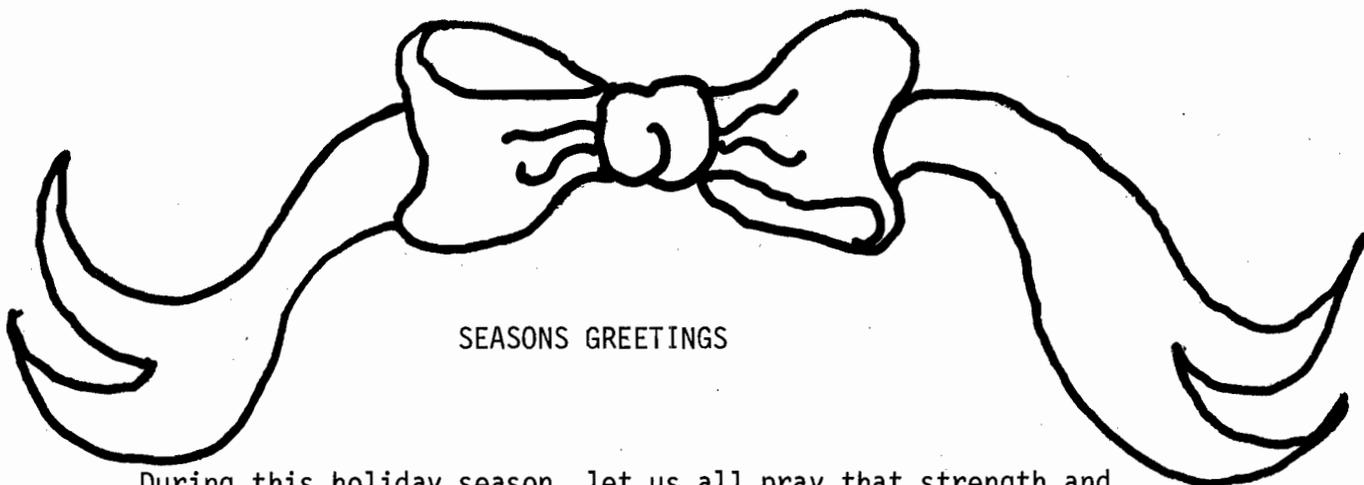




# Information Bulletin

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ST. LOUIS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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SEASONS GREETINGS

During this holiday season, let us all pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding. May the good that lies in every person's heart day to day be magnified so that all will come to see more clearly not that which divides, but that which unites.

This undoubtedly will be my last Christmas as District Engineer, US Army Engineer District, St. Louis. Linda, our son Leon, and I have enjoyed the past two Christmases with the District and to the District family - and their families and loved ones - we send our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year. We hope that the true spirit of this Christmas Season - its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all, its abiding faith - may live among us all for the coming year.



*Leon E. McKinney*

LEON E. MCKINNEY  
Colonel, CE  
District Engineer



SCENES FROM DISTRICT DANCE  
9 DECEMBER 1978



QUEEN—TERRI STARK





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

SEASON'S GREETINGS

During this holiday season, we extend to each member of the United States Army our personal greetings and best wishes.

As we pause to reflect on this year's events and achievements and consider our hopes and aspirations for the coming year, we take deep pride in the service, sacrifice and devotion that each of you has given in the cause of peace and freedom. Your unselfish devotion to duty has earned the respect and gratitude of all people who seek a world free of human and social injustices.

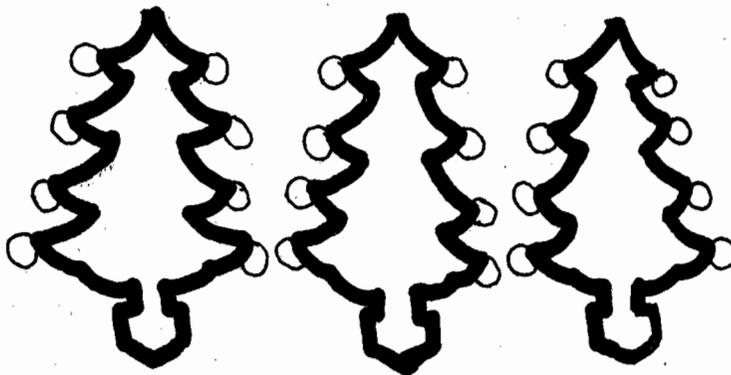
May each of you and your families have a holiday season filled with joy and a new year of good health and happiness.

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BERNARD W. ROGERS  
General, U.S. Army  
Chief of Staff

Handwritten signature of Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. in black ink.

Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.  
Secretary of the Army



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EDWARD J. SCHNUCK  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

November 28, 1978

Colonel Leon E. McKinney  
District Engineer  
St. Louis District Corps of Engineers  
210 North 12th Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Colonel McKinney:

There is no doubt that the campaign victory we recently celebrated is the direct result of the commitment, dedication, and hard work of many United Way volunteers. Your leadership and efforts played an important part in our record shattering achievement of \$21,319,908. As you may know, this amount represents the highest ever attained and the largest total dollar increase in the history of our United Way.

The Combined Federal Campaign, under your leadership, was one of the shining lights in the community campaign. For the first time in the history of the East-West Gateway CFC, more than \$1,000,000 has been contributed. This outstanding accomplishment is quite significant in light of the economic and other factors that would tend to influence the CFC campaign. On behalf of the citizens of this community, I thank the military and civilian Federal Employees who worked so hard and gave so generously to make our community wide effort successful.

It is gratifying to know that our agencies will be able to continue to provide several new and expanded programs to more than 700,000 of our neighbors.

Again, thanks for your hard work in making our great St. Louis community a better place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Schnuck

*Lee, you were great!*

*Ed Schnuck should have said "all of you were great!"*

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*Many, many thanks  
Lee Melby*

## DISTRICT DOINGS

Holiday time is always great in the St. Louis District and 1978 is no exception. It always puts each of us closer to each other and reminds us of the things that we accomplish for the millions of lake visitors and people who are interested in our work. The youngsters whose eyes lit up when they saw the wonders of the lakes and lands, the folks who enjoyed their camping holidays in the summer, the outdoorsmen, fishermen, hunters whose brief times at the lakes are the times they cherish, and the people whose lives, homes and property are protected by our projects help us to achieve a new dedication to our purpose . . . to serve.

Our folks at Lake Shelbyville have had a story to tell about their Youth Conservation Corps work. Dennis Gathmann spoke to the gathering of the Lake Managers about the experience and then talked to Lakeland College and the Mattoon Exchange Club about the program. Mike Skinner spoke to the 175 members of the Embarrass Valley Ducks Unlimited Chapter. Jill Campbell worked with some pre-schoolers at the Shelbyville Library Story Hour Group. Jill told the first class of 67 youngsters about Illinois animals and then had a second group of 34 who were even more fascinated with the session. Larry Gutzler spoke to the Shelbyville Kiwanis.

At Carlyle, Cheryl Leach spent a lot of time with Girl Scout groups and Brownies. Cheryl had 20 Brownies from Carlyle Troop 452 and 21 Brownies from Beckmeyer, Illinois, and then 22 Carlyle Girl Scouts at the lake for talks and tours. Cheryl and David Keplinger paired up for a visitation by the Carlyle Grade School Science Club telling them about careers with the Corps. Dave also spoke to a Pack of 20 Cubs about walking trails and keeping your eyes open for the scenes of nature. Terryl Robinson spoke to the 580 Jerseyville Community District School youngsters about Corps Wildlife and Conservation Policies.

Rend Lake is all geared up for a big duck and goose season. Phil Jenkins has been busy hosting guests like Globe outdoor writer Bill Seibel and others who want to sample the sport of waterfowling at the lake.

Up at Clarence Cannon Otto Steffens spoke to 55 members of the Western Illinois Chapter of Professional Engineers. Cindy Heumann has been kept busy. Cindy talked about Indian lore to a big group, 140 Cub Scouts from Quincy, Illinois, and gave a special program for pre-schoolers at the Monroe City Head Start program. Cindy also guided some Monroe City Girl Scouts while they did some trail clearing work to qualify for the Corps Conservation Award. Steve Austin spoke to the Mexico, Missouri Rotary Club, some 60 members strong. Dennis Foss provided a special auto tour of the facilities for 25 Monroe City JayCee families.

At Lock #27, Floyd Wade was a host for 12 Principia College pre-engineering students and at Lock and Dam #26, Jim Fogilphol was tour guide and adviser for visiting Senate Commerce Committee staffers.

Colonel McKinney and Bill Sutton went along with Jim to host a visit from Secretary of Transportation, Brock Adams, at the Alton site.

Two special groups highlighted the month's activities here and over at Lock and Dam #26 and Lock #27. A second group of visiting representatives from the Peoples Republic of China, sponsored this time by ASCE, Dravo Corp. and the Corps, stopped for a two day visit to the District. Nancy Hsieh, Bill Sutton, Ed Demsky, Red Buchhold and Mel Doernhoefer, along with assistance from Jim and Floyd helped make the tour a memorable one.

A delegation from Fort Leonard Wood also came up to the District for a visit. Officers from the Hqs., 4th Battalion, 4th Advanced Individual Training Brigade spent a day with us. Major Hargis was the guide and Colonel McKinney, LTC Wilkes, Paul Olson, Bob Adler, Bob Wich and Floyd Wade helped to make the program and visit complete.

