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## Col. Baldwin visits district, meets staff



*Colonel Roger Baldwin, who will assume command of the district in July, visited St. Paul in mid-April. During his visit, he met with division and office chiefs and toured the district office. Above: Colonel Baldwin meets with Engineering Chief Bob Post, Dave Haumersen, assistant chief of Planning, and Bill Goetz, chief of Construction-Operations. At left, Bill talks with Colonel Baldwin following a briefing.*

*Photos by Ken Gardner*

## Corps Calendar

- May Savings Bond Campaign, Maj. Chuck Rogers, 220-0439
- May National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- May 1-8 City Celebration Week, Crosslake, Minn., Rosemarie Braatz/Jim Ruyak, 220-0316
- May 4 Civil Servant of the Year Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Radisson Hotel South, Bloomington, Jan Wallace, 220-0493
- May 7 Keep America Beautiful Day - Cross Lake Roadside Cleanup, Rosemarie Braatz/Jim Ruyak, 220-0316
- May 8-14 Asian/Pacific Heritage Week, Chuck Spitzack, 220-0512
- May 9 Asian/Pacific Food Sampler, 10 a.m.-noon, 11th-15th floors
- May 9 Film: "China: Land of my Father," noon, room 1220
- May 9-13 "Name that Nation" Contest, 12th floor display case
- May 10 Fargo, N.D., Employee/Household Mobilization Meeting, Suzanne Gaines, 220-0255
- May 11 Asian/Pacific Week Program, Actors' Theatre, 28 W. 7th St., 10-11:30 a.m.
- May 12 Traditional Asian/Pacific Dress Display, noon-4 p.m., room 1220
- May 14 Native American Day
- May 17-19 District Continuity of Operations Exercise, Dave DePoint, 220-0205
- May 15-21 National Transportation Week
- May 17 Winona, Minn., Employee/Household Mobilization Meeting, Suzanne Gaines, 220-0255
- May 18 Prairie du Chien, Wis., Employee/Household Mobilization Meeting, Suzanne Gaines, 220-0255
- May 20 National Defense Transportation Day
- May 21 Armed Forces Day
- May 25 Grand Rapids, Minn., Employee/Household Mobilization Meeting, Suzanne Gaines, 220-0255
- May 30 Memorial Day, Federal Holiday
- June 14 Birthday of the Army (1775)
- June 16 Birthday of the Corps of Engineers (1775)
- June 17 Annual Engineer's Day Award Ceremony and Picnic, Eau Galle Recreation Area, Spring Valley, Wis., Rosemarie Braatz, 220-0316

## District celebrates Asian/Pacific American Week

May 8-14 is Asian/Pacific American Week.

The program on Wednesday, May 11, is a special event for all district employees. It will be at the Actors' Theatre, 28 W. 7th St., from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This program will feature Sarah Mason, who will speak on the Minnesota Asian background, and Gaoly Lyfoung, who is one of the first Minnesota Hmong.

All district employees are invited to participate in as many of the other Asian/Pacific American Week activities as they can:

May 9, food sampler 10 a.m. to noon, the 11th through 15th floors.

May 9, film: "China: Land of my Father," noon, room 1220.

May 9-13, "Name that Nation" contest, 12th floor display case.

May 12, traditional dress display, noon to 4 p.m., room 1220.

## Erwin C. Kinstler dies at age 85

Retiree Erwin C. Kinstler, 85, died in St. Paul on April 15 at age 85. He worked in drafting during the 50s and early 60s.

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## Picnic to be at Eau Galle June 17

by Rosemarie Braatz

For the first time ever, the annual Engineer's Day Awards Ceremony and Picnic will be held at a Corps site, the beautiful Eau Galle recreation area near Spring Valley, Wis., 50 miles east of the Twin Cities. It will be the best picnic by a dam site, all day, on Friday, June 17.

The Eau Galle site offers fishing, unsupervised swimming, hiking and camping, along with the full day of picnic fun, food and activities.

There will be a wide range of games and activities for adults and children. Or, you may wish to simply relax, watch the action and soak in the gorgeous Eau Galle scenery. Even a stroll on the nature trails overlooking the lake and river will reveal unique rock formations, birds and wildlife, along with providing a bit of exercise.

