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Easter Sunday

DISTRICT DOINGS

April, the month noted for showers, Easter, Pass-over, is a big month of total preparation for the coming recreation season and for the fair weather construction time. So it also means a lot of District activity and a lot of thinking about the vacation period. Fishing reports are looking better. Releases show campground openings and signs of coming out of the winter short days into the longer daylight of summer. Flowers, fish, wildlife are back into springtime . . . and a lot of District folks are back into action with briefings, tours, talks, and visits.

Otto Steffens, Cannon Dam Resident Engineer, gave a progress program for 20 members of the Mark Twain Lake and Cannon Dam Assn. in Perry, Mo., and also conducted a tour for reporters from WGEM-TV in Quincy, Ill. The Cannon lake team successfully fought a serious brush fire that roared over 2000 acres during the time when high winds and no rain seriously threatened one of our prime spots.

Carlyle Lake's Chris Cascone discussed conservation and native American Indians for the members of the United Methodist Church in O'Fallon, Ill. Chris and Nancy Scharlemann teamed up on a special interpretive program for a Girl Scout Troop visiting from Kirkwood, Mo. Nancy made 3 visits to Carlyle 8th graders talking about Corps careers.

At Lake Shelbyville, Maria DiBlasio told the members of the Mattoon Rotary what there was to do at the lake. Maria's talk on "Our Precious Water" was a timely topic for her speeches to the students at Cowden Herrick Grade School, to Moulton Jr. HI 6th and 8th graders, and to Sullivan Jr. High students.

Donald L. Brown gave that same important talk to Gays, Ill. Junior High and then presented his Snake program for the 10th graders at Stew-Stras High in Strasburg, Ill.

Jerry Parker took 13 Shelbyville Webelos on a dam tour. Dennis Gathmann spoke to the Mattoon Women's Book Club about our environmental education activities at the lake and then paired up with Mark Whitely for 35 students at Eastern Illinois University Outdoor Recreation classes.

Lowell Summers at Rend Lake, was the Corps representative at a Career Day at Rend Lake College. Lowell spoke with 20 interested students. He also guided a trail walk for 16 Waltonville HI students at the lake. Hugh Dougher and Joan Guilfoyle - Basman, with an assist from schools in a 7 county area, put 937 youths to work in a live bird banding program at the South Marcum Youth Area.

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Lock and Dam #26 and the new replacement project work continues to be the topic of greatest interest in the District. Major Larry Winchester spoke to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission group and was part of the team of Bill Sutton, Jim Fogilphol, David Gates, Dan Ragland and Tom Durham who conducted a tour for the Upper Mississippi River Conservation Commission group meeting here. Bill Sutton spoke to the American Institute of Design Drafters, and Mel Doernhoefer gave the #26 story for the Crestwood Sertoma Club.

John Brady spoke to the National Wildlife Week Symposium about the efforts in bat recovery and then to high school students at the Habitat Evaluation Workshop at Tyson Research Area (Wash. Univ.).

Terry Norris talked about archaeological work to an SIU class and to the Gibault High School about the Cahokia area resources.

Jim Butery spoke to the Coast Guard Flotilla about the river regulating program and Harold Youngland told the Coast Guard Auxiliary how we maintain the 9 foot channel.

Claude Strauser spoke about his China trip to Sullivan, Mo. Rotary and talked about the upcoming ASCE Convention in St. Louis to a joint meeting the Rolla Chapters of MSPE and ASCE.

One of the most rewarding tours this year was the visit of deaf handicapped students of the Litszinger Special School to the District Office. Thanks to some excellent cooperation and the work of staff members Mike Klosterman, Rich Mills, Pat McGinnis, Harold Youngland, Ulas Wilson, Bob Bringer and Mel Doernhoefer. Special thanks, too for a great assist in signing from Janice Quilty. The kids really had a fine time and a great experience.

The Public Affairs office was also home base for an intern from the Coro Foundation. Tom Milner, a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs was an able assistant for two weeks. Our thanks to Tom and to the Coro Foundation.

That about wraps up the things in the merry month of March, lots of new activities on the books for April . . . so enjoy the beauties of the spring in St. Louis and get ready for the summer.