Colonel McKinney spent some time with Gigi McGrath at KCFM to make a radio interview for the station audience about the Corps and its history and work. Mel Doernhoefer was guest for the Afternoon Magazine show at Rolla radio KTTR giving an overview of Corps projects. Dan Ragland and Mike Klosterman told students at Ferguson-Florissant School District's Career Night at McCluer High about their work. Terry Norris talked about the District's archeological exploration for the University Club Women out in Clayton. LTC Wilkes, unable to make a personal appearance, videotaped a presentation and keynote talk to the Federal Women's Program Seminar at UMSL.

Best Wishes to you all for a super Holiday Season... be back next year for another round of doings in the District.



SAVE YOUR ENERGY - - LOSE WEIGHT --  
RIGHT AT YOUR DESK

For those employees who worry about putting on pound after pound while sitting at their desk, here is good news! Reprinted from the Sacramento District's PAR FOR THE CORPS, 18 Aug 78.

Many people who are engaged in sedentary occupations do not realize that calories can be burned by the hundreds by engaging in strenuous exercises that do not require physical exercise.

The following is a list of calorie burning activities and the number of calories per hour they consume:

- Beating around the bush.....75
- Jumping to conclusions.....100
- Climbing the walls.....150
- Swallowing your pride.....50
- Passing the buck.....25
- Throwing your weight around  
(depending upon your weight)50-300
- Dragging your heels.....100
- Pushing your luck.....250
- Making mts. out of molehills....500
- Hitting the nail on the head.....50
- Wading through paperwork.....300
- Bending over backwards.....75
- Jumping on the bandwagon.....200
- Balancing the books.....23
- Running around in circles.....350
- Eating crow.....225
- Tooting your own horn.....25
- Climbing the ladder of success...750
- Pulling out the stoppers.....75
- Adding fuel to the fire.....150
- Wrapping it up at day's end.....12

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Glad Tidings! The following employees are to be congratulated on their recent achievements:

**PROMOTIONS:**

Gerald O. Rue, Sr., CD,  
Construction Inspector, GS 0809-04

Calvin Mooney, AS-RA,  
Illustrator, GS 1020-07

Sally J. Herbst, AS-P,  
Supervisory Management Analyst,  
GS 0343-09

Norman R. Puckett, OD-RR,  
Carpentry Worker, WG 4607-07

Michael R. Upchurch, OD-RR,  
Carpentry Worker, WG 4607-07

Lowell F. Summers, OD-RR,  
Park Ranger, GS 0025-07

Kathleen M. Souders, SD-P,  
Procurement Clerk Typing,  
GS 1106-04

Stephen L. Redington, ED-R,  
Civil Engineer, GS 0810-12

Carol J. Tankersley, SD-C,  
Procurement Clerk Typist,  
GS 1106-05

Rose M. Staton, SD-C,  
Procurement Clerk Typist,  
GS 1106-05

Debra L. Bathon, ED-W,  
Clerk Dictating Machine  
Transcriber, GS 0316-03

Everett B. Turner, CD-CP,  
Civil Engineer Technician,  
GS 0802-07

James J. Reed, ED-SM,  
Civil Engineering Technician,  
GS 0802-09

Larry C. Dornin, OD-PB,  
Deckhand, WG 5906-08

Peggy Stelzer, DC-B,  
Clerk Typist, GS 0322-04

Jerome J. Starke, OD-PB,  
Deckhand, WG 5906-08

Montie L. Mezo, OD-NC,  
Deckhand, WG 5906-08

George A. Zraggen, AS-RD,  
Cold Type Composite Machine  
Operator, GS 0324-04

James H. Bazile, OD-NC,  
Shipkeeper, WG 5925-06

John C. Branson, OD-NL,  
Lock and Dam Equipment  
Mechanic, WY 5318-10

Donald F. Sadler,  
Head Winchman, WG 5905-08

Alvin P. Lookofsky,  
Park Ranger, GS 0025-09

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:**

Ronald Harlan, OD-RC  
Sylvia B. Reininga, OD-B  
Richard L. Siemons, ED-DB  
James J. Smith, ED-DA  
David J. Steger, DC-FP  
Thelma Boggiano, ED  
Katherine Greer, PB-R  
Robert E. Davidson, OD-R  
Dennis Foss, OD-RJ  
Kenneth Koller, ED-Z  
Jackie Becker, DC-FR  
Oliver A. Helbig, Jr., ED-DB  
Lyle A. Forth, RE-M