All facilities for your comfort are being attended to: there are a couple of picnic shelters, and grills for those who want to prepare their own food. There will be ample free parking for those who drive their own autos, with a special area for the retirees close to the activities. (Retirees may contact Rosemarie Braatz, 612-220-0316, for more information and reservations.)

Buses will be available for those who want to ride to the picnic from the district office. During the day, these buses will make regular tours of the Eau Galle area, with narrators to point out the interesting and unusual spots along the way.

Activities will include bingo, volleyball and fishing. There are fishing docks and boat launches (but electric motors only are allowed). Children's games will be scheduled throughout the day, and the playground facilities are excellent.

Food will be served from early until late, prepared on the spot, and will include grilled hamburgers, brats, wieners, beans and potato chips at reasonable prices. There will be free popcorn, snow cones and pop. You may also bring their own beverages.

Camping facilities are excellent, and many Corps people are planning to spend a night or two, at either the back-pack or drive-in sites.

When you purchase your ticket, which will entitle you to everything, you will be asked if you wish to reserve a ride to the

picnic on the bus and if you need any handicap facilities.

A list of the ticket sellers will be posted on the bulletin boards. You will also receive an Eau Galle color brochure, which not only lists things to do and see, but contains a map of the route to the site, and a map of the entire site.

## 50th anniversary of 9-foot channel June 25

On Saturday, June 25, the St. Paul District will formally celebrate the 50 years of service of the 9-foot navigation channel. The theme for the celebration is "Delivering the Goods!"

The primary celebration will be at Lock and Dam 7, near La Crescent, Minn. Other celebrations will also be held throughout the summer in conjunction with community celebrations along the Mississippi River.

At Lock and Dam 7, the ceremony will include speakers, a ribbon cutting and a luncheon cruise through that area of the river to review the effects that the channel has had on the river and development.

Anyone who knows of any retirees, former employees, or concerned local organizations who might be contacted to take part in the celebrations should contact the district Public Affairs Office (612-220-0200/0201).

## Bond drive begins

by Maj. Chuck Rogers

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds!

You will hear or read that admonition many times in the next few weeks during the St. Paul District's bond campaign. But you might ask yourself, "Why should I buy bonds?"

Savings bonds offer many advantages.

Bonds offer competitive interest rates, and the minimum purchase is much smaller than many investments with comparable earnings. You also never pay a commission or penalty to purchase or redeem a bond.

They are a liquid asset that may be redeemed anytime 6 months after their purchase date.

They are also secure. If bonds are lost, stolen or destroyed, they will be replaced at no charge.

Bonds also offer tax advantages. Federal income tax on bond interest can be deferred until the bonds are redeemed. Bond interest is exempt from state and local taxes.

This year's Savings Bond Campaign, which begins this month, offers district employees an opportunity to start or increase a systematic savings program through the payroll savings plan.

If you are not enrolled in the payroll savings plan, I encourage you to see your bonds canvasser and sign up. If you are enrolled, I encourage you to increase your savings.

You, your family and your country can all benefit from your participation in the Savings Bond program.

If you need more information or have any questions, see your canvasser or Maj. Chuck Rogers (220-0439).

## GET IN THE SWING OF THINGS

U.S. Savings Bonds will put you in the swing of things with a competitive market-based rate, safety, tax privileges and ease of purchase. Ask about them where you bank or work.

**U.S. SAVINGS BONDS**

THE GREAT AMERICAN INVESTMENT



## Section 22 helps district help states

Most Corps of Engineers studies involve one of the principal missions of the Corps, such as flood control or navigation. Most of these studies are also intended to lead to a Corps project. But Section 22 studies are different. They are not necessarily related to the major missions, and they are not intended to lead to a Corps project.

Stan Kummer of Flood Plain Management and Small Projects Branch is the St. Paul District's Section 22 coordinator. He said the program is "an effort in which the Corps can assist states in planning of water and related land resources of a drainage basin or larger region of a state." The formal name of the program is "Planning Assistance to States," but it is generally called the Section 22 program, after one of the laws that created it, Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974.

