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**GINA'S LUCKY.
SHE HAS YOU HELPING
WITH THE GIFT
THAT GETS IT DONE.**

Gina has spent eleven years battling cerebral palsy—and winning. In the Handicapped Olympics she won a ribbon in every event she entered.

Your  gift
helps

CONTACT YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL KEY PERSON FOR MAKING YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

DISTRICT DOINGS

The time for beauty and fall color has descended upon the lakes and shores. The foliage watchers say that this autumn is due to be the most colorful in ten years. A trip along the river or to the lakes should be in the offing for some of the office-bound and for those at the field offices a time to enjoy the surroundings.

The Labor Day holiday at the lakes was a big event with a total of almost 300,000 visitors to the various sites and projects. Another big job for our rangers and lake personnel.

Coming on the heels of the weekend was a super Eco-Meet with competitors from the three Illinois lakes on October 12th. The meet schedules various class levels from school systems to challenge youngsters in butterfly and moth identification, wildlife sign ID, nature scavenger hunts, tree identification, reptile and amphibian recognition, fish identification and interpretation.

Along the river, Colonel McKinney and Bill Sutton along with Jim Fogilphol hosted a group from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Food and Agriculture Committee at Locks and Dam #26. Downstream at #27 a group from the EEO Advisory Council Community saw the workings of our most modern lock. On the riverfront at St. Louis, the SGT. FLOYD was officially dedicated by Lt. Colonel Wilkes at a ceremony honoring the Corps' vessel as it now becomes part of the scene in front of the arch. St. Louis was the spot selected among 33 cities as its permanent home. The Alton Fall Festival was the location where some 25,000 visited our interpretive van staffed by Terryl Robinson and Cindy Uptegraft.

At the lakes... The Clarence Cannon Dam Association held their annual picnic at the overlook - administration site, and the interpretive van was a big hit. Brad Keshlear and Sue Summers hosted some 950 association members at the spot. Dennis Foss spoke to the Northeast Missouri Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

Lake Shelbyville has been a busy place with the Eco-Meets and all. Dennis Gathmann spoke to 17 members of the Mount Zion Cub Scouts and to 55 Shelbyville Lions, and Gigi Gray talked to two classes totalling 68 in Shelbyville Consumer Education groups. Gigi also spoke to the Decatur American Association of Pen Women. Jerry Parker conducted a tour of 26 members of the Soil Conservation Association. Tom Bloor held a briefing and tour for 16 members of a University of

Illinois Recreation Class, and Chip Pierson talked with 100 members of recreation classes at Eastern Illinois University.

At Carlyle, Jim Petersen represented the District at the ceremonies where the City of Keyesport presented a flagpole to the access area site. Terry Robinson spoke to 25 Carlyle Rotarians while Sue Summers talked with 26 ladies from the Carlyle Womens Club. Brad Keshlear hosted a forty member tour group from the Southern Illinois Tourism Council.

At Rend Lake, taking the interpretive van over to the festivities at the DuQuoin State Fair paid off big with some 28,000 seeing the show in ten days.

Meramec continues to host interested groups to hear the interpretive programs and to view what has been done at the site. Hank Schneider spoke to 20 members of the Sullivan Garden Club and to 45 from the University of Missouri-Columbia Recreation Club. Tom Welborn talked with visitors from the Jennings Senior Citizens, and Beth Skelton gave an orientation workshop for 15 Girl Scouts. A program about solar energy held by the staff attracted 53 visitors.

Colonel McKinney invited former District Engineers in for a special day, and Guy Jester, Carroll N. LeTellier, Charles B. Schweizer and Rudolph E. Smyser responded and were treated to an update on the District activities. Colonel McKinney also spoke to Experience, Inc., a retired businessman's group at the University Club, and to the Fleet and Terminal Operators aboard the Robert E. Lee. Our Deputy District Engineer, LTC Wilkes, also kept busy addressing the annual meeting of the Kaskaskia Industrial Development Corporation and the picnic group from the Clarence Cannon Dam Association. Jay Gore was the M. C. for the annual banquet of Ducks Unlimited over in Belleville, and Paul Kornberger told the Jefferson County Board of Economic Development about the Pine Ford study and the water problems. Greg Hempen gave a paper on the Geophysical Methods for Determination of Karst Topography to the 100 members of the Central States Section of the American Geophysical Union. Colonel McKinney also journeyed to Washington to brief Senator Eagleton and guests on the Metro Study.

