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Col. Briggs (left) looked on as Ed Fitzpatrick (center) and Walt Hermerding unveiled the centennial plaque after the ceremony. Ed was park manager at Cross Lake from the late 1950s to the early 1970s. Walt is the current park

manager. Speakers at the ceremony included Col. Briggs, Jim Ruyak, area manager, Orville Nelson, acting mayor of Crosslake and Joseph Alexander, commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Photo by Aaron Fairbanks

Cross Lake celebrates 100th anniversary



Francis Schram, a member of the Crow Wing County Muzzleloader Club, demonstrated blacksmith skills to the

crowd. Other demonstrations by the club included wood carving, bead working and leather tanning.

Photo by Aaron Fairbanks

On the 19th and 20th of July, Cross Lake celebrated its 100th anniversary with over 1,000 people visiting the reservoir during the two-day celebration. About 300 people were present for the ceremony Sunday afternoon and the unveiling of the centennial plaque.

There were several activities available including displays, dam tours and other programs sponsored by local communities and groups. One of the highlights of the celebration was the historic craft and lifestyle exhibit sponsored by the Crow Wing County Muzzleloader Club. They provided examples of blacksmithing, basket making, wood carving, leather tanning and similar crafts. A tee pee and examples of tee pee living was also on display.

Two Local Cooperation Agreements signed

Local cooperation agreements were signed at the end of June for Blackhawk Park near DeSoto, Wis. and for the Bassett Creek Flood Control Project in Minneapolis.

"The cornerstone of these local cooperation agreements is the non-federal sponsor's increased responsibility for paying for project construction and operation," said Robert K. Dawson, assistant secretary of the Army for civil works. "This approach increases the number of worthwhile projects that can be implemented across the country with limited federal funds and also provides a fair test of a project's cost effectiveness."

The Blackhawk Park agreement formalizes the partnership of the federal government and the state of Wisconsin in improving fish and wildlife habitat at the park. The planned habitat enhancement work is the first project approved under the Upper Mississippi River Environmental Management Program (EMP). It includes construction of 7,000 feet of channel and several culverts to assure adequate water flows to approximately 260 acres of backwaters near the park during low pool conditions.

The Environmental Management Program

is a ten-year program authorized by Congress in the 1985 Supplemental Appropriations Bill to enhance environmental conditions along the Upper Mississippi River. An estimated \$1 million has been appropriated for the EMP during Fiscal Year 1986. Work proposed includes habitat rehabilitation and enhancement projects, recreation improvement, navigation traffic monitoring, long-term resource monitoring activities, and recreation economic studies.

The Bassett Creek Flood Control Project will provide flood protection for residents and property owners along Bassett Creek in Minneapolis and western suburbs including the communities of Crystal, New Hope and Golden Valley. The approximate \$35 million project includes construction of small flood-storage ponds in recreational and open spaces throughout the Bassett Creek watershed and construction of a new one-and-one-half mile discharge tunnel beneath downtown Minneapolis. The new tunnel will replace an existing undersized and deteriorating tunnel built more than 50 years ago. The tunnel will carry the water from Bassett Creek to an outlet at the Mississippi River near St. Anthony Falls.

District offices undergo changes

The St. Paul District is undergoing several organizational changes. Several offices are involved including Data Processing, the Office of Administrative Services, the Audit Office and the Real Estate Office.

"There is no change in mission," said Barbara Johnson, Management Analysis Branch. "It is a realignment of functions within the organization. People performing these duties are reassigned to the new organization."

OCE directed the establishment of a separate office with separate responsibilities for several information functions. On July 1st, this was accomplished with the creation of the Information Management Office. The new office is a combination of several departments and services: data processing, technical library, photography, records management, mail services, printing, telecommunications, messenger service, issuance of I.D. cards, forms management and publications.

The second area undergoing reorganization is the audit responsibility. There are two distinct functions in auditing—contract

auditing, which comes under the division commander and internal review, coming under the district commander. "It is necessary for the district to establish an absolute, dedicated mission to internal review and separating the two audit responsibilities clearly defines their mission roles," Barbara explained. The new position of staff auditor will be dedicated to the needs of the district as the district commander sees it.

