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St. Paul Corps Holiday Party

The 1979 St. Paul District Holiday Party will be held Friday, December 21, 1979 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Holiday room of the YWCA two blocks west of the District Office. This will make it convenient for all District Office and field site employees, their spouses, former employees, and retirees to attend. The ticket price of \$5.00 will cover admission to the party which will include buffet lunch, one free drink, a cash bar, door prizes, some light seasonal entertainment, and a brief address by the District Engineer.

Tickets are now on sale in each office, branch and field site. The co-chairmen for this year's party, Rich Laddusire and Bob Oganovic, are looking for people who would be willing to devote a few hours of effort and share some ideas in the areas of entertainment, gifts, decorations, ticket sales, food and beverages. To become involved, contact either Bob or Rich in the Personnel Office at 725-7512/7514.



J.R. Calton Retires

by *Blanche Hom*

After 43 years of service with the St. Paul District, J. Robert Calton will soon be retiring. As chief of Planning Branch since 1963, Bob modestly speaks of his long and remarkable career. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1932 and went on to graduate school. In 1936, Mr. Calton began working with the Corps as a subinspector on dredges. He joined the District office in 1939 as a junior engineer working on flood control improvement projects such as the Baldhill Dam on the Sheyenne River. He has labored on many District projects, some now completed and serving people, others such as Burlington Dam, still waiting final approval.

When asked what he planned to do after retirement, Bob broke into a laugh and said, "Play tennis!" With a smile, he also hinted that he may keep himself busy with interests in water resources.

Bob Calton's successor, Louis Kowalski, was officially appointed as Chief of Planning Branch on November 19. Mr. Calton has been appointed Special Assistant to the Chief of Engineering Division in the interim through-January 11.

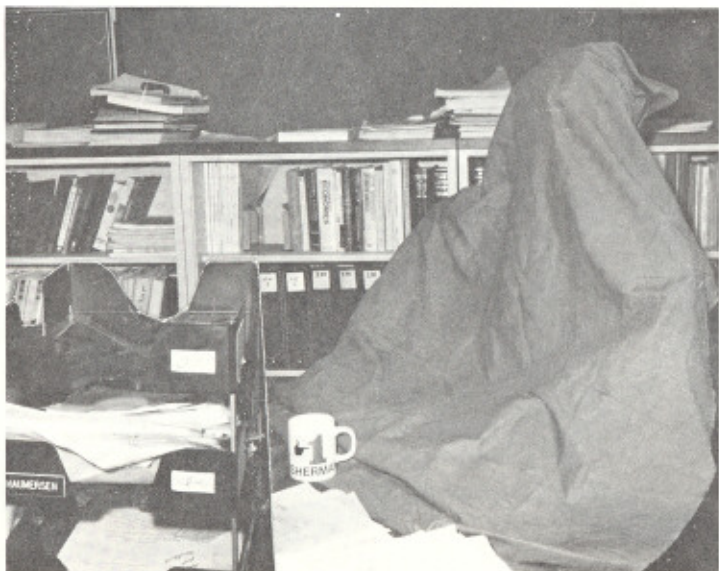


Bob Calton turns over duties to Louis Kowalski.

Luncheon Planned

A farewell luncheon is planned in Bob Calton's honor on January 11, 1980 at the St. Paul Athletic Club, 340 Cedar Street, for 12:15 p.m., with a cash bar preceding the luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The ticket price of \$5.85 will include Yankee Pot Roast served with salad, potato, and beverage. Reservations should be made no later than December 31, 1979 to the attention of NCSED-PB/Mrs. Pam Burnett in the St. Paul District office (telephone number 612-725-5942).

All District Office and field site employees, former employees, and retirees are invited to attend.



Dave Hammersen, ED-PB, was on a week-long field trip recently, but he was at his desk in spirit.





Col. Badger presents Lt. Col. Heme with the traditional headwaters plaque of the St. Paul District on Nov. 7, after awarding him a second oak leaf cluster to the Meritorious Service Medal. Lt. Col. Heme left in mid-November for his new post as Deputy at the Savannah District. A farewell party was held on November 2 at the St. Paul Athletic Club.

Two New Staffers

Two new members will be added to the St. Paul District executive staff in mid-January.

An Administrative Assistant position will be filled by Major Arthur John McKee, who is now stationed at Ft. Greely, Alaska. Maj. McKee, a native of Colorado, received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering at the University of Wyoming and a Masters degree in management logistics from the Florida Institute of Technology. Maj. and Mrs. McKee have three children.

The new Deputy District Engineer, Major Stephen Elliot Draper, is coming from Germany. He is a native of Georgia, holds a Bachelors degree from the U.S. Military Academy, a Masters degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Masters in business administration from Long Island University.