News aboard the DREDGE KENNEDY is the appointment of Bonnie Naylor, first woman in the St. Louis District to be appointed a clerk aboard a dredge.

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

September 1977

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS - September 1977: One

A Government employee was involved in a vehicle accident when he was returning from the job site. As he approached an intersection the traffic in the left lane started to slow for the left turn into a shopping center. He continued in his direction of travel in the right lane at approximately 30 MPH. As he looked to the right to check for any traffic approaching from the west the vehicle in front of the Government vehicle came to a sudden stop and the Government vehicle was unable to avoid a collision, which caused extensive damage to both vehicles.

Total vehicle accidents to date: 7 (3 ED; 3 OD; 1 CD)

Total experience for CY 1977 5

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PERSONAL INJURIES - CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES - September 1977: One

A Contractor Laborer and his supervisor were checking on a concrete bucket that wouldn't close. The pendant was hooked up to the bucket and without checking to make sure everyone was clear of operating parts, the supervisor operated the air valve that closed the gates catching the laborer's fingers resulting in lacerated fingers 5 days were lost.

Total contractor employee personal injuries to date: One

Total experience for CY 1977 3

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PERSONAL INJURIES - GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES - September 1977: None

Total Government employee personal injuries to date: 8 (1 ADP; 6 OD; 1 ED)

Total experience for CY 1977 11

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No lake fatalities during September 1977

Total fatalities to date: 4



CORRECTIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Observance of HOLIDAYS for the month of October are

COLUMBUS DAY - 10 OCT 77

VETERAN'S DAY - 24 OCT 77

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

Need a topic researched? Need an answer to your question? The District Library is the place for you to go for these services. We have a vast array of information resources in our own library and we have many more available to us through our fantastic interlibrary loan network (ILL). We can borrow library materials from virtually any library in the nation that owns the publication you request. Libraries are no longer isolated; we all try to cooperate with each other by sharing resources and lending materials. Listed below are some of the many indexes to periodical and report literature that we have in our Library now.

Architectural Index
Business Periodicals Index
Dissertation Abstracts
Engineering Index
Environment Abstracts
Government Reports Announcements
and Index
HRIS Abstracts
Index to St. Louis Newspapers
Monthly Catalog to U.S. Government
Publications
Pollution Abstracts

With the use of these many indexes we can provide you with good comprehensive research service in-house. However, if your needs extend beyond our resources we have other options open to us. A special program offered by the Defense Documentation Center (DDC) can provide us with tailor-made subject bibliographies of Government-contracted reports. See the insert to the right describing this program.

I'm sure many of you working on projects individually or in a group, could benefit from this program. This Library will develop sample profiles and then distribute to you the resulting DDC bibliographies. With enough interest we can develop more profiles and begin to utilize this free service.

DDC

TECHNIGRAM

CURRENT AWARENESS BIBLIOGRAPHY (CAB) PROGRAM

The CAB Program provides an efficient, customized, automated bibliographic service based on the recurring subject needs of DDC users. Every two weeks, the user's subject interest "profile" is matched against information concerning newly acquired documents. The resultant product is an individualized bibliography with, if desired, a title, the requester's name, and routing information. The two-week frequency corresponds to the publication of the DDC "Technical Abstract Bulletin" (TAB), and the NTIS "Government Reports Announcements and Index" (GRA&I). All abstracts of announced AD-numbered documents can be searched by the CAB Program. In essence, DDC searches the TAB and GRA&I for the user.

The user selects the descriptors or nonsubject terms such as COSATI fields/groups, corporate source, personal author, contract numbers, and report series numbers that make up the profile. Assistance in preparing the profile is available from DDC's Information Transfer Branch (DDC-TAS).

Although the CAB Program was designed with individuals in mind, with multiple profiles per user code permitted, many participants construct a single all-encompassing profile to serve the overall information needs at the organizational level. Thus, the service keeps either the individual or the organization up to date in specific areas of interest.

There is no charge for the CAB service, and once a profile is established, modifications or cancellations can be handled via telephone or letter.

....DDC..YOUR PARTNER IN R&D....