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PROMOTIONS:

James J. Slechta, OD-RR,
Park Technician, GS-0026-5

David A. Spriggs, OD-RO-C,
Park Technician, GS-0026-6

Roger E. Myhre, ED-HQ,
Hydrologist, GS-1315-09

R.C. Franco, ED-BN,
Community Planner, GS-0020/31-12

Shirley A. Taylor, AS-RA,
Reproduction Clerk, GS-0303-05

Peter B. Coleman, OD-PB,
Heavy Mobil Equip Mechanic, WG-5803-8

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:

Stanley C. Zurweller, RO-C
Beth Edwards, DC-FE

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING/ SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE RATING:

Lewis E. Kent, OD-NL
Catherine V. Gieselman, DC-FD
Stanley F. Ebersohl, DO-R

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD:

Robert L. Lutz, ED-DC
Charles L. Caldwell, CD-PO-L
Mary E. Sikes, SD-P

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING/ QUALITY STEP INCREASE:

Donna M. Dougherty, CD-I

CASH AWARDS FOR SUGGESTIONS RESULTING IN INTANGIBLE BENEFITS:

Alicia M. Walkwitz, OD-PB, \$25

SUGGESTION AWARDS:

Wendell J. Grimaud, Operations Division, received a cash award of \$55 for a suggestion that recommended the closing of the West Alton Access Area during the winter months of November thru May each year. The suggestion was adopted partially and was implemented in September 1980. The Area will be closed during December, January, and February with tangible first-year benefits of \$50.

Jerome V. Becker, Lock & Dam Section, Navigation Branch, Operations Division, received a cash award of \$45 for an adopted suggestion that recommended installation of a spiral staircase at the lower end of the west gallery. The staircase would eliminate a "dead end" problem and could prevent fatalities in case of a fire or flooding emergency. This suggestion was implemented 15 December 1980, with first-year tangible benefits of \$488.

GROUP SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD:

Bryan Pinkston, Jr.
Robert L. Whiteside
Howard L. Fields
Melvin J. Zerwig
Jerome J. Starke

Patrolboat Pathfinder, Channel Maint Sec., Navigation Br., Operations Division. Special services performed by the crew of the Patrolboat PATHFINDER during the period 1 January 1981 through 20 February 1981 are to be commended for the outstanding services by reducing dredge needs on the river during recent extreme low flow conditions on the river, coupled with heavy ice flows that made navigation through the open reach of river very hazardous. Through the constant and diligent efforts of Captain Pinkston and his crew, we were able to realign and mark a passable channel even though numerous groundings occurred that could have resulted in complete channel blockage and cessation of navigation. Total blockages would have resulted in the need for dredging to restore channel before traffic could continue. Minimizing the delays attributed to groundings reduced the economic impact on the industry tremendously. In addition, their efforts provided continuation of navigation through three areas that otherwise would have required dredging; thereby allowing concentration of dredging in other critical areas. The services resulted in tangible first-year benefits of \$250,000.

HYDAR'S HAPPENINGS

The Leaning Tower of Pisa was finished in 1350 A.D. Constructed of white marble, the 179 foot tall tower has walls 13 feet thick at the base. The foundations were laid in sand and it started to tilt after the first three of the eight terraces were constructed. It still continues to sink. It has sunk another foot in the last century.

President Harry Truman paid for the stamps himself for his personal mail while he was in office.

AMNO DOMINI

Use of the notation A.D. ("year of Our Lord") was inaugurated by Germany's Charles II, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign beginning in 879.

LATEST RESEARCH REAFFIRMS CIGARETTE HAZARDS

The hazards of cigarette smoking hit the headlines with the release of a report by the U. S. Surgeon General. The 1,200-page report broke little new scientific ground, but did reaffirm and expand earlier warnings about the health dangers of cigarettes, based on the volume of research which has been done since 1964.

Many segments of the report were already reported on separately as soon as the research that led to them was completed. Reemphasized in the study were these points:

Smokers (male and female) die from a variety of ailments at a rate two-thirds higher than nonsmokers.

The risk goes up as the number of cigarettes smoked goes up.