Lock and Dam 1 Project Office Opens at Site

The Lock and Dam 1 Rehabilitation project office is now open at the construction site, staffed by Mike Schwalbe, project engineer; Sheldon Edd, Arne Thomsen, Lyle Larson, and Herb Schwensohn, with Wendy Lindback handling the clerical duties. Greg Frankowsky and Mike Fix will man a Design Branch Engineering office at the site to support the Construction Branch work. From time to time, other engineer districts will send representatives to assist with inspection of the project.

The telephone number for the field office is 725-3700 (FTS phones, dial 8-3700).



THERESE THRILLED BY POPE'S VISIT

"A very thrilling experience," is how Therese Jaszczak, AS-RM, describes her excursion to an Iowa farm on October 4, when Pope John Paul visited rural America. Therese and her mother were part of the crowd of 350,000 people who congregated in the corn field by the side of an interstate highway, a crowd that Therese describes as orderly and reverent.

The odyssey began at 12:30 a.m. when the bus, one of six carrying some 240 persons from the St. Casimir Catholic Church, left St. Paul. "Everybody sang through the night," Therese says, "until about 7 a.m. when the bus pulled off the highway at the Living History Farm, where an altar had been set up in the field. Then there was a sudden hush."

The Iowa National Guard provided traffic control, allowing only the chartered buses through to the field on a hillside. "People in white, marked with a red heart, were volunteers who offered to help anyone in need...people who were crippled, or fainted, or became ill. We saw them carry off emergency cases by stretcher." Area hospitals had ringed the field with medical tents and staff.

Therese's mother is crippled by arthritis, so Therese pushed her in a wheelchair to a spot about a quarter-mile from the altar, from where they could get a good view of the proceedings. "Several people came up to ask if we needed help to take her wheelchair closer, but we were glad to be where we were."

"The worst thing was the cold wind," she says. "We waited from 7 a.m. until the Pope -- whose schedule was delayed -- finally arrived at 3:30 p.m."



Therese Jaszczak, back at her every-day mail room duties...

It was fantastic, Therese says, when the helicopter carrying Pope John Paul landed in the field. "There was an enormous cheer from the crowd when they saw him." Another helicopter carrying Governor Robert Ray of Iowa and other officials, landed several blocks away.

After the Pope left and the crowd started to disperse, Therese turned her mother's wheelchair around to push it back to the bus, about two miles uphill. At that point a young man walked up and offered to push the wheelchair for her.

"That's the way the people were, everybody watching out for everybody else. That was the most impressive thing, next to actually seeing and hearing the Pope."

Therese and her mother were pictured in the St. Paul Dispatch among the crowd waiting for the Pontiff.



Realignment Decision Announced by Chief

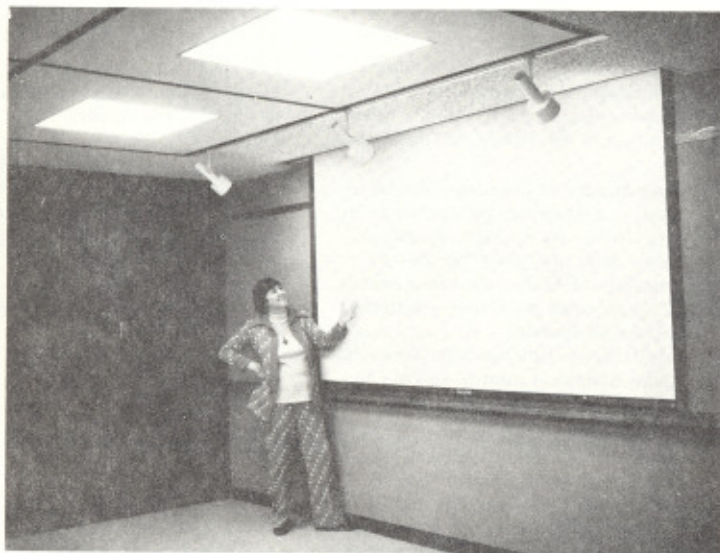
The announcement from the Chief of Engineers regarding his decision on the realignment study is that the St. Paul District's lake-oriented work, including the Lake Superior Area Office in Duluth, will be transferred to the Detroit District.

A study team is now being formed in both St. Paul and Detroit districts to work on details for an orderly transition.

The Chicago District, which previously had been considered for possible closure, will be retained as a Corps District, but reduced in area to serve the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

Detroit District will assume responsibility for Corps programs and projects in those parts of Wisconsin and most of Indiana currently assigned to the Chicago District.