**QUALITY INCREASE:**

Kirby Fowler, ED-BE

**SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD**

- Thomas B. Hutson, ED-FM
- Frank Korzenewski, OD-RR
- Paul D. Holder, OD-RR
- Jackie J. Becker, DC-FR
- Gary Turner, CD-C
- Thomas Gardner, CD-C
- John Brady, ED-BA
- Dan Ragland, ED-BA
- Michael Upchurch, OD-RR
- William L. Jones, OD-RR
- Ralph L. Reece, OD-RR

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING AND QUALITY INCREASE**

- Gary M. Jones, ED-DM
- Carlton L. Smith, ED-DA
- Frederick J. Niermann, Jr., ED-HQ
- Thomas J. Leicht, ED-DA
- Joseph M. Strinni, PB-M
- William Richardson, PB-T
- Debra J. Luntzer, ED-DB
- Carl Myers, ED-S

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING AND SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE**

- Richard F. Howald, OD-RJ
- Milan W. Hornak, ED-DA
- Richard J. Flauaus, ED-DA
- James L. Ramer, formerly with ED-B
- Margaret Hurst, PB-M
- John Drollmann, ED-DB

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:**

Jim Dorsey, OD-PB, and Geroid Lix, Dr. STE GEN, were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the State of Texas for aiding the Texas National Guard in their annual two week training program.

**SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD:**

Edward Demsky, ED-FS, was presented with a Special Service Award of \$350 for his assistance to the Project Coordinator's Office in the formulation and coordination of the foundation investigation portion of Lock and Dam No. 26 testing program . . .

AND ANOTHER SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD to seven employees in ED who contributed significantly to the achievement of a most demanding target for inspection of potential high hazard non-Federal dams and report submissions to the Governor of Missouri. This \$1,500 Group Award is shared by: Nancy Hsieh, ED-H, Lois King, ED-F, Gerry Phelan, ED-FI, Brad Strauser, ED-FI, Betty Valentine, ED-FS, Tom Wolff, ED-FS, and Ted Moore, formerly of ED-PK.

**COMMANDER'S AWARD** has been presented to Robert E. Davidson and Dennis A. Gathmann, OD-R, for their outstanding performance in developing a plan for the development of an ecological study area under the Youth Conservation Corps Program. This will enable the Corps of Engineers to participate in the Youth Conservation Corps Program in employing youths under a Federal employment and environmental education program. This effort will undoubtedly result in future participation by many Corps District Offices in this worthy youth-oriented program and will be held up as a model to all. This is the first Commander's Award to be presented in the St. Louis District and also the first to be presented in the Lower Mississippi Valley Division. Congratulations!

The Commander's Award is the third highest honorary award, ranking just below the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and consists of a certificate signed by General Marshall, a medal and a lapel pin.

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### SUGGESTION AWARDS:

Tom Hewlett, ED-BR, has earned \$50 for recommending an office design program be instituted for the St. Louis District which will improve the efficiency of human resources management.

Violet Schawacker, RE-A, has earned \$25 for recommending furnishing printed pre-addressed envelopes to persons or firms from whom official matter is desired.

Bill Genova, ED-R, received \$35 based on additional savings realized when extra work was performed by the Corps on a rock filled structure in the Mississippi River at mile 42.5. Bill had formerly earned an initial award of \$1,000 for the suggestion.

Lois King, ED-F, will receive \$70 for recommending a portable terminal be used by the inspector at the time of on-site inspections for compliance with permit provisions. Tangible benefits of \$685 are expected.

### Suggestion Certificates:

Pat Thoele, PB-P, for recommending setting up a job number log file that will prevent the possibility of using the same number twice.

Lowell F. Summers recommended printed cards listing telephone numbers of all St. Louis District Lake offices be made available to the public.

Jerry L. Stroud, OD-RC, recommended a form for security & accounting of user fee receipts.

*MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A*

*BLESSED CHRISTMAS*

*AND A*

*HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR*

*Your Incentive Awards Committee*



### Put Love in Gifts

Christmas can go only where love is. Take love out of Christmas and every gaily-wrapped package adds to the sum total of emptiness. Take love out and every gift is profaned. Put love in and the humblest gift is complete and satisfying. Put love in and every gift is consecrated. Christmas does not depend upon *things*. *Things* depend upon Christmas.—*Kenneth L. Wilson.*

## TUITION ASSISTANCE— SPRING SEMESTER (QUARTER)

Employees who will seek tuition assistance for night school classes are urged to discuss the subject with their supervisors and submit the request form (DD 1556—Part 5) to PB by 20 Dec. 78.

See DF, "Requests for Tuition Assistance—Night School," dated 27 Nov. 78, for details on eligibility, requirements, etc. The DF had a distribution to "section" level.