Women are dying from lung cancer at a rate three times higher than in 1964.

Coronary heart disease from smoking causes more premature deaths than lung cancer and other lung diseases.

Pipe and cigar smokers experience overall mortality rates slightly higher than those of nonsmokers, but substantially lower than those of cigarette smokers.

Smokers of low-tar and -nicotine cigarettes run lower risks of lung cancer and coronary heart disease, but may increase their hazard if they begin smoking more cigarettes or inhaling more deeply.

Other statistics include an HEW estimate that although 54 million Americans still smoke, 30 million have quit since 1964, and the percentage of adult smokers has dropped from 42 percent in 1964 to 33 percent in 1978--the lowest recorded point in 30 years.

Further, the smoking rate among men plummeted from 53 percent in 1964 to 39 percent in 1978, but among women it has remained virtually unchanged at about 30 percent.

USEFUL SF-171 REVISION TIPS GIVEN

By Evelyn D. Gibson, EEO Specialist

Playing with your 171 can be fun and it can be done on a regular basis, like bowling or playing poker. The rules of the game call for some "DOs" and "DONT's":

DOs

- * Read carefully the vacancy announcement or the examination announcement of the position for which you are applying. Underline the skills required for the positions.
- * Describe your experience so that you emphasize the work that used the skills required by the vacant position.
- * Use power verbs to describe what work you actually did. Be specific. Ask your EEO office for a copy of these power verbs.
- * Keep your experience descriptions brief.
- * Write everything on the SF 171 itself. Cut and splice with continuation forms if necessary. Eliminate blank lines.
- * Use your own words in filling out the experience blanks.
- * Include all experience whether paid or volunteer.
- * Arrange your experience in chronological order.
- * Choose references who can remember you and know how you perform in a work (paid or unpaid) situation.
- * Type your SF 171 neatly and accurately or write so each word is legible.
- * Embroider skillfully as long as the product is honest. Use verbs without subjects to conserve space and make statements more concise and powerful.

NOTICE!

The DC Conference Room, Room 837, is no longer available for use as a conference room.

Effective 1 April 1981 the Clarence Cannon Dam and Reservoir Management Office will have direct telecommunications with St. Louis, MO on two lines, 263-4188 and 263-4190. Telephone line 241-0182 will be discontinued.

DONT's

- * Use the same SF 171 for jobs in nonrelated fields.
- * Exaggerate.
- * Be humble.
- * Describe the work of the organization generally or the work of others.
- * Use attachments.
- * Ever use position descriptions.
- * Omit church, community or club work.
- * Don't use general references, they usually won't commit themselves on such matters as dependability, initiative, etc.
- * Submit an SF 171 that is messy, hard to read, or confusing to follow.
- * Make your SF 171 a "challenge" to the reader. Hard to read applications go in the "OUT" file first.
- * Lie — minimally you'll end up in an embarrassing situation in your interview when asked for amplification. More important, falsification of an SF 171 can be grounds for firing.
- * Ramble.

Line up your backers. Choose your references with exquisite care. See those who remember you well and will commit themselves on such skills as initiative and dependability.

You are now ready for the tournament. Go Get EM!!

(Above article reprinted by permission from Walla Walla District EEO Office.)

ST. LOUIS MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

ART AUCTION

Northwest Plaza Auditorium
April 25, 1981

Preview
6:00 p.m.

Auction
7:30 p.m.

Refreshments Available

Public Invited

Free admission
Free door prizes

VISA/Mastercard/personal checks accepted.

Proceeds to benefit Scholarships and Welfare
for the Metro area

For Information
Call 227-1215

Wednesday, April 22, 1981

National Secretary's Day



A GOOD SECRETARY NEEDS. . . .

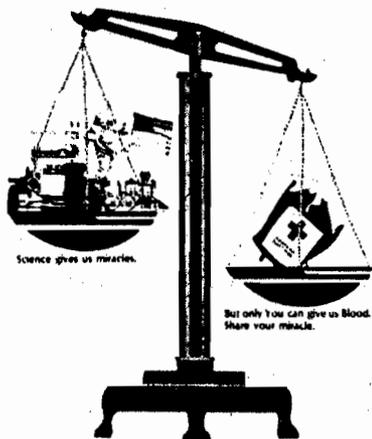
- The education of a college professor.
- The executive ability of a financier.
- The humility of a deacon.
- The adaptation of a chameleon.
- The hope of an optimist.
- The courage of a hero.
- The wisdom of a serpent.
- The gentleness of a dove.
- The patience of Job.
- And . . . the persistence of the Devil!