Rock Island District will assume responsibility for Chicago District's part of the Illinois Waterway and the missions and functions pertaining to

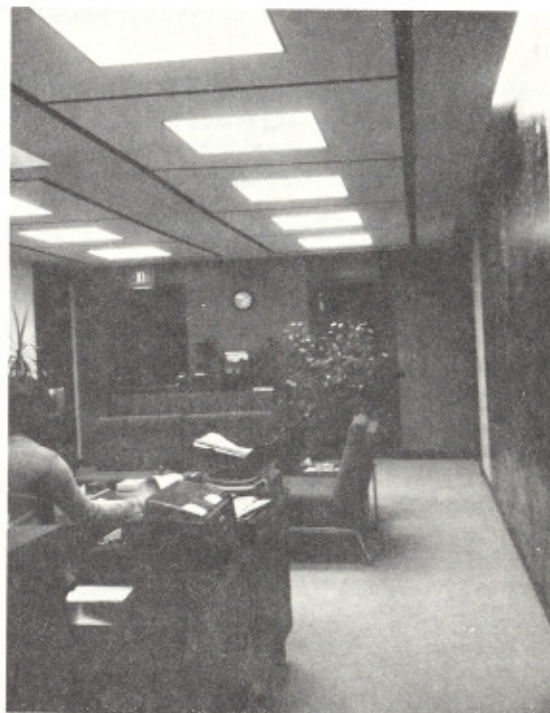


Delores Sudeith, Chief, OAS, who served as project manager for the remodeling job, demonstrates the remote-controlled screen, of which there are three in the new conference room.

the Illinois and Kankakee River watersheds in Illinois.

St. Louis District will remain subordinate to the Lower Mississippi Valley Division for the near future and San Francisco District will remain essentially unchanged.

Adjusted, too, was the boundary between Charleston and Wilmington Districts to follow the North Carolina and South Carolina state line; the boundary for regulatory activities between Charleston and Savannah Districts to follow the Georgia and North Carolina state line, and, the transfer of Philadelphia District's construction and related design functions to Baltimore District for new projects authorized in the future.



The newly remodeled Executive Offices are shown with Peggy Peterson at desk in foreground, Mary Rivett's desk beyond. Glass doors form the entry to the left center. Bruce Tamte did the original design on the extensive renovation.

CFC FUND DRIVE
REACHES \$12,488

Clarence Timo, chairman of this year's Combined Federal Campaign fund drive during October in St. Paul District, reports that this year's collection totalled \$12,488, The second highest total ever attained and an increase of 4.37 percent over last year. He thanks all those who gave for the charity, and those who assisted in the collection.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of four District retirees who died recently. George J. Dillon, who retired in March, 1968, from the Design Branch, died at the age of 81 years on September 22; Merle Finley, who was also formerly with the Design Branch, died October 20, at the Lake Ridge Health Care Center in Roseville, at the age of 82 years; Frank O. Main, who retired on disability in March, 1971, from Lock and Dam No. 9, died on November 17, at the age of 63; and Roman C. Greene, who retired in 1965 from the Reservoir Regulating Section, died on November 27 at the age of 76.



St. Paul District

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...and introducing the new editor, Blanche Hom. Blanche was a co-op student in Planning Branch, and has been employed there since her graduation from the University of Minnesota last fall.

Recreation Area Named for Rieman

The Main Public Use area at Valley City has been renamed the "Mel Rieman Recreation Area."

Col. Badger in making the announcement, noted that he had received several letters and petitions supporting the name change.

Rieman died unexpectedly June 16, after serving 10 years as reservoir manager and dam tender at Baldhill. The Main Public Use area is located on the east side of Lake Ashtabula northeast of Baldhill Dam.

Rieman was honored posthumously by the Corps for "outstanding services" as part of a flood-emergency team for the St. Paul District during the 1979 flood. His widow was also presented a certificate and pin in recognition of her husband's 25 years of service to the federal government.

This letter from a retired long-time St. Paul District employee, Frank Ryder, appeared in the Fall 1979 issue of "Update," a University of Minnesota publication:

A Venerable Diploma

I have read with great pleasure your publication, **Update**, which you have sent to my daughter, a recent alumna of the College of Education.

As a matter of possible interest to you, our daughter graduated from the University in 1978, exactly 40 years after my "tour" at the U's Institute of Technology and exactly 80 years after my father graduated on the University's St. Paul campus. My father's diploma was somewhat of an historical item in having the original signatures of the then president, Cyrus Northrop, of John Sargent Pillsbury, president of the Board of Regents, and of Fred B. Snyder, long-time regent and prominent Minneapolis attorney. This diploma bounced around our home until March 1974. At that time

I cleaned out a great deal of memorabilia, and gave this diploma to Frank Kaufert, then dean of the University's forestry school. Returning this certificate to the institution from which it came, I hoped, would insure a greater degree of preservation and a larger exposure to those interested in the University's history and development than I could give.

Franklin J. Ryder
Minneapolis

HEARING FROM THE "ENGINEER FAMILY"

A note from retired Sandy Lake dam tender Russell "Ike" Kolb enclosed a clip from the Aitkin Independent Age newspaper regarding an event of 1910: "The steamer Oriole will run to Sandy Lake July 4, if a list of 50 passengers is secured in advance at a rate of \$1.50 for the round trip. Capt. Puteney says that right now is an ideal time for the trip and that at no time later can anyone get such a good idea of the new government dam now in course of construction. Should the trip be made, the boat will probably leave here at 3:00 in the morning of the 4th, reaching the lake about noon and leaving the next morning about two or three a.m. and getting home about 10."