Employees who are completing fall night school classes at District expense are reminded that grades must be submitted to PB-T as soon as they are received from the school.



"Aw, honey, you shouldn't have!  
You gift wrapped all the Christmas bills!"

## LEAVE YEAR ENDS SOON

In the Federal service, we are subject to many "years" — the fiscal year, the pay year, and another equally important year, the leave year.

The rule under the law requires that any annual leave in excess of the maximum permissible carry-over can be automatically forfeited at the end of the leave year. Only under three conditions is the normal rule temporarily suspended. These conditions are administrative error, exigencies of public business, and sickness when annual leave was scheduled in advance.

Within the Corps, the determination that an exigency of business is important enough to interfere with annual leave usage must be made by the District Engineer. Annual leave can only be restored upon a favorable determination. If sickness is the reason for forfeiture of annual leave, it can be restored only if annual leave was scheduled in advance.

All employees are reminded that not only should annual leave be scheduled and approved in advance, but also that the basic purpose of annual leave is to enable you to get away from the job for rest, relaxation, and to attend to personal business.

You've earned it — use your annual leave by January 13, 1979.



## CONTINUATION OF WHITTEN AMENDMENT TIME-IN-GRADE RESTRICTIONS

The following is quoted from DA message received 17 October 1978: "By Memorandum of 22 September 1978, the DASD (Civilian Personnel Policy) advised the military departments and agencies that the discontinuance of the Whitten Amendment on 14 September 1978, as a result of the expiration of the National Emergencies Act of 1976 (PL 94-412) does not negate the time-in-grade restrictions in Section 300.601, Part 300, FPM Supplement 990-1. The U.S. Civil Service Commission has advised that the time-in-grade regulatory requirements still remain in effect." In accordance with the above guidance, there is no change in the application of the time-in-grade requirements.

## A YEAR OF CHRISTMASSES

Every year at Christmas time  
We hear many a verse and rhyme.  
Some are sung and others spoken,  
Many express that blessed token  
Of God's great love for all His people,  
For peace on earth and good will.

Others tell of childhood joys,  
Of Christmas toys for girls and boys.

Yet each and every one seem to say  
That we can have a **year** of joy-filled days  
By sharing with each other our hopes and our joys,  
Our wealth and our talents, and learn to voice  
Our feelings for each other and soon we'll understand  
The needs of all people in God's beautiful land.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year — each and every day of 1979.

Jo Ann Moritz

## PUZZLE



### THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

A MAN went into a store to do some Christmas shopping. He had some money but not enough to make the purchases he wished. So he asked the merchant to help him.

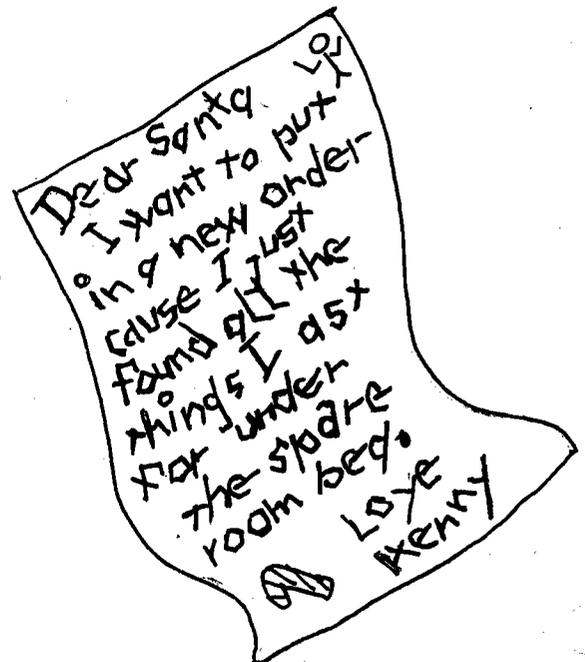
"Give me as much as I have in my hand," he said, "and I will spend \$6."

The merchant did so, and after the man had spent \$6, he repeated the same offer with the money he had left, and the merchant doubled it again for him. The man again spent \$6, and for the third time he asked the merchant to give him as much as he had left, and he would again spend \$6. After the merchant complied with the request for the third time, and the man had spent \$6 for the third time, he had no money left.

Now, what we would like to know is, how much money did the man have in the beginning?



THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER—The man who entered the store had \$5.25. The merchant doubled this amount, making \$10.50. The man spent \$6, leaving him \$4.50. This was again doubled, making \$9, and the man spent the second \$6, leaving him \$3. The third time the merchant doubled the money the man had left, making \$6. And the third time the man spent \$6, and had nothing left.