The Real Estate office is the third office involved in a reorganization. Currently, Real Estate is assigned to NCD, but as of October 1, it will come directly under the direction of the district commander.

The fourth area affected by the reorganization is the Office of Administrative Services. Many of the duties of OAS now come under the Information Management Office. Some of the responsibilities that remain include the supply room, space management and travel. A decision will be made by OCE on what duties the office will actually encompass in the future.

1986 Savings Bond Campaign Awards announced

by Maj. George Hazel

District employees signed up for 200 new bond allotments and 30 increased allotments during the 1986 Savings Bond Campaign. The success of the campaign can largely be attributed to the many canvassers around the district who took the challenge of "selling stock in America."

The first place canvasser award, a \$50.00 savings bond, was awarded to Irving Seelye from Winnibigoshish who recorded an impressive 100% participation. The second place award, a pen & pencil set, went to Clarence Bernardson from Pokegama. Gordon Heitzman from hydrology has been awarded a Liberty Half Dollar Commemorative proof set for third place. Other canvassers receiving visors or aprons included Mary Kay Linder, Executive Office; Eleanor Williams, Project Management; Arlee Keyes, Western Flood Control; Carol Vierck, Supply & Procurement; Natalie Siok, Winona Resident Office; Mary Rivett, Administrative Services; and John Zakalka, Leech Lake. All of these and many other canvassers did a terrific job during the campaign.

The Employee Benefit Association is to be commended for supporting the campaign by providing the funds to award the top three canvassers. Even though the campaign has ended, Savings Bonds can be purchased at any time during the year for as little as \$3.75 per pay period. You'll never be sorry you've saved the payroll savings way.

Corps employee receives SAME scholarship

Steven D. Ericson, an engineering aide in the Plan Formulation Branch, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship award by the Minneapolis-St. Paul Post of the Society of American Military Engineers. Steve has been with the Corps since 1981 and is a full-time student at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. In addition to being an outstanding student, Steve has been active in numerous extracurricular activities. Steve is majoring in electrical engineering and plans to graduate in 1989.

Any student interested in applying for an SAME scholarship should contact George Hazel at (612)-725-5952 for details.

District makes extra effort to help customers

by Ken Gardner

We all know what happens when the Corps is successful in tackling a flooding problem. The problem is studied and analyzed, a project designed, approved, funded, and finally constructed. The flooding problem is solved and another group of people are no longer subject to the destruction that can be caused by too much water.

But what happens when we study a flooding problem and, for whatever reason, a Corps project cannot be built?

Do we close the cover on the study and file it? Do we just go on to the next problem, ignoring that this group of people we have been trying to help is still subject to the periodic whims of nature?

The answer is a resounding NO in the St. Paul District, if two recent actions are any indication of how St. Paul cares for its customers.

In two district projects—the Minnesota River 639 Study and the East Grand Forks Flood Control Project—the district is providing special assistance to the local people, even after it became apparent that a federal project would not be built. Going the extra mile to help the residents of this region is what customer care is all about.

639 Study

The 639 study looked at flooding problems in five sub-basins of the Minnesota River. According to Ed Fick, study manager in Plan Formulation Branch, the study has determined that federally funded projects are not feasible at this time in the 639 study area. Decreasing agricultural land values and a depressed farm economy have reduced the

dollar value of flood damages to the point where it's not economically feasible for the federal government to support traditional flood prevention measures, Ed said.

However, the district is not turning its back on the needs of the people along the Minnesota River. Gary Nelson, a sociologist working in Economic-Social-Recreation Branch, is working with the Soil Conservation Service to assist the people in the 639 study area with alternative programs.

"Working with SCS, we are initiating a study aimed at compiling information on alternative solutions to the flooding problems in the 639 area. This includes programs available through other agencies such as the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program, self-help activities such as clearing and snagging, and different farming techniques," Gary said.

Gary's study won't end with just gathering information on programs. "A key focus of this study will be to look at the barriers that may prevent or discourage farmers from participating in programs available to them," he explained. Such barriers may include such things as lack of information, distrust of government, overcoming tradition, and legal implications of some actions.

The completed study will serve as a directory of possible alternatives and a guide to self-help for individual or small groups of property owners in working with other agencies, Gary said.