Mr. Kolb was instrumental in preserving the pilot wheel from the Oriole in a collection of historic artifacts at Sandy Lake. The Oriole, a 107-foot, 60-ton vessel was later converted by the Corps for use as a snag boat working on the upper Mississippi to improve navigation. It was abandoned in 1920.

"Ike" and Betty Kolb celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 12 and write, "We are sure enjoying our retirement. Keep the Crosscurrents coming."

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Speaking of Crosscurrents, we want to thank the many readers who returned our questionnaire to indicate their interest in the newspaper, whether to continue it or not, since the present editor is transferring to another office, and manpower problems were raised. It does appear, now, that the position will be filled and the newspaper continued as a communications link between all District employees, past and present.

Retiree Mike Semeja, Box 556, Stevensville, Montana (59870), wrote, "Crosscurrents are cherished, kept in our little library and would be missed ...hope we can continue to receive the issues."

Another slip said, "I think all employees at Lock 7 enjoy it very much and read it cover to cover -- I also think as much as they enjoy it they just aren't the kind of guys to bother letting you know they value it so much."

All the way from Honolulu, Hawaii, (96815) a letter from Robert Cowan, 2575 Kuhio Ave., Apt. 1801, says, "As a retiree, I appreciate receiving the news of the St. Paul District, including the "Old Timers Corner." I read "Crosscurrents" from cover to cover. I also enjoy the copies of "Engineers Update." Please keep me on your mailing list. P.S. Regards to "Old Timers" including Rog Fast, Pete Fischer -- even Bob Calton."

From George J. Smith, 2332 14th Ave., NW, Rochester, Minnesota 55901: "We do read and are interested in Crosscurrents. We read it from cover to cover. We would greatly miss it. It is the only way we have of keeping track of former workers. In the last issue, at the Old Timers Get-together, I saw a picture of Russel Kolb and his wife. I have not seen or heard of him since 1938, I worked with him at Lock and Dam 5. I am enjoying retirement, recently flew to Tucson, Arizona. My wife and I would like to hear a word from former employees."

Many of the District office employees responded, as well as Pat Woods, with the Treatment Works office in Appleton, Wisconsin, who replied to the question "Would you miss it if it didn't come?" with a "Yes!! Especially because we are a field office."

Among other retirees who wrote are Harry H. Tillmann, 555 Elm St. So., Prescott, (54021); Kate Haltiner, 1641 E. Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, (55106); Myron T. Erickson, 2930 No. Albert, St. Paul, (55113); Eldor H. Gustafson, 900 Johnson Parkway, St. Paul (55106); Frederic A. Johnson, 821 No. University Drive, Fargo, North Dakota (58102); Earl Porter, 4308 42nd Ave., So., Minneapolis (55406).

from the Walker, Minnesota,
Pilot-Independent

4 October 1979

Eco-Expo Workshop

Fifth graders at Longville and Remer attended Eco-Expo, an environmental workshop at Federal Dam sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Activities included a movie on seals, a slide-tape presentation on the Bald Eagle, a map skills game, a tour of the facilities including equipment rooms, sewage treatment plant and the dam itself and a scavenger hunt for nature items such as white pine needles. Pictured at right, (L-R) Andrew Forsberg, Park Manager Ed Sunde, Sewage Treatment Plant Manager Leroy Campbell, Michael Beck and Tim Zimmerman. Below, Remer 5th grade class members with Park Ranger John Zahalka.



'GOING PUBLIC'



Kevin Cook, ED-PB, received a flood fighting award from the Minnesota Association of Civil Defense, at the Directors Conference in Rutgers, Minnesota.

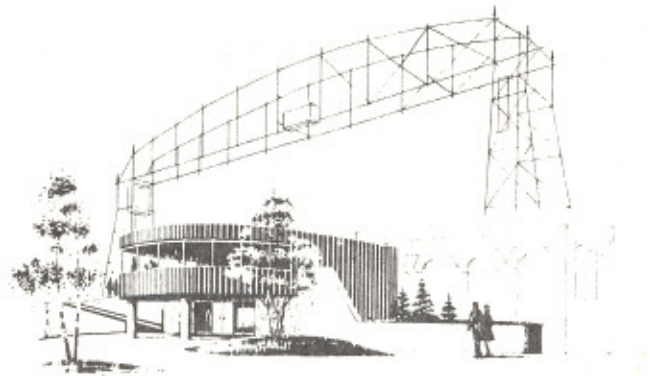
Dale Mazar, ED-D, showed the Rochester, Minnesota, flood slide show to junior and senior students at the Blake School, Minneapolis, and discussed with them the Corps flood control plans in Rochester. This was part of a series of studies on water resources.