Congress created this program to provide assistance in response to state requests for work that complies with the state's water plan. State work requests include technical expertise in hydrologic and hydraulic engineering, economics, fisheries and wildlife biology, limnology and other disciplines of water resource engineering and planning. Corps of Engineers personnel perform this work using existing data, including data provided by the states.

The Corps also encourages the state to participate on the study team. Program funds may not be used for work done by a contractor.

Stan described the Section 22 program as a vehicle that makes Corps expertise and data available for use by the states. He said that it is not limited to the usual Corps roles such as flood control or navigation. Instead, it can deal with a wide range of water and related land resource problems.

Many people in the district work on the program because it requires such a wide range of expertise.

The Section 22 program authorizes appropriation of no more than \$6,000,000 annually for the nation, and no more than \$300,000 to be spent in any one year for any state. In fiscal year 1988, Minnesota and North Dakota each received \$300,000, and Wisconsin received \$93,000.

St. Paul is the lead district for Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. The district, therefore, coordinates with Omaha,



*People in various disciplines work on the Section 22 program, including (left to right) Suzanne Gaines, soci-*

*ologist; Stan Kummer, program coordinator and civil engineer; and Mark Ziemer, hydrologic engineer.*

*Photo by DonYel Erickson*

Rock Island, and Detroit Districts on work requests that include portions of states outside the St. Paul District.

The St. Paul District has four to eight ongoing studies for each state, with several studies involving more than one state.

A major study of the Red River of the North basin from Grand Forks north to the Canadian border began with a request from North Dakota. This study now includes local and regional basin planning that is common to both North Dakota and Minnesota. Some information from the study may also prove useful to Canada.

Other North Dakota studies include an inventory of structures in the floodplain of flood-prone cities and an inventory of low-head dams that may be hazards to recreationists.

The district is working with Detroit on a Section 22 study to assess the wave run-ups and storm surge along Lake Superior shorelines in Minnesota.

Another Minnesota study is the hydraulic modeling of a reach of the Roseau

River, done with the help of Omaha.

The Section 22 program is also active in Wisconsin. One study considers alternatives for the management of contaminated sediments while a second study includes a comprehensive look at the Wisconsin River system.

A wetlands evaluation methodology for Minnesota and Wisconsin is another Section 22 study. This study is intended to provide state and federal agencies with a way to determine the value of a wetland in the field. This study will be used principally by the two states and the Corps in permit evaluations and resource management.

Stan said that Section 22 "provides the district with an opportunity to provide maximum help to its customers." Although results of Section 22 work do not necessarily contribute to Corps projects, these results may ultimately be used in other studies by the state, the Corps or another agency. Stan noted that this possibility can lead to new congressional authorizations and federal involvement in potential projects.

# A government employee's Korean "diary"

What is life like in a foreign country for someone who has lived most of his or her life in the United States? The Department of Defense and other agencies offer many people the opportunity to find out the answer to that question. Positions are available in the Pacific, Asia, Europe and elsewhere.

A number of district employees have taken advantage of these opportunities.

From Dec. 1984 through June 1987, Walt Sternke (now in Project Management Branch) and his family lived in Korea. Walt served in several positions for the Department of Defense during that time, as Chief of the Sanitation Branch for Area III Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and as a Brigade Engineer of the 1st Signal Brigade.

The following passages are excerpts from a series of letters that Walt wrote during this time.

Our trip to Korea will be remembered for many things, the trips over and back, the people, their culture, the land itself, the employment, military life, being in a tense-zone due to the armistice, plus the everyday life that has been so different....

...Being without a car, we have used public transportation quite a bit. The Army has a taxi service that is about twice as expensive as the cheapest Korean taxi. There are three types of Korean taxi: the yellow taxi is the cheapest, the green taxi is a "call" taxi and runs 1/3 higher, but the blue taxi you watch out for. They have no meters so you want to deal on the price before you get in and shut the door....There are also many buses, subways, trains, and elevated trains. When you get out of Seoul you have a very good chance of seeing an ox-drawn cart.... We expect to get our car soon.

...We have had some difficulty getting housing lined up. We have to seek housing on the economy as there is only one-third of the dependent housing required available on post throughout Korea.