## ACCIDENT SUMMARY

### NOVEMBER 1978

#### **VEHICLE ACCIDENTS NOVEMBER 1978:** Four

Total vehicle accidents for 1978: 8 (6-OD; 2-ED)

Total experience for CY 1977: 8

1) An employee struck a gate post at the Service Base as he was leaving a parking space in a Government vehicle. \$300 damage to Government vehicle.

2) A Park Technician was driving a Government vehicle, looked in the rear view mirror and struck the car in front of him when the POV stopped suddenly. \$250 damage to Government vehicle; \$250 damage to POV.

3) A Park Technician was driving a Government vehicle and was distracted by an accident on the side of the road — as he looked at the accident his vehicle drifted onto the wrong side of the road and hit a car head on. \$600 damage to Government vehicle; \$1000 damage to POV.

A Mechanical Engineer was driving in stop and go traffic on a busy highway when the vehicle immediately in front of him stopped suddenly and employee applied brakes but not in time to avoid hitting rear of POV. POV drove off without giving name, insurance company, etc. Damage to Government vehicle \$1100.

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#### **PERSONAL INJURIES — CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES — NOVEMBER 1978:** None

Total accidents for 1978: 1 (fatality)

Total experience for CY 1977: 2

#### **PERSONAL INJURIES — GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES — NOVEMBER 1978:** None

Total accidents for 1978: 3

Total experience for 1977: 11

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**Lake Fatalities thru November 1978:** 6 - 1 Carlyle Lake  
2 Rend Lake  
3 Shelbyville

**Total Lake Fatalities for 1977:** 5 - 2 Carlyle Lake  
2 Shelbyville  
1 Rend Lake

# FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



**GEORGE A. ANDERSON**  
Personnel Officer

## ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR THE WINTER SEASON

**UNOFFICIAL**

**INSULATE** Most homes do not have enough insulation in the outside walls or ceiling. Adequate insulation can pay for itself in a couple heating/cooling seasons. Insulation is measured in R-values. R-values or numbers are insulation efficiency ratings. The "R" stands for resistance to winter heat loss or summer heat gain. The higher the R-number, the more effective the insulating capability. The numbers should appear on all packages of insulation materials: mineral, glass fiber, or rock wool batts or blankets; foam or loose fill materials that are poured or blown into insulation spaces; or rigid board insulation. If the insulation you buy doesn't have the R-value written on the package, ask the salesperson to write it on your receipt for future reference. We are in Heating Zone 3 which recommends an R-30 rating for ceilings, R-13 for outside walls and R-19 for floors. The following amount of insulation in inches is required to meet the R-values listed:

### BATTS OR BLANKETS LOOSE FILL (POURED IN)

	GLASS FIBER	ROCK WOOL	GLASS FIBER	ROCK WOOL	CELLULOSE FIBER
R-13	4"	4½"	6"	4½"	3½"
R-19	6-6½"	5¼"	8-9"	6-7"	5 "
R-30	9½-10½"	9 "	13-14"	10-11"	8 "

Don't insulate over eave vents or on top of recessed lighting fixtures or other heat producing equipment on the attic floor.

**DRAFT-PROOF WINDOWS AND DOORS** Test your windows and doors for airtightness. Move a lighted candle around the frames and sashes of your windows and doors. If the flame dances around, you need caulking and/or weatherstripping. Try slipping a quarter under the door. If it goes through easily, you need weatherstripping. It's easy to caulk and weatherstrip your doors and windows yourself. Materials can be acquired at any hardware store and cost around \$30 for the average home. Savings in annual energy costs can amount to 10% or more.

**INSTALL STORM WINDOWS** Combination screen and storm windows (triple-track glass combination) are the most convenient and energy efficient because they can be opened easily when there is no need to run heating or cooling equipment. Alternatives run from single-pane storm windows, which have to be removed to admit outside air, to clear plastic film, which can be taped to the inside of the window frames. Savings can amount to 15% per year. Adding storm doors will increase savings.

Additional reminders and hints on energy savings will be provided next month by your District Energy Conservation Committee.



## S.L.E.D. GOLF LEAGUE

Congratulations to the Scramblers who won the S.L.E.D. Golf League Championship for 1978.