Bill Spychalla, ED-PB, spoke to 550 students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on "Civil Engineering as a Profession." He addressed a group of 200 at the University of Minnesota on the water resources work of the Corps of Engineers, at an engineering orientation course. He also spoke on the Red River of the North flood of 1979 at a water resources seminar at the Registry sponsored by the University of Minnesota Engineering school and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Public Affairs Office received this note of thanks:

"Dear Mr. Braatz, We wish to express our real appreciation of your efforts in obtaining a new military installation map for our Serviceman's Center at the Airport. The map is used many times a day by active duty people who pass through the Center. This time we will have the map plastic covered before hanging it. Seven years of fingerprints are on the one it replaces. Your policy of helping the Total Military Effort has proven to be a real bonus for us. Sincerely, Jeanne Morford, President, Servicemen's Center, Inc., of Minnesota."

From Mankato, Minnesota, came this note: "Thank you for your display at Madison East Center. We enjoyed being part of the Chamber of Commerce salute to the great work you do. We always like to show our shoppers what an excellent community we have and you do more than your share to make it so."



*The Corps' Marine Museum,
at Canal Park, Lake Superior Area*

MARINE MUSEUM SOUNDINGS

The Canal Park Visitors Center and Marine Museum at Duluth reached an attendance figure of 267,101 for the year, despite the late opening due to the expansion program. Curator Pat Labadie comments that the new facilities and favorable weather may be responsible for the particularly high September attendance of 71,571, compared with previous September averages of less than 50,000.

The museum received a note from the Miller-Dwan Hospital in Duluth noting, "We had a group of wheelchair patients tour your facility...Our people enjoyed touring your place and we had no trouble with the chairs in your building. Thank you very much."

Lock and Dam No. 10 employees who donated blood recently are Marvin L. Pedretti, Harley A. Akers and John E. Esslinger, lockmaster Burnell L. Reinitz reports.

Lockmaster Lester Leavitt, at Lock and Dam 6, and his crew, hosted the first, second and third grades of the Ettrick, Wisconsin, elementary school recently, and were rewarded with a thank-you note printed in one-inch high letters, on three by one and one-half foot paper. The classes also sent a large collage of drawings, the best from each grade, giving their impressions from the visit. The letter said, "Thank you for letting us come visit the locks. We liked the barges. When the barge was moving, we thought we were moving, too. We were glad a barge came through when we were there. We liked to watch the waves as the tugboat was leaving the locks. Someday, we hope we can go through the locks. It would be fun."

No sick leave for fathers, GAO rules

Sexual equality has not altered who has the babies . . . or who can take sick leave for childbirth, according to the General Accounting Office (GAO).

The GAO recently denied a sick leave request by a federal employee and prospective father who wanted time off to aid his wife in natural childbirth.

The employee's union, the National Treasury Employees Union, argued that the husband was entitled to take sick leave rather than annual leave, since his presence was necessary during the birth of his child and was part of the "medical treatment."

In natural childbirth procedures, it is customary for the father to act as "coach" to the mother, assisting in her breathing exercises as well as offering emotional support.

But the GAO held firm, saying that an employee has to be ill or require medical

attention in order to use sick leave. Only in cases where an employee must take care of a family member who has a contagious disease, and thus might jeopardize the health of others, is sick leave permissible, the GAO said.

Currently there is no scientific evidence to indicate that pregnancy is contagious.

from Detroit District "Soundings"

If you drop your life insurance . . .

If you decide to drop your federal life insurance, you can later change your mind and re-enroll, but only if you: 1) have been out of the program for at least one year, and 2) you are under 50, and pass a physical exam.



from the "Northwoods Bulletin," Longville, Minnesota, Oct. 10, 1979



John Zahalka Park Ranger at Federal Dam giving directions for nature scavenger hunt to Longville 5th graders.

ECO-EXPO

The Longville 5th and 6th graders attended Eco-Expo, a nature workshop sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Federal Dam.

The following pictures were taken when the 5th grade attended and the article was written by one of the 6th graders and describes the activities there.

Eco-Expo is a learning expedition 5th and 6th graders take each year. Regular features are usually a slide presentation, a movie, or both. This year we had a

slide on lumbering in Minnesota, and a Walt Disney movie called Seal Island, which consisted of seals mating, having property fights, and occasionally a little comedy. Our main subjects there this year was entomology, the study of insects. We made nests, 2 kill-jars and mounting boards. We have a few games too. This is the one we had this year.

	C	O	R	P	S
Trees	cedar	oak	red oak	pine	spruce
Birds	crow	oriole	robin	parrot	swan
Animals	cat	opposum	rat	pig	skunk
Flowers	chrysan themum	orchid	rose	petunia	sunflower

Just fill in the blanks like I did. The blanks were bigger so you could fit more answers in.

The mounting procedure is very delicate. We used different size pins for different sized insects. Long, thin pins are for smaller insects, medium pins are for insects about the size of field crickets, (0.9). Large, thicker pins are for grasshoppers, butterflies, moths, etc. Some people caught butterflies and moths, so the rangers there showed us how to mount them so they look like they're flying. We used pressing boards.