...We have been temporarily housed in the Seoul Garden Hotel, an Army-owned hotel.... We are anxious to get back to preparing our own food....

...On the 15th of each month there is a half-hour civil alert an air-raid warning practice. It is a serious exercise and strictly enforced. Americans are asked to stay off the streets and close black-out curtains. All

traffic ceases and when the air-raid siren sounds, all Koreans go to air-raid shelters,

...The frequent sonic booms of fighters and snoop planes are heard some days and often right after dusk....Each month they have a special exercise during the alert. Last month they practiced evacuating people from tall buildings....

...I went on an all-day tour to the Demilitarized Zone to the second North Korean tunnel that was discovered in 1978! Eight tunnels have been found, more than 15 are suspected....The tunnel was blasted through a mountain. It was over 4,000 meters long and wide enough for three fully equipped men to run abreast....It is tense on the border, no pictures, no quick or unnecessary gestures are permitted....There were many South Koreans who were on tours to see the tunnel.

...Enough of that! The country is beautiful and we have been on some trips and special occasions. We engineers took a trip to the West Coast to Incheon to see a ship building company....Our apartment guard offered us a trip to take him home and see some deer on a deer farm....I took a day-long trip provided free by the Korean Government. We saw seven different tourist items. One was the Korean Broadcasting System building where TV shows are taped and produced....We also saw palace grounds, a war museum, Nam San Tower (like the Seattle space needle), and ended up with two live shows and an excellent dinner. We were taken to the Secret Gardens and palace grounds of King Yi. They dressed the family in royal robes and made us feel like we were

the royal family. Then we were honored by an invitation from one of my employees to attend his daughter's wedding! We were the only Americans there. They had a choir, an orchestra quartet, and a westernized type wedding. The couple did not smile the whole time as that would prevent the possible birth of a boy. All this has allowed us to see a small part of the the 5,000 year history of this country.

...The weather has been very mild for us. The winter was mild, spring long, and summer has been very nice....

...The flow of life here is at a lower key than in the states. We see men stop at small shops after work to rest their stocking feet on a table, down a drink, and discuss the day with a friend. The ladies make daily trips to the market to purchase their daily food requirements. They will often sit for a while outside the apartment to watch the kids, and talk before starting. Then they will go and talk with the shop owners at the market, then they bring their plastic bag, or two, of food back home. Children are children and they all have that energy to go at a fast pace, but they slow down to bow to their elders, study plants, carefully stalk insects like grasshoppers or dragonflies, or dress up for visits to the family. It is common for Koreans to have friends or family over in the evening, and if by accident the time gets late, the visitors will stay over and go home the next day. Korea starts work at 9 a.m. and goes till 6 p.m. six days a week. Sunday is a day off.

As we left Korea, "the Land of the Morning Calm," we enjoyed the duty-free shops at Seoul and Tokyo airports....



Walt Sternke (center) visited many Secret Gardens and palace grounds of King Yi.

## Corps develops new leadership approach

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A year and a half ago, the Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. E. R. Heiberg III, chartered a small group of senior military and civilian managers to provide him with the means to reach his goal of "excellence in leadership as well as excellence in engineering."

The group, known as the LEAD (Leadership Enhancement and Development) Team, soon championed approaches to managing people and programs that went beyond the Corps' traditional, tried-and-true methods.

This seems to have been in keeping with Heiberg's thinking. He has said, "We in the engineering and construction professions need to create some breakthroughs in our technology, in our ways of doing business, in the way we manage our people and, to do that, we must be open to new ideas and flexible in our willingness to try them."

Team members, for example, were instrumental in developing the "Values" videotape and booklet that were timed to coincide with the celebration of the Constitution Bicentennial.

They also helped articulate the values — integrity, professionalism, quality and esprit de corps — that have been the Corps' hallmarks and developed a Lead, Manage, Develop (LMD) model for the use of current and future leaders.

Other initiatives included refinements — some in effect, others under consideration — in personnel selection, management and performance appraisal systems as well as presentations at senior leadership and district engineer conferences.

Now that the second year is underway, the team has rotated a third of its membership and chosen a new leader: Fred H. Bayley III, the Lower Mississippi Valley Division's Chief of Engineering.