KATHY HAYES, Librarian

*"Sow a thought, reap an act;
Sow an act, reap a habit;
Sow a habit, reap a character;
Sow a character, reap a destiny."*

Anon

P E R S O N N E L N E W S

OVERSEAS VACANCY LIST

<u>REQ NO.</u>	<u>POSITION TITLE, SERIES AND GRADE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>		
AK 39-77	Mech Engr, GS-830-11	Ft. Richardson
AK 48-77	Electrician, WG-2810-10	Ft. Greely
AK 41-77	Natural Resources Spec, GS-401-11	Ft. Wainwright
<u>CANAL ZONE</u>		
EPS 626-77	Elec Engr, NM-850-12	Corozal
<u>GERMANY</u>		
EUD 77-62A	Civ Engr, GS-810-12	Frankfurt
EUD 77-72	Contract Spec, GS-1102-11	Frankfurt
EUD 77-73	Contract Spec, GS-1102-9	Frankfurt
EUD 77-47	Elec Engr, GS-850-12	Frankfurt
EUD 77-34	Mech Engr, GS-830-12	Frankfurt
EUD 77-74	Structural Engr, GS-810-12	Frankfurt
<u>HOLLAND</u>		
3300-77-25	Civ Engr, GS-810-12	Brunssum
<u>KOREA</u>		
KOR 77-18-90, KOR 77-18-226	Elec Engr, Supv, GS-850-11	Tongduchon Paju
KOE 77-18-279 KOR 77-18-281	Mech Engr, Supv, GS-830-11 Sanitary Engr, Supv, GS-819-11	Tongduchon Pyongtaek
<u>SAUDI ARABIA</u>		
MED 77-346	Civ Engr, GS-810-12/13	Riyadh
MED 77-380	Civ Engrg Tech, GS-802-9	Riyadh
MED 77-331	Accountant, GS-510-11	Al Batin
MED 77-263	Architect, GS-808-12	Riyadh
MED 77-332	Budget Analyst, GS-560-11	Al Batin
MED 77-337	Geologist, GS-1350-12	Al Batin
MED 77-318	Supply Clerk, GS-2005-5	Al Batin

USE OF TEST 500 (PACE WRITTEN TEST)

1. In accordance with CPR 300-335.Z, Test 500 (PACE written test) is used as one of the instruments for rating eligible candidates who are being considered for GS-5 and GS-7 career intern positions. The test will be administered periodically (at least annually) for District employees. The candidate's test score is not used as a screen-out device. It is used only in combination with other measures of job related abilities - e.g. experience, training and supervisory evaluation.

2. Test 500 is designed to serve as only one measure of the candidate's overall ability to progress to the target position/grade. The following is a list of occupational series for which Test 500 will be used, as described in paragraph 1 above, for inservice promotion and placement:

<u>Series</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Title</u>
020	Community Planning	334	Computer Specialist (Trainee)
023	Outdoor Recreation Planner		
025	Park Management	343	Management Analysis
110	Economist	345	Program Analysis
150	Geography	1082	Writing and Editing
184	Sociology	1083	Technical Writing and Editing
201	Personnel Management		
212	Personnel Staffing	1102	Contract & Procurement
221	Position Classification	1170	Realty
233	Labor Relations	1171	Appraising & Assessing
		1410	Librarian (for certain trainee position at GS-5)

The above listing does not include some occupational series which may require the PACE test score. A complete listing is shown in CPR 300-335.Z.

3. Employees who take the regular competitive PACE examination through the Civil Service Commission should forward a copy of their Notice of Rating to the Personnel Office, ATTN: PB-R for inclusion in their official personnel folder.

The process of thinking, says a medical researcher, draws blood from the feet to the head. That probably explains why you get cold feet if you think twice before taking a chance. (Courtesy National Safety Council.)

"NO" - TO AFTER-THE-FACT APPROVALS

It seems that another reminder is in order concerning the approval of training requests. Unfortunately, a number of requests have been disapproved recently because the request was "after the fact." What does that mean?

Very simply it usually represents a bit of bad news for the employee. In other words, the employee ends up paying the tuition for a course, which if properly handled, would have been paid by the District.

In a letter to all supervisors, dated 2 Feb 77, the District Engineer emphasized the necessity for adhering to the regulation concerning training requests, and the fact that, "no training requests may be approved after the training has been accomplished, or after the employee has enrolled if the enrollment was accomplished prior to approval."

Close attention to this requirement will assure that all valid training requests are eligible for approval, and that no employee will be denied tuition assistance when the course is otherwise justified.

C A N C E L L I N G O U T - O R W I T H D R A W I N G
FROM A COURSE

Supervisors and employees are reminded that nominations for courses should NOT be made unless the nominee (or an acceptable substitute), can very definitely be expected to attend!