In an argument the best weapon to hold is your tongue.

Remember — Gossips can get caught in their own mouthtraps.

BLOODMOBILE

A Red Cross Bloodmobile will be set up in Room 1040 of the District Office on Friday, 29 May 1981, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All employees working in the District Office and Service Base are encouraged to donate blood. Employees who have previously donated blood will be sent a Pledge Card and asked to participate in the Program once again. Pledge Cards for new donors may be obtained in Room 957 or by calling Norma Kosta, EXT. 3-5673.



Going out of town?

Let *direct deposit* deposit your pay for you.

Hospitality is the art of making people want to stay without interfering with their departure.

CPR TRAINING – BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM

Efforts are underway to schedule the necessary classes in Cardpulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to accommodate those who have expressed an interest in taking this 6 hour course. The classes will be for those seeking refresher training as well as those interested in taking it for the first time.

Any employee interested in taking the course should contact PB-T (5832), or by note with name and phone number. Tentatively the class(es) are scheduled for late May or early June and will be conducted in Room 1040. Sessions would be for 3 hours each day for two days. Deadline for advising PB-T is 30 April 1981.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers, potential golfers, and any other interested parties take note: The Spring Tournament will be held at Tamarack Golf Club, O'Fallon, Illinois, on **Wednesday**, May 6. Tee off after 9:00 a.m. The tournament will be 2-man scramble, entry fee is \$4.00. CASH PRIZES for best team scores and merchandise prizes for outstanding golfing achievements will be awarded, by handicap flights, at a lavish ceremony in the clubhouse, following the match. Any and all District employees are welcome. Individual entries will be accepted by the golf league team captains or the League Secretary, Fred Bader, ext. 5849, through April 28.

Now is the time to look over the spring seed catalogs to see what those giant whatchamacallits would have looked like if they had come up last year.

REAL ESTATE DICTIONARY

Unobstructed view: No trees.

Awaiting your imaginative touch: Sparse interior decor.

Handyman's dream: Owner's nightmare.

Central to everything: Noisy location.

Easy commuting: Remote from everything.

Country kitchen: No dining room.

Needs finishing touches: Needs roof.

All services available: Nothing hooked up.

On the paved road: Fronts on a major highway.

Secluded: No road in.

– Anon

NOT FOR PRIVATE USE

Employees are reminded that indicia envelopes - Postage & Fees Paid, Dept of the Army - DOD-314, are **not** to be used for private use. Section 1711 Title 18, USC provides that whoever makes private use of these envelopes to avoid payment of postage & fees paid shall be fined not more than \$300. We have had recent instances where employees have been using these envelopes. **Please stop!!**

ATTENTION RETIREES

We now have a daily telephone message called InFone. If you would like to call in and find out what's going on, just dial 263-5221 Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any special announcements you would like us to make, call the Public Affairs Office at 263-5662.

BEWARE AGENTS WHO CLAIM OPM AFFILIATION

Some private insurance companies are attempting to mislead government employees by claiming affiliation with either FEGLI or the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), according to an OPM bulletin released this week.

The new FEGLI program, which was advertised during March, is the only government program for employees. Under the new program, more extensive coverage was an option.

OPM has received reports of "misleading" sales practices on the part of insurance agents. All insurance companies can sell insurance to government employees. However, these companies have not received any kind of endorsement from OPM.

Some insurance companies, agents, and brokers have attempted to get around GSA regulations that prohibit commercial solicitation on Federal property by mailing sales literature directly to individual employees at their office address.

Any questions about FEGLI or life insurance needs should be directed to the Personnel Office.