East Grand Forks

At East Grand Forks, the situation is somewhat different. The East Grand Forks City Council voted in early July to withdraw

support for the flood control project proposed by the district.

(For more details on the East Grand Forks project, see a separate article elsewhere in this issue of crosscurrents.)

But the outcome is similar to the 639 study area. Even though there is little likelihood that the Corps will build a project in East Grand Forks in the foreseeable future, the St. Paul District is going the extra mile to assist our customers in that community.

Planning Division has already completed a Emergency Plan for the city as part of an Urban Study. The plan outlines procedures the city should take during flood situations and what types of emergency support they would require under different flood conditions.

According to Pete Fischer, chief of Engineering Division, engineering will prepare a detailed condition survey of the emergency levees still in place around East Grand Forks. "We want to provide city officials with the best data possible on the condition of the levees at East Grand Forks. That way, they will know what they have and what level of protection they can expect from those existing levees," Pete said.

"We have also offered to provide the city with technical advice on any flood protection measures that the locals might consider doing on their own," Pete added.

East Grand Forks and the 639 Study area are two different locations and situations. But together they indicate that "Leaders in Customer Care" is more than a slogan in the St. Paul District.

City drops support for East Grand Forks project

by Ken Gardner

The East Grand Forks City Council has voted to withdraw support for the flood control project proposed by the St. Paul District. According to Pete Fischer, chief of the Engineering Division, this action by the City Council will shelve the East Grand Forks project at least for the time being.

"Since we are about 85 percent finished with the General Design Memorandum, we will probably complete the GDM before putting the plans on the shelf. This would be an awkward point at which to stop working on the project. We have been talking with Division and they agree that we should complete the GDM. That way,

if the project is ever reconsidered, there will be a complete package available," he said.

In withdrawing their support of the estimated \$28 million project, the council cited their \$11 million share of the project costs as a key issue and also expressed concern over the relocation of downtown businesses under the plan. City officials and residents were also unhappy that the district's proposal only provided protection for about two-thirds of the city.

The East Grand Forks project was first authorized by Congress in 1948 and 1950. However, the project was never constructed because the local sponsors would not sign

the local cooperation agreement. Interest in the project was renewed following floods in 1965 and 1966. The Flood Control Act of 1970 provided an extension to the original authorization and a local assurances agreement was signed in 1975 giving the district the green light to proceed with the project.

The recommended project was a combination structural and nonstructural plan using floodwalls and levees to protect developed areas where feasible and evacuation to remove structures from the floodplain in areas where structural protection was not possible.

St. Paul District goes beyond mandate to provide handicap facilities

by Ray Nelson

Natural Resource Management

Everyone should be "allowed" to use public recreational facilities; they should also be "able" to use them. According to the goals of the National Forum on Meeting the Recreation and Park Needs of Handicapped People, "all disabled citizens, each according to their individual ability, shall be guaranteed access to recreation programs, activities and/or facilities which are held forth to be public."

Meeting these recreation standards and assuring the freedom of use to everyone has become a major goal throughout the St. Paul District. "I believe that we're going well beyond the intent of the forum to meet the needs of all our customers," said Dennis Cin, chief of Project Operations. Although physical access to the recreation areas is important in providing opportunities to all persons, being aware of attitudes is also important. The outdoor recreation standards should be looked at as a means to participate, not to segregate. Close coordination between the district's natural resource management staff, professionals working with impaired groups and handicapped individuals, and concerned organizations has helped to reach a better

understanding of the needs of disabled people.