The team also has a new mission: to prepare wrap-up recommendations for Heiberg before May.

"Good leaders give their organizations a sense of direction," Bayley says, "and they are masters of developing opportunities. They don't spell out detailed objectives. Instead, they encourage people with good ideas to launch trial balloons, and that's what Lt. Gen. Heiberg has done."

## Corps has 7 finalists in national Take Pride in America competition

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Five Corps reservoirs, one Corps ranger and a Corps-sponsored individual have been recognized as finalists in the 1987 Take Pride In America campaign.

Take Pride in America is a national public awareness campaign to encourage everyone to take pride in the nation's natural and cultural resources. The campaign is a partnership of public agencies, private organizations and individuals committed to ensuring the wise use of the resources that belong to all Americans.

In an awards ceremony April 5, Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel commended the Corps for being the only federal agency to hold the distinction of having five projects as finalists in the national competition.

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) Robert W. Page, together with Hodel, praised the award recipients for having done "a remarkable job of encouraging of encouraging an attitude of stewardship and responsibility toward public lands and resources."

The finalists are:

- Blue Marsh Lake in Pennsylvania, which ran educational events and volunteer programs that ranged from planting seedlings constructing steps and ramps on an interpretive trail.

- Lake Ouachita in Arkansas, where activities included improving fish and wildlife habitat and collecting historical artifacts.

- John H. Kerr Reservoir in Vir-

ginia, which, among other activities, conducted recycling programs, lakeshore cleanups, educational tours and adopt-a-park programs.

- R. D. Bailey Lake in West Virginia, which incorporated community involvement in an Environmental Challenge Day and post-flood cleanups.

- The Recycle for Wildlife Drive in Omaha, Nebraska, which brought the Corps, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Omaha Area Board of Realtors together in an aluminum and paper recycling program that benefited wildlife food plots and a wildlife observation blind.

- Vinnie Gualtieri, a Corps park ranger at the Naugatuck River Basin in Connecticut, whose efforts helped reduce litter, pollution and erosion problems.

- Al Pollard, president of Keep Arkansas Beautiful, who organized the first annual Great Arkansas Cleanup in 1979 as well as subsequent efforts that involve 16 Corps reservoirs. His efforts were instrumental in the success of the Federal Lands Cleanup Act of 1985.

These finalists, termed by Civil Works Director Maj. Gen. Henry J. Hatch as "the best of the Corps in terms of stewardship of natural resources" and "examples of what we want to do at all our projects," go on to the final Take Pride In America competition. Results will be announced later this spring.

## District TPA participants among NCD nominees

Two participants in St. Paul District Take Pride in America activities were among the North Central Division nominees in the 1987 campaign:

- Tim Bertschi, the Western Flood Control Area resource manager, who supervised coordination of a volunteer water quality monitoring program at Lac qui Parle. Tim played a significant role in the Mud Lake and Baldhill Dam Wildlife Management Plans. He is working on a solution

to the leafy spurge and cattle encroachment problems at Baldhill. He also initiated can collections at all four projects in his area.

- Joseph Campbell, Sr., of the Prairie Island Sioux Community, who was the major impetus to the successful initiation and completion of the cleanup of an illegal dump site on Corps land near the Prairie Island Sioux Community and who is continuing his efforts to clean up other sites in the area.

# Kubina, Stenerson, Wilcox are Civil Servants of the Year

The St. Paul District recently announced its 1988 Civil Servant of the Year Awards.

Charles L. (Lee) Stenerson, the Lower Area lockmaster in La Crescent, Minn., received the award for the executive category.

Daniel B. Wilcox, a fisheries biologist in the Environmental Resources Branch, received the award in the professional category.

Jill R. Kubina, the Engineering Division secretary, received the award in the service category.

On May 4, a luncheon was held in honor of these three and recipients from other agencies.



**Dan Wilcox**

*Photo by Joe Yanta*



**Lee Stenerson**

*Photo by Ken Gardner*



**Jill Kubina**

*Photo by Joe Yanta*

## News from around the Corps of Engineers

### Corps works to reduce drought effects on fisheries

PORTLAND, Ore.—While current drought conditions will affect Columbia and Snake River fish migrations, Corps efforts will greatly increase their chances of survival.