Recently there have been a number of requests to cancel, or withdraw a person from a course, after the confirmation is received. It is understandable that there may be extenuating circumstances, or unforeseen emergencies, which may preclude the attendance of the original candidate; however, in the future all nominations should have a "back-up."

"Canceling out" may seem to present no problems; however, the District is charged for the tuition for a Civil Service Commission course if cancellation is made after confirmation is received by the District.

Your assistance and cooperation is urged to assure that cancellations occur only when absolutely necessary.

THE MARVEL THAT IS YOU

Your heart - No pump is as perfect if you treat it right.
Your eyes - No camera can touch them for efficiency.
Your nervous system - There is no telegraph system equal to it.
Your voice and ears - They are better than any radio or TV built.
Your nose, lungs and skin - There is no ventilating plant as wonderful and efficient.
Your spinal cord - it is superior to the most complete switchboard for giving instantaneous warning and reactions.
Such a marvelous, complicated mechanism as YOU is worth your highest respect and best care. Protect yourself always.

-Nurse McGee
10th Floor

SECURITY

All supervisors of Field Offices, Locks, Repair-Unit-Land, Repair Unit Floating, and Service Base are reminded that upon termination or transfer of employees, identification cards, permanent or temporary, must be forwarded to the Security Office. Also ensure that all keys are turned in.

The holiday season will soon be with us. With it comes increased attempts for theft of Government and private property. Keep a sharp eye out for suspicious persons, and keep all highly pilferable Government property secured when not in use. Wallets and valuables left in unlocked desks are always a prime target. Don't become the target of the next theft.

The Security Office will soon make distribution of a pamphlet in which employees of the District can record the serial numbers of valuable property or items. Do you know your driver license number? How about credit cards, radio, wrist watch, etc.? Use this pamphlet, it may be the means of recovering your property, if stolen and save you a lot of grief.

-Cliff Elmore
Security Officer

THE BATTLE AGAINST ALCOHOLISM
IS TAKING ON VAST NEW DIMENSIONS

More and more government agencies are establishing Employee Assistance Programs along the lines of those recently instituted at the St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers.

In the short time that our program has been in existence, we have already counselled and provided assistance to some Corps employees on a confidential basis.

Supervisors and all personnel are reminded that our program is a people oriented program designed to provide assistance to all employees who are facing problems on a confidential basis.

We sincerely hope that anyone requiring assistance will contact Mary Berra, the coordinator and counselor of our program, at 268-3918.

T H E A C T I O N P E O P L E !

Toastmaster Ron Lindsay (Chief, ED-BP) did it March 17 at the Engineers' Club and Toastmaster Judy Phillips (AS-RD), President SLED Toastmasters', did it October 4 at the Roadway Inn. Did what? Won a speech contest!

Yes, our president digressed on "How To Have An Enduring Affair," then ran away with the 2d place trophy from the 1977 annual Area 8 Humorous Speech Contest.

Lou Brock outdid the late great Ty Cobb and last month St. Louis gave him a parade. Well, we've outdone ourselves too. That same week of September 12 the SLED Toastmasters Club celebrated its 4th anniversary. After four years, these charter members are still active in the club:

Gerald Schwalbe (ED-BP)
Larry Jenneman (Chief, ED-DB)
Jack Rasmussen (Chief, ED-B)
Ken Porter (ED-BU)
Gary Dyhouse (Chief, ED-HE)
Mel Doernhoefer (PA)

SLED Toasters meet every Monday for one hour, in room 1040 at 12:00 noon. We are always delighted to share this hour with guests.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:


GEORGE A. ANDERSON
Personnel Officer

UNOFFICIAL

ON HALLOWEEN - WATCH FOR TRICKS
IN TREATS!



It's sad but true that Halloween, traditionally an annual fun night for the children, has been spoiled in recent years by little ghosts and goblins finding harmful drugs and metal objects implanted in candy and fruit. In some cases, the harmful objects were detected the hard way, injuring innocent children.

The best way to avoid such a happening is to find a fun substitute for the traditional trick-or-treat activities. How about a party at your house for the neighborhood children with plenty of safe treats provided. Or, a night out at the local movie theater, skating rink, or bowling alley.

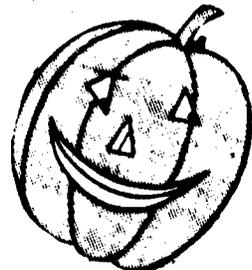
But, if your children insist on "trick-or-treating," here are some ways you can help make Halloween safer:

Allow your children to trick-or-treat only at friends' and neighbors' homes.