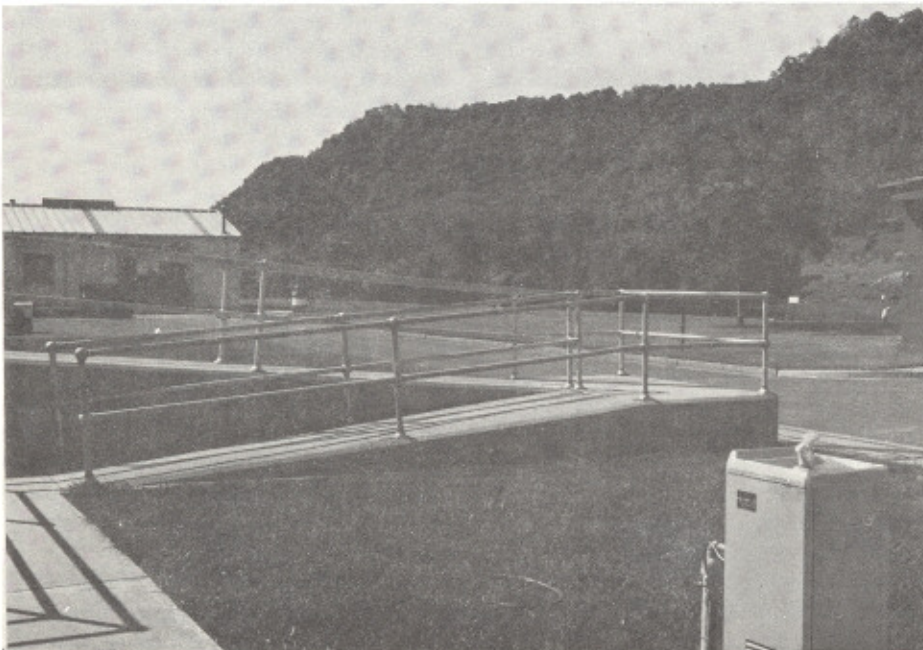
Federal legislation, including the Federal Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, was passed to guarantee that new facilities and programs are equally accessible and usable to special populations. This created the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board which publishes minimum guidelines and requirements for standards.

The St. Paul District has recognized that many recreation areas need improvement in order to accommodate handicapped individuals and groups.

The six Mississippi headwater sites, Blackhawk Park, Eau Galle, Lake Ashtabula and several of the locks and dams have all taken steps to improve their awareness and accessibility. In recent years, mobility-impaired camping sites have been developed at the recreation areas. This required paving sites to provide a flat, hard surface and making alterations to the picnic tables, grills and fireplaces. Picnic tables were extended to accommodate wheelchair users and grills were lowered to allow easier access. New metal ring fire pits with height-



This fishing ramp at Lake Ashtabula is also connected by a paved ramp to a handicap campsite. The park managers have reported that the site has received many favorable comments.



Fishing platforms have been constructed at Locks 7 (above) and 6. A third ramp is currently being constructed at Lock 9.

adjustable grills have been installed to allow a convenient campfire area which can also be used for cooking. Firewood is provided and trash cans are placed at each of the sites as a convenience.

Tailwater fishing docks have become one of the most widely-used facilities at the headwaters recreation areas. One of these docks has been used extensively at Cross Lake since its construction in 1980. There is a paved unloading area and ramp leading to the dock which is wide enough to allow wheelchairs to maneuver easily. Shelves are also provided for tackle boxes. Many groups from local nursing homes have used this dock and more of these facilities are being planned for other recreation areas.

A picnic area has also been developed for group use at Cross Lake. A round concrete slab was placed near the swimming beach and a large metal ring fireplace installed. The area includes picnic tables that will accommodate three wheelchairs and one attendant. Lake Ashtabula has also built a campsite for the handicapped with a paved walkway and ramp leading out to a fishing dock facility. Park managers report that they have received many favorable comments on the new facilities.

At Leech Lake, a new ramp was recently completed which will allow wheelchairs users access to the tail water fishing and picnic area below the dam.

Fishing platform facilities have been constructed at Locks 6 and 7 and one is being constructed at Lock 9. Blackhawk Park has had all their restrooms made accessible to wheelchair users and all future building plans will include complete handicap facilities.

At Eau Galle Lake, the picnic shelter and all restroom facilities are accessible by sidewalks. Future plans include construction of a ramp that will lead down to the floating fishing platform.

The St. Paul District has made substantial progress in providing recreation areas that are accessible to everyone, but there are still many areas of concern. Future plans are to continue improving present facilities which includes providing access to buildings, bathroom facilities, showers, trails, beaches, picnic facilities, fishing docks, boat docks and a continued awareness of problem areas. The district has taken a strong initiative in this area and will continue to manage the facilities in a manner that allows all of the public to use and enjoy them. Customer care has always been first.