When it was time to go home, they gave us a plastic bag with game books, maps, and a patch in it. There was also a fact sheet and a rule book about boating.

By Leslie Mouser

JUST BETWEEN US

Headwater Notes

Our sympathy goes to Phil Schweitzer, CO-MA, on the death of his father; to Dan Reinartz, ED-H on the death of his brother; to Jim Kursu, ED-P, on the death of his mother; and to Eunice Beran, EM, on the death of her mother.

Hospitalized recently were Herbert Schwensohn, ED-D, and Ed Roscoe, DC. "So long," to Laura Arneson, RE, who left to work for the Veterans Administration, and to Bonnie Dick, ED-H, who is now with Burlington Northern Railroad.

Congratulations on the birth of a son, KEVIN CHARLES, on October 18, to Cheryl and Chuck (ED-D) Cloutier; a daughter, to Meg and Dave (CO-PO) Valen on October 21, named BETH LORIANN; a son, MARC D., on September 24, to Lynda and Paul (ED-PB) Seguin; a daughter, Jennifer Sue, on September 19, to Sue and Rich (EP-E) Laddushire.

Congratulations on the marriage of Pam Hanson and Jim Burnett, both in Planning Branch, on October 13; on the marriage of Connie Pearson (CO-GR) on November 24 to Jim Cooper; the marriage of Bob Stackowiak (ED-HF) on November 24 to Jodie Ann Haines; and of Lieutenant Colonel Walter Heme to Sandra Cloutier on November 8.

Grant Logan, who retired on September 22 after 16 years service, was honored at a luncheon by the staff of Finance and Accounting. His successor as Chief, F&A, is Fred Vogele.

Grant has moved to Polson, Montana, Box 2377 (59860). He recently wrote to his friends here that he has bought another St. Bernard.

The annual meeting of the U.S. Engineers St. Paul Credit Union has been set for January 24, with refreshments, door prizes and Viking highlites on the agenda.

The Credit Union is again offering holiday candles for sale, at 75¢, the holders at 25¢.

Pokegama Falls Dam
June 10, 1886

Major C.J. Allen
Corps of Engineers U.S.A.
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

The steamboat "Andy Gibson" arrived late last evening and departed this morning.

Your letter of the 26th by hand of Mr. Bormess was received today.

Prairie River has had a very appreciable affect on the stage of water between here and Aitkin. About June 1, two men stole a boat in Prairie Lake and in order to assist them in getting the boat into a slough they shut down the gates and left them closed. Night before last or yesterday morning two men in coming down by the dam opened one gate. This afternoon I have sent Hayes and another man up there to open both gates wide and spike them up so that every passerby can not meddle with the natural discharge.

I hear that the loggers have had extensive jams on the Miss. between Grand Rapids and Aitkin. The trouble was caused by Mr. Simpson sluicing 20 million through Prairie River Dam in haste. He was so anxious to get away from the Pokegama drives and have something to boast of that he strained every nerve to get out and away. The result was that when his rear reached the Miss. he learned that nearly all his logs and a good share of the Pokegama logs had jammed at the mouth of the Split-land. In braking the jam the logs would start in a mass, run some distance and jam again. After they had jammed once it was difficult to single the logs out and get them to running smoothly.

The steamboat did not carry up the mail. The mail carrier is expected tonight or tomorrow.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant

A.O. Powell Asst. Engineer

Personnel Office...

JOB INFORMATION CENTER
HOURS SHORTENED

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The St. Paul District has one of the largest cooperative education programs in high school, baccalaureate, and graduate cooperative programs. Seventeen colleges and universities and five high schools have agreements with our district.

The cooperative education program is designed to provide the students with work experiences in areas which are closely related to their degree programs or interests. The baccalaureate college cooperative education program requires a student to have two work periods with an intervening period of education. The two work periods must total six months. Upon completion, the students can usually be considered for permanent Civil Service positions. Graduate cooperative students must complete at least one sixteen-week work period and graduate before they may also be considered for permanent Civil Service positions. Graduate students can work a maximum of six months in a twelve month period. High school cooperative students work their senior year and then apply through the Office of Personnel Management before they may be considered for permanent positions after graduation. Provisions also exist to establish Associate degree cooperative education programs, but at this time no agreements have been implemented.

In 1979, 11 college students were hired into permanent positions after completing their cooperative education programs; two graduate students were hired into permanent positions upon completion of their graduate cooperative programs; two high school students were hired as permanent employees after high school cooperative work experience. Fifty college students are presently enrolled in the program and 2 graduate students and 8 high school students are working in the program.

Is this program important to our District? YES!!!

The Office of Personnel Management established a nationwide network of Federal Job Information Centers (FJIC's) in an effort to provide maximum outreach to the public at a time of heavy Federal hiring and a tight labor market. While this network is still in operation, it is no longer sufficiently cost-effective to justify its continued maintenance on the scale at which it was originally started.