Do not allow your children to eat treats until they return home and you have checked them.

Discard any treats that are not store-bought and prewrapped.

If you find a harmful treat, report it immediately to the police.



TEN COMMANDMENTS
of
Firearms Safety

1. TREAT EVERY GUN WITH THE RESPECT DUE A LOADED GUN.
2. WATCH THAT MUZZLE! Be able to control the direction of the muzzle even if you should stumble.
3. UNLOAD GUNS WHEN NOT IN USE. Take down or have actions open; guns should be carried in case to the shooting area.
4. BE SURE BARREL AND ACTION ARE CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTIONS, and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying.
5. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU PULL THE TRIGGER; know identifying features of the game you hunt.
6. NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANYTHING YOU DO NOT WANT TO SHOOT; avoid all horseplay with a firearm.
7. NEVER CLIMB A FENCE OR TREE OR JUMP A DITCH WITH A LOADED GUN; never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.
8. NEVER SHOOT A BULLET AT A FLAT, HARD SURFACE OR WATER; at target practice be sure your back-stop is adequate.
9. STORE GUNS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATELY, beyond the reach of children and careless adults.
10. AVOID ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE OR DURING SHOOTING.



Beautifully landscaped 10 room stone/BRICK HOME: fireplace, patio, leaded and art glass windows, semi-finished basement, 2-car garage. Contact Dick Mankus, 5426.

1976 DATSUN 280 Z, silver, black interior, AM/FM radio, Ziebart rustproofing, 20,000 actual miles. Asking price \$5,800. Contact Tom Gardner, Rm 1070, 2485.



PUPPIES, mixed breed, black/white/tan. Mother is mostly collie; father unknown. Contact Barb Boswell, 481-7258.

DALMATIANS (5), white/black, white/liver, male/female, \$20.00. Contact Lt Darren, 5426.

Dark TRIPLE DRESSER, BAR-B-QUE GRILL w/motor, pine casual CHAIR, AQUARIUM and stand. Contact Mel Doernhoefer, 2824.

Tires for Winter Driving

The U.S. Department of Transportation urges motorists not to mix radial tires with snow tires unless the snow tires are of radial construction.

If your car is equipped with radial ply tires and you want to use snow treads, it is essential that radial-ply constructed snow treads be purchased. Never mix bias or belted-bias constructed tires with radials, because handling characteristics of the car will be adversely affected.

Many motorists consider radial tires equal in traction to snow tires. However, most states do not recognize radial tires as snow tires.

Snow tires should be inflated to the same pressure as recommended for conventional tires by the car owner's manual. Low pressure does not increase traction, and excessive heat buildup from underinflation may damage your tires.

If you plan to use snow tires, store your regular tires flat in a cool, dry place. Make sure they are out of the sun and away from electric motors, which produce rubber-deteriorating ozone.

If your car is in a skid, pump

rapidly but lightly on your brakes until you slow down. If you begin to slide sideways, steer in the direction of the skid, foot off the brake pedal until you feel you are in control again.

If you are thinking about using studded tires (tires with studs, usually carbide tipped imbedded in the tread to help increase traction) check your state regulations to see when and if they are permissible. In some states, studded tires are legal year-round, while in others, there is a restricted period of use. Studded tires are illegal in Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Wisconsin.

Careful driving is vital in winter because of poor road conditions. Making the proper selection of tires can often be critical to safe driving.



S.L.E.D. GOLF LEAGUE

Fall Tournament Results

AAA FLIGHT

1st Lother & Pearce
2nd Sutton & Doherty
3rd Roberts & Buncie

Least Putts - Doherty

Closest to Pin - Schwalbe

AA FLIGHT

1st Bader & Perulfi
2nd Simon & Furdek
3rd Neuner & Dyhouse

Least Putts - Bader

Closest to Pin - Bader

A FLIGHT

1st Smith & Lenzner
2nd McClain & Pate
3rd Tribout & Lindsay

Least Putts - Jahren

Closest to Pin - "Chip" Alexander

Most valuable player: Bill Sutton

Low Handicap: Rich Buncie

Congratulations to Walt Billups for a hole-in-one

More golfers are needed for league play on Tuesday evenings starting in April 1978, contact Lee Lenzner, Ext. 2814 or Ken Alexander, Ext. 2128.