The tables at this picnic area at Cross Lake can accommodate up to 3 wheelchairs and one attendant each. The

picnic area and the fishing docks have been used extensively since they were constructed in 1980.

Part-time retirement benefits could be reduced

Washington (ARNEWS)—Retirement annuities for part-time Federal employees might be reduced under a new computation system designed to eliminate a loophole in the Civil Service retirement system that affords unproportionate benefits to some workers.

The new formula, which will be applied to part-time service performed after April 6, will prevent a windfall benefit previously allowed to permanent, part-time employees who converted to a full-time status, usually for the last three years before retirement, said Cecil Carlson, a civilian retirement officer with the Army's Civilian Personnel Center in Alexandria, VA. The Army currently employs some 3,800 permanent, part-time workers.

Before President Reagan signed Public Law 99-272, retirement annuities were calculated based on the average annual basic pay received over three consecutive years of federal service. In most cases, the last three years of service yields the highest average pay, he explained.

By converting to a full-time status, employees who worked part-time most of their career could increase their average salary to produce a "high three" average pay comparable to that of employees who had worked full-time their entire career. This means that predominantly part-time employees would receive the same retirement benefits as full-time employees, Carlson said.

Under the new law, the "high three" average pay for parttime workers will be computed as if the employee had been working a full-time schedule. The annuity, computed on the basis of the full-time average pay, would then be prorated. The annuity is multiplied by a fraction that expresses the ratio between the actual service and a full-time tour of duty for the employee's career.

For example, the annuity of an employee with 30 years of service under the new law, performed on a three-quarter time basis, will be computed based on 30 years of service and a fulltime average pay, but the annuity

will be multiplied by 75 percent, resulting in a 25 percent reduction.

The new law does not change the full crediting of part-time service for determining eligibility for an annuity, Carlson said.

An employee will still be eligible to retire at age 55 with 30 years of service, even if that service is part-time.

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The Headwaters Recreation Areas

The Ronald Louis Cloutier Recreation Area, alias the Pine River Dam, alias Cross Lake is the most heavily used of the six headwaters recreation areas. The campground has 117 campsites and usually has a long waiting list of campers trying to get them. The recreation area covers 42 acres and offers complete recreational services. Gregg Struss is acting park manager and Gerald Bohall is the sewage treatment plant operator.

The Terry R. Johnson Recreation Area at Gull Lake covers 82 acres, much of which is heavily wooded. There is an overlook that rises up to 60 feet above the water, offering a breathtaking view of the lake. The recreation area has several Indian burial mound sites which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Robert Espenson is the acting park manager and Micheal Larson and Tim Rennecke are area park rangers.



Some feathered swimmers decided to try out the new swimming beach at Sandy Lake. The parents refused to

comment on the new facility but the children seemed to enjoy it.



The handicap fishing ramp below the dam at Cross Lake is popular with everyone. It is one of many facilities available at the popular campground.

Pokegama Lake has 16 campgrounds on its ten-acre site. The park grounds border the northeast shoreline of the Mississippi River. The area is used often as a stopover point for vacationers because of its location along U.S. Highway 2. Employed at the dam are Clarence Bernardson, park manager and Patrick Duffney, maintenance man.

Leech Lake Dam and Recreation Area has 74 campsites on 75 acres of forested land. The area is popular for its fishing which includes walleye and muskellunge. There are over thirty known archaeological sites along the shores of Leech Lake. The reservoir is managed to support the production of wild rice which is important to the culture and economy of the Ojibway people. Employed at the dam are John Zahalka, park manager, Jeff Sterre, park ranger and Leroy Campbell, maintenance man.



A group of people gather to enjoy the fishing below the dam at Leech Lake. The area is very popular because of its walleye and northern pike fishing.

Sandy Lake Recreation Area covers 120 acres at the northwest corner of Big Sandy Lake. The site has the only lock in the six-lake systems which once enabled navigation on the lake. The lock is no longer in service but the lock house has been turned into a museum that displays artifacts that have been found in the area. Donald Daly is the park manager and Terry Ladd is the park ranger.