It was concluded that shortening the hours of operation of the FJIC will enable the Office of Personnel Management to continue to be responsive to the public, meet current hiring requirements of the Federal government, and better manage their resources.

Therefore, effective 1 October 1979, the Twin Cities Federal Job Information Center will be open from 9:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Center is located at the Federal Building, Fort Snelling telephone: 725-3355.

PACE will open in January, 1980, for testing in the Great Lakes Region only (Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana). The filing period will be January 2 through February 15, 1980. Testing will begin March 1 and will continue through April 26, 1980. Applicants who file by January 18, 1980, should be tested by March 29, 1980, and the remainder in April.

Social Insurance Representative jobs, GS-5, will no longer be under PACE coverage. These positions will be filled under a separate announcement. If other regions open for testing we will notify you at a later date.

Applications are available at the Personnel Office, Room 1407, telephone 725-7514.

"Par For The Corps"

The Information Line phone recently brought an inquiry from the Minneapolis Bomb Squad which had apparently received a tip of a potentially explosive situation near Lock and Dam No. 1. The officer asked if the Corps knew anything about a large white cross on the Mississippi riverbank at the lock and dam, a cross staked out on the ground with a gauze-like material. Calls to the locks and dams section, the construction people involved with the renovation of the lock, and security office led eventually to the Maintenance Branch. George Kletzke said, yes indeed, his surveys section had laid out the cross to serve as an aerial target for a survey hub.

Delores Sudeith, OAS Chief, has reminded employees that the office building temperature this winter will be held to 68 degrees, to comply with the Presidential order to conserve energy. She advises that employees keep some warm clothing at the office in case some variations in individual work areas bring the temperature below a comfortable zone. "And remember," she has been heard to remark soothingly, "Many are cold, but few are frozen."

Hanukkah celebrates religious freedom

The menorah lights of Hanukkah will glow serenely in Jewish homes as families celebrate the ancient Festival of Lights, beginning at sundown, Dec. 15.

The eight-day celebration is marked by nightly adding a candle to the menorah, or candelabra. Small gifts, such as dreidles (tops) and chocolate gelt (money), are given to children.

The holiday is dedicated to the first victory for religious freedom and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. Antiochus, King of Syria, defiled the Temple in 168 B.C., turning it into a pagan sanctuary where sacrifices were offered to heathen gods, and forbidding the practice of Jewish ritual.

Allied with Judah Maccabee, the Jews revolted, recapturing Jerusalem in 165 B.C. They cleansed and rededicated the Temple, then kindled the perpetual light. They had only enough lamp oil to last one day—yet the flame miraculously continued to burn for eight days.

We wish Corps employees a happy and meaningful Hanukkah as they "proclaim the miracle" of the season.



Inspecting the handiwork at the Holiday Boutique sponsored by the Employee Benefit Fund early in November, are Bill Vogt (AS-R); Sandi Wenger and Alice Oberg, customers from the Immigration office; and Mrs. Leonard (Dorothy) Gloeb and daughter Aline, who brought handiwork and helped with the sales.

The Boutique was judged a "smashing success," with total sales of \$1,170, of which \$117 went to the EBF.

Jim Kursu, ED-P, gave us this bit of advice, adapted from his church bulletin:

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF OFFICE FACILITIES

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you break it, repair it.
4. If you can't fix it, report it.
5. If you use it, don't abuse it.
6. If you make a mess, clean it up.
7. If you move it, put it back.
8. If you borrow it, return it promptly.
9. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
10. If it belongs to somebody else, get permission to use it before taking it.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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18 SEP 1979

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

Division Engineer, North Central

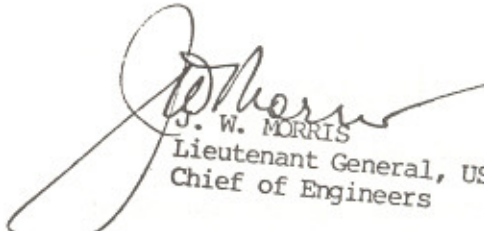
1. I commend you and your staff for the outstanding support provided to President Carter and family during their trip down the Mississippi River aboard the DELTA QUEEN, 17-24 August 1979.
2. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers supported the presidential trip by ensuring that all twenty six locks that the President would make passage through were operating at peak efficiency. The President complimented the Corps on several occasions on the appearance and efficiency of lock operations. Colonels William Badger and Frederick Mueller did an outstanding job making the President's trip enjoyable and informative.
3. I was pleased to hear Brigadier General Josiah Blasingame, White House Communications Officer, state that the President received a good exposure to the Corps and the impression was favorable. The Corps looked great!