COUNCIL CORNER

The following items are being sold by all Civilian Activities Council members:

- a. Corps T-Shirts
- b. Corps Sweatshirts
- c. Corps Jerseys
- d. Corps Hats

See any of the following Council members for information or sales:

- a. Tiny Bartling - SD-P - 3-5685
- b. Dave Oelrich - CD-I - 3-5836
- c. Judy Shoreack - Service Base - 3-4153
- d. Terri Brown - ED - 3-5545
- e. Brenda Fisher - AS-WA - 3-5503
- f. Leon Leach - OD-R - 3-5667

The Annual Corps Picnic will be held 12 June 1981 at the Granite City Army Support Center, formerly Granite City Army Depot. As an added attraction, tournaments are being planned for the following activities: golf, softball, horseshoes and volleyball. The Council is also planning on having games and other activities for children under 12. The Council is asking for volunteers to assist in setting up playing fields and umpiring the games.

A flyer with additional information is soon to be released on which you will be asked to indicate how many members of your family plan on attending. The noon meal will consist of barbecued chicken and hot dogs prepared by the world renown chefs Harry Stewart and Ulas Wilson. Side dishes of baked beans, potato salad and cold slaw are included in the meal plus 2 or 3 drink coupons depending on which meal you purchase.

The Council has discount tickets for Six Flags and Disney World Magic Kingdom discount cards.

Contact any council member for additional information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tony and Gerri Meier on the birth of a son, Steven, 8 lbs., 8 oz., on April 1st.

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Louise Cornelius (DC-FC) who died on March 18, 1981, after a long illness.

F W P N E W S

Lunch and Learn Sessions:

9 April — Film THE STORY OF "O" — What happens to the one "O" in a group of "X's"; the first woman, minority, or other new kind of person to enter certain jobs? This slidetape helps both "X's" and "O's" understand the situation.

14 May — What is Toastmasters !!!

11 June — Presentation by the St. Louis County Police Department "RAPE" — prevention, effects on the victim and the family, etc.

Training Program

The St. Louis Metropolitan Federal Women's Program Council will present its 7th Annual Training Program on 18-19 May at Ruggeri's Restaurant. Theme being: Employment, Self-development, and Socio-economic considerations. Mark your calendar NOW.

THE FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE is in the planning stage for future Lunch and Learn sessions and the annual Fall Seminar. Any ideas for workshops, films, lectures, special programs, etc., are welcome. Send me items you feel are of interest so I may share them with everyone . . . Irene L. Smugala, FWP/Manager X5696

ADMINISTRATIVE REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS FOR THE MX PROJECT

The Chief of Engineers has approved the grant of administrative reemployment rights for Corps employees who accept positions solely dedicated to the MX Project on or after 1 April 1981, as follows: Career or career-conditional employees transferring from Corps of Engineers activities to MX construction sites in Nevada and Utah will be granted administrative reemployment rights for two (2) years, with the possibility of extensions in one (1) year increments to a maximum of five years; career or career-conditional employees transferring from Corps of Engineers activities to MX positions at locations other than construction sites in Nevada and Utah will be granted administrative reemployment rights for one year, with the possibility of a one year extension. The reemployment rights may be granted only until a final decision on the deployment of MX is made. If or when the project is approved, the authority to grant reemployment rights to selectees for other than construction site locations will be cancelled.

FUEL CONSERVATION GUIDANCE FROM OCE

a. Use motor vehicles on a pooled basis to encourage the highest level of utilization. Vehicles will be dispatched to users and not assigned to individuals or organizational elements. Trips should be consolidated when possible to avoid one person trips.

b. Restrict vehicles use to "Official Use Only" as prescribed in Section 638(c)(2) of Title 31, United States Code.

c. Accomplish business by mail or telephone, including the use of local conference calls, whenever practicable, to minimize the use of motor vehicles.

d. Perform tuneups on commercial type vehicles at least once every 12,000 miles or 12 months, whichever occurs first, or IAW manufacturer's recommendation if longer intervals are specified.

e. Keep the tires inflated to the proper pressure. Underinflated tires can cause a fuel economy loss.

f. Maintain proper wheel alignment. Improper front wheel toe-in alignment can increase fuel use by 0.3 miles per gallon.

g. Eliminate unnecessary weight not required for the trip. For every additional 100 lbs, gas consumption can increase as much as 0.2 miles per gallon.