The Lake Winnibigoshish Recreation Area is a ten-acre facility along the bank of the Mississippi River. There are indications of human habitation in the area near the dam that date 9000 years ago. The area has many white pines, one of which is said to be over 350 years old. It is one of the more popular walleye and northern pike fishing lakes in the state. The park manager is Irving Seelye and Dennis Dickson is the maintenance man.



Above are some of the park managers and rangers in the St. Paul District. In the front, from left to right are: Gerald Lee (LaCrescent), Bob Espenson, (Gull Lake), Jim Sandberg (Cross Lake), Terry Ladd (Sandy Lake), and John Zahalka

(Leech Lake). In the back, from left to right are: Timm Rennecke (Gull Lake), Jeff Steere (Leech Lake), Garold (Sonny) Bohall (Cross Lake) and Gregg Struss (Cross Lake).

Field office highlight

Headwaters Project Office

When the six headwaters dams were constructed in the late 1800s and early 1900s, there were no plans for recreation areas around the reservoirs. The dams were built to improve the navigation on the Mississippi River and it wasn't until growing numbers of people began to camp around the lakes because of the good fishing that the Corps realized that use would have to be controlled.

"It was more necessity than desire to build the recreation areas," said Jim Ruyak, area manager for the headwaters. "The people were there and we had to make some order out of it."

After the headwaters recreation areas were developed, the district officials decided that a layer of management was needed between the projects and the district office. "It was too cumbersome to have all the projects calling into the district office," said Jim, "so the area manager concept was developed for the headwaters."

The Headwater Project Office is located in Remer, Minn. The location includes three government homes, an office and warehouse on six acres of land. GSA offered the Remer office to the Corps after it had been abandoned by the Forest Service. The homes are no longer used by government employees and are being sold, which will leave only two acres for the office and warehouse.

Remer is the head office for everything that goes on at the headwaters. It's responsibilities include overseeing the operation and maintenance of the six dams and recreation areas and managing natural resources in the area. The headwaters dams are located at Cross Lake, Sandy Lake, Gull Lake, Leech Lake, Lake Winnibigoshish, and Pokegama Lake. The dam at Red Lake is also maintained by the Headwaters Project Office.

Each dam and recreation area takes care of its own needs while dealing with the operation and maintenance of its area. This includes budgeting, ordering supplies, planning programs and planning and designing development in their own recreation areas. The individual headwaters projects turn in their reports to the Remer office which combines their results and forwards it on to St. Paul.

During the summer season, there are about 40 employees at the recreation areas. The Remer office is staffed by the area manager and a seasonal clerk typist. In the summer they also employ a temporary laborer and two students.

Walt Hermerding, park manager at Cross-lake, is currently acting area manager while Jim Ruyak is on temporary assignment as the chief of maintenance in St. Paul. Georgene Savolainen is the clerk typist.

Around the district

by Ken Gardner

Public Affairs

A number of short, medium and long term assignments around the district has resulted in the St. Paul version of musical chairs.

Marty McCleery, Plan Formulation Branch, is the latest district employee to have a shot at running Regulatory Functions. Several employees, including **Char Hauger**, CORE, and **Wayne Knott**, PD-ER, have rotated through the branch chief position in the last year. Each temporary assignment has lasted three or four months. Con-Ops has been rotating people in developmental assignments through the Reg Functions position since **Dennis Cin** left to replace **Starkey Grove** last year as chief of Project Operations.

Also in Reg Functions, **Bruce Norton** is acting chief of the surveillance Section, filling in for **Gary Green** who is on a leave of absence.

Speaking of Project Operations, there have been other changes there. **Tom Oksness** and **Dennis Erickson** have switched positions for a year under a developmental assignment with Dennis now running Natural Resources Management and Tom in charge of Locks and Dams Section. In another change, **Ray Nelson**, park ranger from Cross Lake, and **Randy Ulrich**, CORE, are on one year developmental assignments in Natural Resources Management.

Now I will attempt to tackle the rest of the Con-Ops changes. It will be difficult, but if you will stick with me, I'll give it my best shot.