CPT Paul E. Roberts  
Dennis Gould  
Joseph P. Hartman  
Don Huston  
Bob Hughey  
Ken Koller  
Bob Lutz  
Bob Maxwell  
Rich Siemons

### Results of Fall Tournament.

AAA Flight: 1st place — Billups & O'Herin  
2nd place — Siemons & Huizenga  
3rd place — Hughey & Lyons

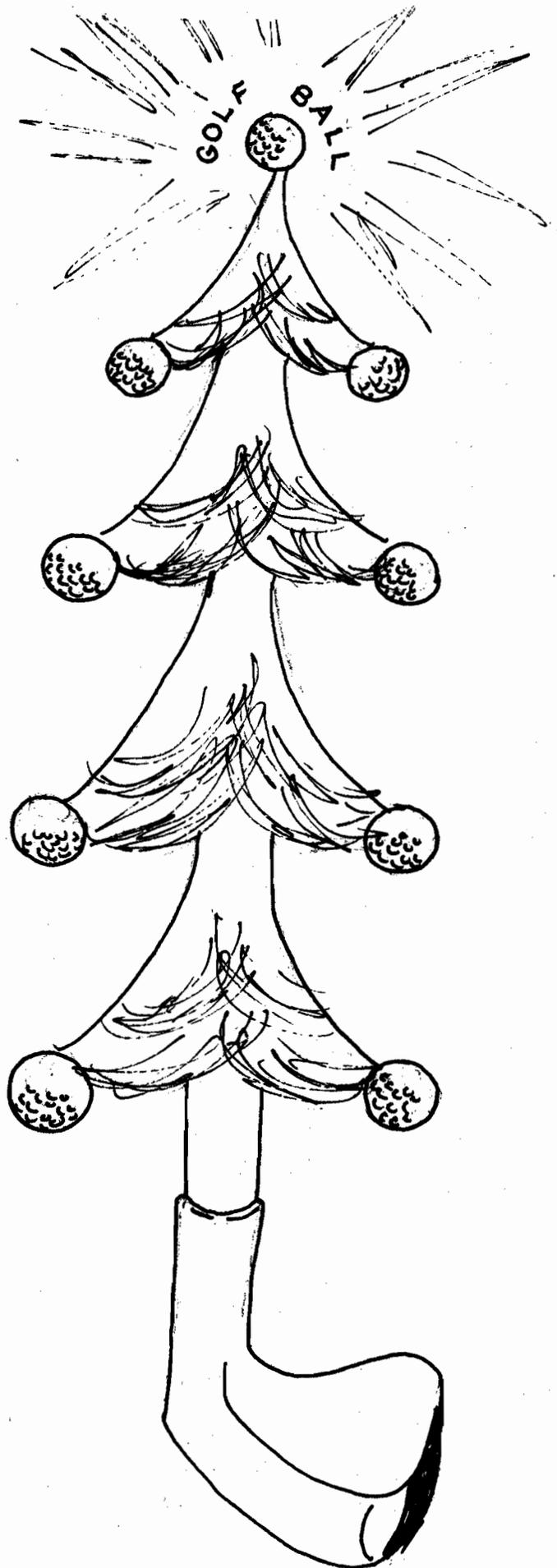
AA Flight: 1st place — Messerli & White  
2nd place — Mills & Furdek  
3rd place — Stewart & Simon

A Flight: 1st place — Olson & Lindsay  
2nd place — Nierman & Pate  
3rd place — Ewing & Holmes

### New League Officers for 1979.

President — Paul E. Roberts  
Secretary — Bob Lutz  
Treasurer — Hank Martin

Remember its not too early, sign up now for next year.  
If interested, contact Bob Lutz — 2140 or Paul Roberts  
— 3971.



**A Sanitary Engineers Rendition of:  
'The Night Before Christmas'  
by: Jim Savinski, ED-DW**

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
When all through the wastewater treatment plant  
Not a pump was stirring, not even the clarifier decant.

The aerators were hung by the basin with care,  
In hopes that Saint B.O.D. soon would be there.

The solids were nestled all snug in their drying beds,  
While visions of disposal fields danced in their heads.

And Dr. Book in his kerchief and Max in his cap,  
Had just settled down for a long wasteless nap.

When out on the grating there arose such a clatter,  
We sprang from our chairs to see what was the matter.

Away to the window we flew like a flash,  
Knocked over the instruments and beakers of glass.

When, what to our wondering eyes should appear,  
But eight inspectors from the District Office of the Corps of Engineers;

With a little old driver, so lively and free,  
We knew in a moment it must be St. B.O.D.

More rapid than red tape his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Brazier! Now, Mahin! Now, Ebersohl and Savinski!  
On, Muschong! On, Fondren! On, Groenemann and Pollizzi!

To the top of the basins, to the top of the flow detectors!  
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away inspectors!"

As new car buyers with a problem not missed,  
When they meet with a discrepancy, write up a punch-list,

So up to the operators building the coursers they flew  
With a pad full of notes, and sharp pencils, too.

And then in a twinkle, we heard in the lab  
The scribbling and scrawling on many a note pad.

As we drew in our heads, and were turning around,  
Through the comminutor St. B.O.D. came with a bound.