h. Avoid unnecessary use of air conditioning equipment. Shut off the air conditioner and roll down the windows while driving around town. Do the reverse however when cruising at high speeds. Tests conducted by the Douglas Aircraft Company show that for a vehicle traveling at 55 miles per hour, one horsepower is saved by closing the windows and using the air conditioner for cooling. The reason being, wind drag created by open windows, at high speeds, places a greater strain on the engine than does the air conditioner. (NOTE: Run the air conditioner for 3 to 4 minutes each month of the year to circulate the lubricants within the unit).

i. Observe the following driving techniques:

(1) Start slowly - accelerate gently except when entering high speed traffic lanes or when passing.

(2) Avoid unnecessary braking - and try to anticipate the traffic ahead.

(3) Drive at moderate speeds - as the speed increases, so does the car's wind resistance - a big factor in gasoline mileage.

(4) Drive at steady speeds - hold a steady foot on the accelerator as long as traffic conditions permit.

(5) Avoid excessive idling. Do not idle the engine for more than one minute. Do not idle vehicle when waiting for passenger. It takes less gasoline to restart the car than it does to idle it.

(6) Avoid pumping the accelerator or racing the engine when vehicle is not in motion.

GSA NOTES

Monthly meetings are being held with GSA regional and St. Louis area representatives and the tenants of 210 Tucker. Since most items discussed are of general interest, this report is intended to inform you.

A new contractor will be responsible for cleaning this building effective 28 March 1981. Starting sometime in May, cleaning will include a scheduled washing of all vinyl walls throughout the building. As with the recent painting, we expect to be alerted in advance so that you can remove pictures, etc.

A survey on how to improve the facilities throughout the building for handicapped personnel was completed by GSA last year. Within the next few months, we should receive GSA's implementation plan.

Due to recent high-rise fires, GSA accident and fire personnel have reviewed evacuation plans for this building and concluded that the current system is the best. However, all employees must assist by knowing the plan and by always **closing fire doors** between floors and stairways. Plans studied and rejected included building outside fire escapes and a helicopter pad on the roof.

All lights throughout the building were recently relamped, a scheduled 5-year event. If lights still go out, please notify us for further action.

The GSA Building Manager for 210 Tucker continues to monitor temperatures daily and is very responsive to our calls. Continue to alert us with your complaints and needs (Extension 3-5656). We log all calls from you in to GSA.

REDUCE MOWER MENACE

When spring greenery needs trimming, do it right by doing it safely.

For gasoline mowers: Fill the tank before starting and *don't* fill it after the engine is hot. Never dangle gas cans from mower handles where a hot exhaust pipe could ignite escaping fumes. Those things could cause an explosion or fire. Don't clean the blades without *first disconnecting the spark plug wire*. Gasoline mowers can start even when they're turned off if the blade is rotated.

For electric mowers: Check the cords and plugs. If you cut the cord with the mower frequently, use a ground fault interrupter to insure your safety.

In general: always check the lawn before you begin for rocks, sticks, and toys that can be thrown by the mower. Clear the yard of pets and children. Wear heavy leather shoes, just in case. Keep hands and feet away from the housing and *never* unclog the mower when it's running. Keep children away from the machine unless you're sure they're trained in how to use it and the dangers.



EEO CORNERSTONE

HOW TRUE IT IS!

Wouldn't this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say;
I know something good about you,
And then treat us just that way.

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each hand-clasp warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance
I know something good about you.

Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall.

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If we'd praise the good we see;
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice,
This fine way of thinking too;
You know something good about me,
I know something good about you.

Anonymous

NOTICE TO DRIVERS OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

The General Services Administration (GSA) has a growing nationwide problem related to the number of reported lost or stolen U.S. Government National Credit Cards, Standard Form 249, which are furnished with motor vehicles.

This clearly demonstrates the failure of some drivers to realize the importance of safeguarding the credit card. This card, like any commercial credit card, provides easy access to goods and services and we are fully responsible for all charges when the lost/stolen credit card is fraudulently used.