It all starts with **Harold Taggatz**, who used to be chief of Maintenance Branch but was moved up to the position of assistant division chief under **Bill Goetz**. When Harold left Maintenance last spring, **Stan Kumpula**, ED-GHH, was brought in as branch chief on a four month developmental assignment. Stan has now returned to his job as chief of Hydraulics Section and **Jim Ruyak**, manager of the Mississippi Headwaters Project Office at Remer, is on temporary assignment as the chief of Maintenance.

Meanwhile, **Walt Hermerding**, normally park manager at Cross Lake, is keeping the Headwaters Project Office running in Jim's absence. **Greg Struss**, a ranger at Pokegama, is filling in as acting park manager at Cross Lake in Walt's absence.

Are you still with me?

OK, back on the 11th floor, Harold is on temporary duty at OCE and **Dave Parsons**, normally chief of Construction Branch is filling in for him as assistant division chief. **Bruce Ragan**, chief of the EPA Treatment Works Section on the 9th floor, has moved

up to the 11th floor as acting chief of Construction Branch. **Rick Rothbauer** is acting chief of the Treatment Works Section.

Now that wasn't so bad, was it?

Over in North Dakota, **Steve Odegaard** has taken over as park manager at Baldhill Dam, replacing **Chuck Adams** who retired in May. Also in North Dakota, in case you missed the announcement, **Mark Schumaker** opened a project office in Velva last fall.

Another new office in the district was recently opened in Hastings when **Doug Baird** moved down there from the district office to be the project engineer for the work at Lock and Dam No. 2.

Over in Planning Division, **Norm Hil-drum**, chief of Public Use Planning Section, is still serving as acting chief of the new Information Management Office. **Bruce Heide**, landscape architect and project manager in Project Management Branch, is now on a developmental assignment as acting chief of Public Use Planning Section, filling in for Norm.

Long term training has resulted in several good-byes, hellos and switches in assignments. **Al Bjorkquist**, Small Projects Branch and **Dave Loss**, Project Management Branch, have both left the district for long-term training. Al is on his way to the Planning Associates Program at Ft. Belvoir while Dave is headed to Stillwater, Okla. and Oklahoma State University.

However, to add to the "revolving door" affect, **Terry Pfitzenreuter** and **Dale Mazar** have recently returned from long-term training. Terry spent last year in the Planning Associates Program and is now working in Environmental Resources Branch. Dale has returned to Project Management Branch after a year at Stanford University in California.

Adding to the changes, Engineering Division has created four new positions to monitor and coordinate A-E contracts and has selected four district employees to fill the new positions. **Peggy Peterson**, secretary to the chief of Engineering Division for the last 16 years, was selected to fill the lead coordinator position and will be working with **Bob Post**. **Dave Ekstrand**, Exam Section; **Jan Oakleaf**, EDGHH; and **Barbara Lemire-Higley**, EEO, were selected to fill the three branch coordinator positions and will be assigned to GHH, Project Management and Design, respectively.

Elsewhere in this issue is an article describing a number of organizational

changes taking place in the district. In line with the creation of the Information Management Office, **Dale Lynch**, chief of OAS, has been detailed to IMO during the transition. **Mary Rivett** is acting chief of what she calls the "residual" OAS—those people and functions remaining after Records Management, mail services, printing, telecommunications, forms and publications, the Library, and photography were transferred to IMO.

Finally, just to make sure we are speaking the same language, the Communications Center in Hastings is now officially the Electronic Service Center. The change reflects the broader mission the center has picked up in recent years. **Ron O'Brien** is still chief of the center.

PIANC writing competition announced

The U.S. Section of the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses (PIANC) has announced the 1987 Gustave Willems Award competition. Engineers, researchers and waterways professionals under the age of 35 years are invited to submit a technical paper prepared on inland and maritime waterways, ports and coastal areas. A \$750.00 grand prize will be awarded for the most outstanding paper. Top paper(s) will then compete as U.S. entries for an international prize competition. For information on how to obtain the rules, contact Denise Yale at ext. 7505.

Old Timer's luncheon scheduled

The 11th annual Old Timer's luncheon is scheduled for September 10. The luncheon will be held at the Prom Center, 1190 University Avenue in St. Paul. Notices have been mailed to retirees. For more information, contact Esther Kerfoot at (612)227-3903.

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