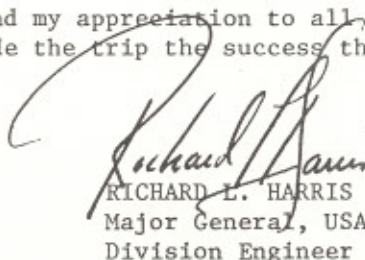
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SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

District Engineer, St. Paul


J. W. MORRIS
Lieutenant General, USA
Chief of Engineers

1. The attached letter from the Chief of Engineers has just come to my attention and I want to add my statement of appreciation to his.
2. The entire St. Paul District family can be proud of their collective and individual performance during the President's trip down your portion of the Mississippi River. While I know a lot of special effort was devoted to the President's trip, I also know that your District's performance could not have been so splendid were it not for its routine, daily dedication to doing things the best it can.
3. Please pass the Chief's and my appreciation to all the St. Paul District men and women who made the trip the success that it was.


RICHARD L. HARRIS
Major General, USA
Division Engineer

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*A Holiday Message from
the District Engineer*

There have been many success stories over the past year in the St. Paul District. The spring flood fight in the Red River of the North valley prevented millions of dollars in damages and spared many valley communities from disastrous inundation. The expanded Marine Museum and Visitors Center at Duluth was dedicated, attracting wide attention to the public service this installation was offering. The diked disposal facility in Duluth-Superior Harbor was completed. A ground-breaking ceremony was held for the much-needed Winona Flood Control Project. The draft report of the Great River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) study was completed. Advanced planning for rehabilitation of Lock and Dam No. 1 was finished and work has begun. These, and other District accomplishments, were important milestones that attested to the professional excellence and pride of the District's human resources.

Over the years there have been many changes in the makeup, goals and geographical size and shape of this District. We have been cut down and up, reduced and expanded. The recent realignment study has resulted in a decision to again change our boundary and to transfer elsewhere some projects. But this shouldn't lessen the determination of the District staff to produce quality services and products for the benefit of the region and the country.

We are implementing now a new management philosophy. Getting its strength from the proven dedication and abilities of District employees, it signifies that the District is ready and willing to take on new and varied missions and produce solidly, as it always has.

The challenge ahead will be exciting and rewarding. I invite all our employees to accept it. Best Holiday wishes to all of you!

COLONEL WILLIAM W. BADGER


SEASON'S GREETINGS

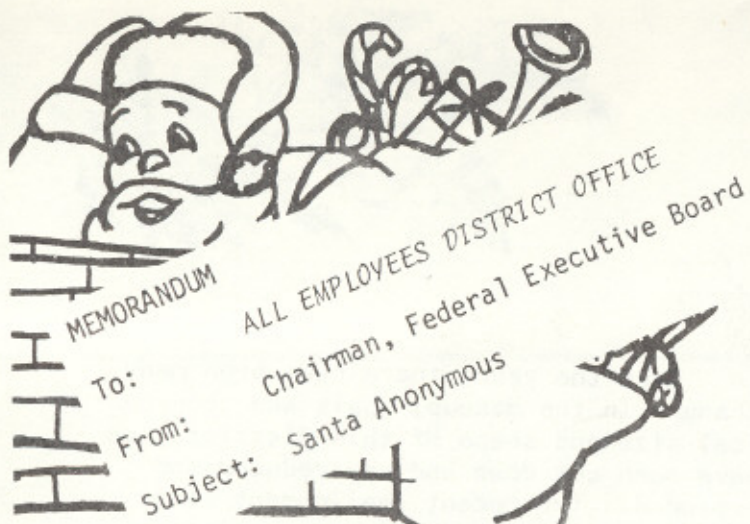
With the approach of Hanukkah and Christmas, we extend our personal greetings and best wishes to each member of the United States Army.

The holiday season is a time of expectation that renews the hope for a more secure and peaceful world. No one contributes more to this commitment than you, the American soldier. By your personal sacrifices, you strengthen our resolve that all mankind may enjoy freedom and individual dignity.

We wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season, and a new year filled with happiness and prosperity.


E. C. MEYER
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff


Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Secretary of the Army



Toys Needed!

MEMORANDUM
To:
From:
Subject:

ALL EMPLOYEES DISTRICT OFFICE
Chairman, Federal Executive Board
Santa Anonymous

Santa Anonymous Needs You

YOUR FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS AGAIN DECIDED TO ASSIST SANTA IN PROVIDING TOYS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN -

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Buy a toy for a boy or girl, infant to age 14. Spend whatever you wish, but REMEMBER that this could be the only toy the youngster may get.

If possible, gift-wrap the toy, but no fancy wrapping that will be crushed in handling. Tag each gift "boy" or "girl", indicate the proper age and a one or two-word description what's inside - game, doll, or whatever. If it needs batteries, please include them.

The last date for pickup of toys at your agency is Tuesday, December 18. There is a hamper in the lobby to deposit your gifts.

If you would like to make a cash contribution, have check made out to Santa Anonymous Fund. Mail it to the Federal Executive Board, Room 570, Fort Snelling Federal Building, Twin Cities, MN 55111. All donations are tax deductible.

REMEMBER LAST DAY
TUESDAY - DEC. 18

31ST
Year