According to Corps officials, past low flows resulted in large fish losses. In those dry years (1973, 1977), as many as 50 percent of the juvenile fish died before reaching the first Corps dam, victims of the adjustment from hatcheries to natural stream conditions, low flows and predators.

"This year, we again plan to provide increased flows in the Columbia and Snake rivers," Doug Arndt, Corps fisheries biologist, said. "These are specifically designed to help move the juvenile fish through the reservoirs."

According to Arndt, the Corps also expects to continue reducing losses through its highly successful fish transportation program. The program, underway since the mid-1970s, uses special barges and tank trucks to haul juvenile fish downstream below Bonneville Dam, where they have an unobstructed route to the Pacific Ocean.

"Based on National Marine Fisheries Service research, more than 95 percent of the fish transported survive and continue migrating out to the Pacific," Arndt said.

### Corps reviews 1987 Water Safety Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Corps announced recently that their 1987 Water Safety Campaign reduced the number of water recreation fatalities from 233 in 1986 to 202 during the 1987 recreation season.

This is the smallest number of fatalities recorded since the mid-sixties and was achieved despite an increase of approximately two million visitors in 1987 for a total of 508 million visitor days.

Lt. Gen. E.R. Heiberg III, Chief of Engineers, said that the success of the campaign was due to a concentrated public awareness program, which was greatly assisted by news media, and a "face-to-face" effort, conducted by Corps rangers and project managers, with the people who visited Corps lakes.

The majority of visitor fatalities, 76, occurred while swimming. Alcohol was

involved in five of the deaths. Boating was the second most dangerous water sport, and none of the 42 victims was wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) when the accident occurred. Eight of these deaths were alcohol related.

### Army to test for radon

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Army Engineering and Housing Support Center will award a contract this summer for a worldwide radon testing program. It will help commanders take corrective action where indoor levels are excessive.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, exposure to high levels of radon increases the risk of lung cancer.

"Radon is a naturally-occurring gas that is colorless, odorless, and radioactive," said Emery Lazar, an environmental scientist with the Army Environmental Office. "It's formed from the radioactive decay of uranium."

Outdoors, it exists in such low concentrations that it's nothing to worry about. However, indoors, the gas can accumulate over time.

## Around the District

by Ken Gardner, Public Affairs Office

This month, we have a bunch of people moving around and a new assignment for **Colonel Joe Briggs**.

Last month we announced that **Colonel Roger Baldwin** is scheduled to be the next district engineer and commander for St. Paul. The change of command ceremony is still scheduled for July 13. I can say now that Colonel Briggs, who has been our district commander since July 1985, has been alerted for an assignment to Seoul, Korea, as Assistant Chief of Staff for Engineering for Army forces in Korea (8th Army).

While Colonels Briggs and Baldwin prepare for their moves, other district people are making moves of their own, only not so far. In ED-GH, clerk-typist **Betty Krueger** has moved down to the 11th floor as the new branch secretary for Maintenance Branch in Con-Ops. Meanwhile, another ED-GH has made the move to Con-Ops. **Juanita Herbert**, former ED-GH branch secretary, is the new budget assistant in Office Operations, replacing **Mary Huss**, who retired recently.

But there is also some good news in ED-GH. **Theresa Pearson** and **Tina Jans** have joined the administrative support staff there as clerk-typists. Theresa and Tina are just two of several people who have joined the district recently from the great "outside."

Others bringing private sector experience to their district jobs include **Shirley Fearing** and **Barbara Duffy** in Planning Division. Shirley is the new branch secretary in Plan Formulation Branch (PD-PF), replacing **Lois Pream** who recently transferred to Contracts Division. Barbara took **Theresa Thury's** former job as branch secretary in Small Projects and Floodplain Management Branch (PD-FS).

Some people make permanent moves, others are harder to keep track of. **Dick Beatty** just returned to his job in Environmental Branch from a three-month detail to Reg Functions. **Majors Jerry Bahn** and **Bob Hurdle**, two of the district's Reserve officers, were in the district office working in Emergency Management for their two weeks of active duty. The other 50 weeks a year, Jerry is an engineer for a

private company in Minneapolis while Bob does environmental engineering work for a consulting engineering firm just outside of Washington, D.C.

