36, Roseville, MN 55113, telephone (612) 636-5230.

## U.S. ENGINEERS ST. PAUL CREDIT UNION

The Corps Credit Union announces a 5-1/4% dividend for the first half of the current year, 1 January through 31 June 1979.

The Credit Union members on payroll deductions are encouraged to submit their books to bring them up to date, and then send them in every two months to keep current.

*A reminder -- if you can pledge shares as security on your loan you can get the loan at 9% per annum!*

# A PLUG for the GUARD

*by Roy Shetka*

I've been in the Minnesota Air National Guard since 1969. I've been a Navigator since 1973, and hold the rank of Captain. Since I've been with the Corps (Dec. '77) I've traveled quite a bit on Guard and US Air Force missions.

My most recent trips have been to Madrid, Spain, flying shuttle missions throughout Europe in Oct. '78;

Panama Canal Zone, flying Embassy Support missions throughout Central and South America. I went to Peru, Boliva, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Panama. Other members of my unit flew to Jonestown and others were involved in flights to Nicaragua (Dec. '78 - Jan. '79). We celebrated Christmas and New Years in Panama enjoying temperatures in the mid-90's, and sunshine, since that is their dry season;

Oslo, Norway, in March '79, for five days. We flew back the Norwegian Home Guard who trained at Camp Ripley for two weeks, while members of the Minnesota Guard Unit trained over there. (We brought them back);

Naples, Italy, May '79, for 13 days. We were picking up a Guard Unit from Meridian, Mississippi, that was in Italy for a NATO exercise, when we experienced engine problems at Naples. We were broken down for eight days, and toured to Rome, Pompei, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri.

The Corps has been very cooperative in letting me leave for these trips, and the 15 days Military leave one gets is a good incentive to belong to the Airguard (133rd Tactical Air-lift Wing). However a Lockheed C-130 Hercules is no champagne flight.

For example, coming back from Naples involved stopping for gas at Madrid (four hours flying); going to



*Language barriers started to fall when Russian Joseph Shekhter and American Vern Gunderson "talked" mechanics on the Dredge William A. Thompson recently. Mr. Shekhter left his home in Kiev with his wife and daughter several months ago, to seek better opportunities here. He had worked for 25 years as a towboat captain and diesel mechanic, mainly on the river Dnieper. Now he is looking for work in this country, and paid a visit to the Thompson to try to learn the English terms for the machinery and work he knows so well in Russian. Meanwhile, he and his family are being assisted by the Jewish Family Service with necessities of life and tutoring.*

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Lajes, Azores, for crew rest (five hours); flying to Loring AFB, Maine, the next day for fuel and customs (eight hours - we can't go to any other field in US for lack of fuel); then five more hours that day to Meridian to drop off cargo and passengers, and for crew rest. (That was a 16 hour crew duty day, with 13 hours flying).

Then three hours back to Minneapolis.

I just wanted to tell you about the opportunities and adventure of being in the Minnesota Air National Guard. Maybe you'd like to know more...? Give me a call at Ext. 7550.





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CONGRATULATIONS ON A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

*Wes and Jo Walters quietly observed their 50th wedding anniversary on 27 June. The couple, who live at 1288 N. Victoria St., St. Paul, (55117), were married in their home state of Kansas, then came to St. Paul where, on 17 April 1930, Wes began 35 years of employment with the Corps of Engineers St. Paul District.*

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Employee Benefit Fund Council members, including those recently elected, are:

President	Joel Rogers	5991
Secretary	Diana Tschida	7536
Disbursing Officer	Dan Reinartz	5951
Alternate Disbursing Officer	John Blackstone	7704
	Terrie Jenco	7588
	Jan Wallace	7516
	Val Burlingame	7550
Alternates:	Scott Thureen	7565
	Laura Arneson	7041

Joel Rogers asks employees to contact any of the above with any questions or suggestions concerning EBF operations.

All member benefit claims should be made to Dan Reinartz. John Blackstone should be contacted in the absence of Mr. Reinartz.

All contributions to the EBF should be forwarded to Steve Larson, Room 1319, ED-Design. In the absence of Mr. Larson, monies should be submitted to Ann Allen, F&A, first alternate. In the absence of Mr. Larson and Ann Allen, Gordon Heitzman, ED-HF, should be contacted.

Athletic equipment purchased by EBF may be checked out by contacting Ms. Jan Wallace, Technical Services.

Chairpersons for the 1979 Holiday Party are Rich Laddusire, EP-E (7514), and Bob Oganovic, EP (7512).

NEW EMPLOYEES

# ATTEND CONFERENCE

by Don Donnell  
General Regulatory Branch

Employees from the General Regulatory Branch and the Office of Counsel attended a four-day enforcement conference in Madison, Wisconsin, in May. The conference was approved by North Central Division and sponsored by the St. Paul District. The purpose of the conference was to exchange ideas on methods that are used by the five Districts within NCD to enforce Corps regulations.