He was dressed all in solids, from his head to his mit,  
And his clothes were all covered with pieces of . . . other stuff;

A bundle of problems he had flung on his back,  
Filter clogging capability he did not lack.

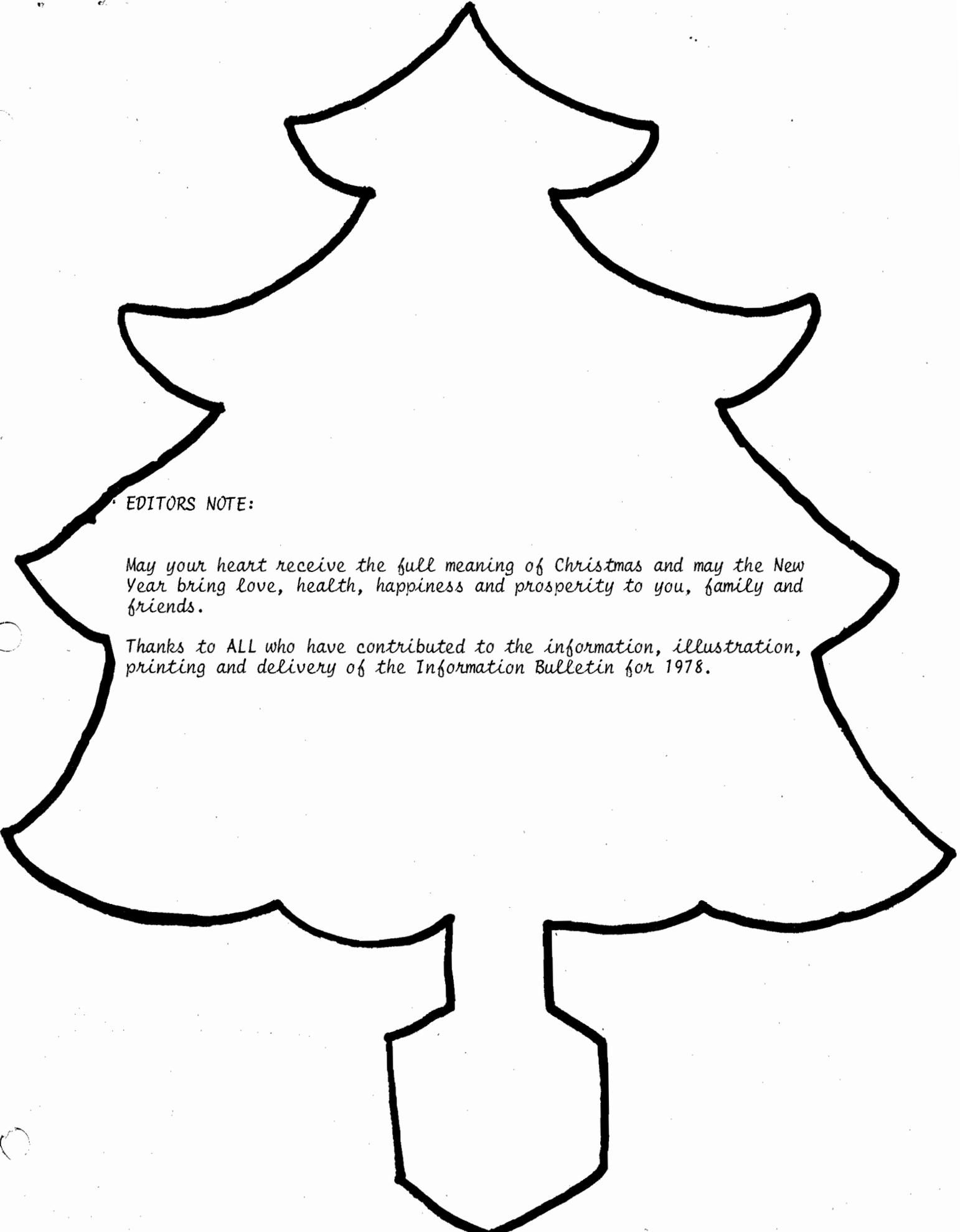
He dashed through the aeration basin, leaving many a hungry bug,  
And passed through the clarifier with hardly a shrug.

He headed for the filters with clogging intentions,  
But, miraculously, passed through without hesitation.

He escaped the death trap of the tank of chlorine,  
And fell over the overflow into the discharge stream.

As he entered the lake we heard him exclaim with delight,  
"Happy Christmas to all for the E.P.A. won't give you a citation tonight."





EDITORS NOTE:

*May your heart receive the full meaning of Christmas and may the New Year bring love, health, happiness and prosperity to you, family and friends.*

*Thanks to ALL who have contributed to the information, illustration, printing and delivery of the Information Bulletin for 1978.*