Speaking of majors, there was a rash (no medical pun intended) of major injuries recently. **Major Chuck Rogers**, Project Management, **Ed Fick**, Plan Formulation, and **Ken Gardner**, Public Affairs, all had parts of their bodies wrapped and bandaged during the same period. Chuck and Ed received their injuries (a finger and an ankle, respectively) in different Corps basketball games. Ken had wrist surgery.

Last month, Around the District carried an item about a contest in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Topographic Engineers. You all had the opportunity to design a special cancellation for a stamp cachet envelope to be issued commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Topographic Engineers.

Well, the results are in and no one from St. Paul won the competition. I don't even know if anyone from the district entered. However, the winner is from the North Central Division, Buffalo District, to be exact. **Donna Davis**, an illustrator at Buffalo, submitted the winning entry in the Army-wide contest. Her design will be used to cancel mail at a special Post Office set up

at Corps headquarters on July 5, the day of the Topographic anniversary.

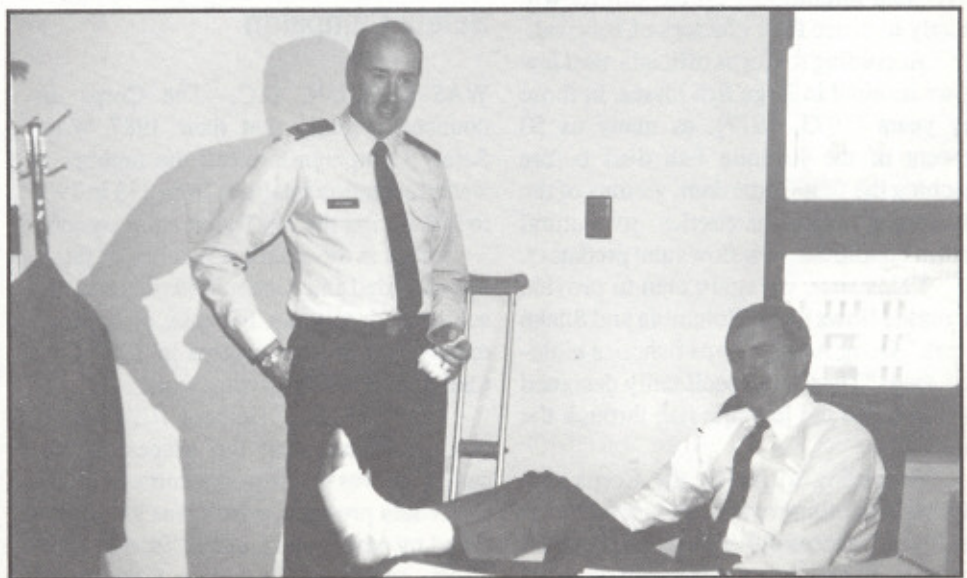
Her winning design features elements representing the Army topographic mission now and in the past, including a compass, N-arrow, a globe and survey transit.

Founded in 1838, the Topographic Engineers never numbered more than 50 people and lasted only 25 years before being merged into the Corps of Engineers.

Now more people on the move. **Yolanda Williams** is the new file clerk in Project Management (with duty on the 12th floor). She replaces **Tempy Fields**, who transferred to Design Branch as a clerk-typist. **Jim Weyant** has been named lockmaster at Lock 6, replacing **Irv Diamond**, who is retiring.

In Personnel, several changes have occurred as a result of **Patrice Thornton's** departure from Classification awhile back. **Valerie Yarbrough** has filled Pat's position while **Mary Street** has moved up from staffing clerk to replace Valerie as a staffing assistant in Recruitment and Placement Branch. Finally, **Amy Bretoi** has moved from Technical Services to replace Mary as staffing clerk.

And that is what's happening around the district this month.



*In their pursuit of physical fitness, Maj. Chuck Rogers (standing) and Ed Fick both suffered injuries on the basketball court. But they promise to be back out there soon.*

*Photo by Joe Yanta*