For the benefit of those of you who are not familiar with the role of the Corps as a regulatory agency, the Corps is charged by Congress to regulate the Nation's water resources under two separate statutes. Under Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899, a Department of the Army permit is required for any work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires a permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material into all waters of the United States, both navigable and non-navigable. Corps regulatory jurisdiction has been expanded greatly within the past few years under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and this has subjected the Corps to ever increasing public scrutiny.

Most participants agreed that the conference was a meaningful experience because of the opportunity to learn how personnel from other Districts meet the objectives of various aspects of the Corps regulatory program. Two important areas of concern discussed were coordination of enforcement actions between the Corps and other governmental agencies, and the more general problem of informing the public about the regulatory program.

## A MAN FOR EVERY WOMAN



- For every woman who is tired of acting weak when she is strong, there is a man who is tired of appearing strong when he feels vulnerable;
- For every woman who is tired of acting dumb, there is a man who is burdened with the constant expectation of "knowing everything";
- For every woman who is tired of being called an "emotional female", there is a man who is denied the right to weep and to be gentle;
- For every woman who is called unfeminine when she competes, there is a man for whom competition is the only way to prove his masculinity;
- For every woman who is tired of being a sex object, there is a man who must worry about his potency;
- For every woman who feels "tied down" by her children, there is a man who is denied the full pleasures of shared parenthood;
- For every woman who is denied meaningful employment or equal pay, there is a man who must bear full financial responsibility for another human being;
- For every woman who was not taught the intricacies of an automobile, there is a man who was not taught the satisfaction of cooking;
- For every woman who takes a step towards her own liberation, there is a man who finds the way to freedom has been made a little easier.



**SAVINGS BONDS CONTEST  
"TRAVELING TROPHIES"  
HAVE ARRIVED!**

*by George Perantoni,  
Bond Drive Chairman.*

Pictured above are some of the personnel office thrifty savers whose savings have helped their team win third prize of the St. Paul District's first annual savings contest.

From left to right they are:

Front Row: JOAN QUITTER, ROBYN PROW, JANICE WALLACE, PEGGY REID, CINDY MATISKI.

Back Row: LYNN HARRIS, RICHARD LADDUSIRE, SHERYL WOLD, ALAN KRAFT, VICKI DEMO.

Janice Wallace, their team leader, is holding the third prize award, the Liberty Bell Trophy. Next to her, Robyn Prow and Peggy Reid are holding the first and second prize trophies (Citizen Volunteer Award and the Concord Minuteman) which will be given to their recipients, Len Ziska (Dredge Thompson Team) and Curtis Hanson (Lac Qui Parle Team), respectively, once they are engraved. Note that the smallest award in the picture

Knitting, ceramics, handiworks of all kinds will be featured at the second annual Arts & Crafts Holiday Boutique scheduled for 5 through 7 November, in time for Christmas gift buying. Those who want to enter handiwork are reminded to contact Marsha McTamane, 725-7978.

## Where Do All The Paper Clips Go?

The question which troubled Lloyds Bank of London recently was: "Where do paper clips go?"

To settle this burning issue, they commissioned a study to follow 100,000 paper clips on their journeys through life.

Their tireless efforts revealed that 20,000 of the paper clips were used as originally intended: to hold paper together.

Of the remainder, 19,143 were used as chips in card games, 14,163 were twisted during telephone conversations, 7,200 clipped garments together, 5,434 became toothpicks or ear scratchers, 5,308 were converted into fingernail cleaners, and 3,916 cleaned pipes.

The rest, about 25,000, fell to the floor and were swept away.

is actually the first prize, and its small size is because of the expensive pewter it is made from.

The awards will be made available to other district savings teams after next year's contest if they are capable of "stealing" them from this year's proud winners. However, the names of the year-to-year winners will remain engraved on the trophies as they travel throughout the district.

*NOTE: The eagle pictured between Robyn and Janice is not an award, and he is not part of Jan's team; the patriotic bird just flew in to have his picture taken!*



# 1979 Minnesota State Fair

## 12 Glorious Days

### August 23...September 3

The St. Paul District will again be represented at the Minnesota State Fair with the exhibit booth. Volunteers are now signing up to man the booth...

#### OLD TIMER'S CORNER

#### FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION OF CORPS OF ENGINEERS EMPLOYEES, PAST AND PRESENT, ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1979

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 previous years.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., with a choice of Baked Pork Chop or Roast Top Round of Beef both at the price of \$6.00 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.

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#### CORPS REUNION LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name	No. of meals - Pork Chop	\$6.00	_____
Street	No. of meals - Roast Beef	\$6.00	_____
City	Amount inclosed		\$ _____
State & Zip	Names of Guests		

Luncheon tickets may be picked up in Roseville Room before lunch. Mail reservation to Miss Evelyn Schwartz, 260 Westview Dr., W. St. Paul, MN 55118 (Telephone No. 612-455-0386). Please make checks payable to Evelyn Schwartz, Treasurer. Reservations must be received by August 17, 1979.