In addition to the possibility of fraudulent use, the added administrative costs in obtaining a replacement credit card are growing and are currently calculated to be at least \$35 for each card. If the overall situation does not improve, GSA will be forced to take administrative action by instituting a \$35 charge against the using agency for every credit card that is reported lost or stolen.

We are hopeful that with your assistance this problem can be significantly reduced or eliminated.

EUROPE DIVISION SEEKING EMPLOYEES

A team of employment recruiters from the Europe Division headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, will visit SLD on Tuesday, May 5th. The team will present a special program in Room 1040 at 1300 hours. A slide show describing the positions and living in Germany is scheduled.

With over 1,000 projects worth 2 billion under design and construction, the Division is seeking qualified applicants to fill vacancies resulting from tour limitations. Engineers, program and management analysts, accountants, auditors, contract specialists and funds control specialists are particularly sought.

**ROOM 1040 — 1300 hrs. — Tuesday —
May 5th.**

INTEREST RATES BOOSTED ON U. S. SAVINGS BONDS

United States Savings Bonds and Savings Notes became better buys with a boost in their interest rates.

The interest rate on Series EE Bonds purchased on or after 1 November 1980 was increased to 8 percent from 7 percent, compounded semiannually, when the bonds are held to original maturity. The term to maturity was shortened from 11 years to 9 years.

The interest rate on Series HH Savings Bonds purchased on or after 1 November 1980 was increased from 6-1/2 percent to 7 percent when held to their original 10-year maturity.

All outstanding Series E, EE, H, and HH Savings Bonds, as well as outstanding Savings Notes (Freedom Shares) also benefited from a 1 percent increase.

A new law permits the Secretary of the Treasury, with Presidential approval, to raise Savings Bonds interest rates by up to 1 percent during any six-month period. Depending on market conditions, a further rate increase may be made as early as 1 May.

Continuing benefits on the Series EE Bonds include their exemption from state and local income taxes, the option to defer federal income taxes on accrued interest, the low minimum purchase price of \$25, and the right to redeem the Bonds anytime after six months at the issue price plus accrued interest.

Cycling Sense

Bicycle Safety Week is coming up April 12-18. Get set for it by checking your bike's mechanical condition and by reviewing cycling safety rules.

Things to look out for:

- Tires low on air or showing worn spots;
- Mushy or sticky brakes;
- Slippery gears;
- Wobbly seat;
- Bent or broken mirrors and

pedals;

- Dead headlamp battery;
- Missing reflectors.

Some rules of the road:

- Ride with traffic, on the right side of the road;
- Watch for doors opening on parked cars and pedestrians stepping off of the sidewalk;
- Make legal left and right-hand turns, just as if you were driving a car. Obey stop signs and traffic signals, and don't weave in and out of traffic.

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

MARCH 1981

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FOR MARCH 1981: None

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1981: None

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1980: Seven

**PERSONAL INJURIES – CONTRACTOR
EMPLOYEES . MARCH 1981:** None

Total accidents for CY 1981: One

Total accidents for CY 1980: Four

**PERSONAL INJURIES – GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES . MARCH 1981:** Three

Total accidents for CY 1981: Four

A deckhand of the Dredge Potter strained his back while assisting other employees in lifting an oxygen-acetylene cart from the deck of a pontoon to the deck of an anchor barge.

A second mate on the Dredge Ste. Genevieve broke his right wrist when he fell on the deck of a pipeline pontoon.

A lockman at L&D 26 sustained a strain to his shoulder when a deckhand flipped the rope not knowing the lockman was holding it.

Total accidents for CY 1980: Eighteen

LAKE FATALITIES FOR MARCH 1981: None

Total lake fatalities for CY 1981: None

Total lake fatalities for CY 1980: Eight

Lake Shelbyville . 3

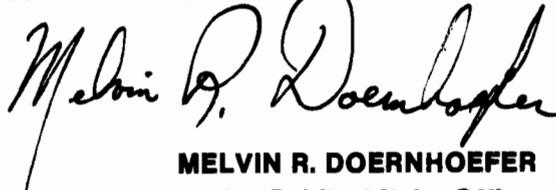
Carlyle Lake . 4

Rend Lake . 1

Winner of the Safety Slogan Contest was Dennis Seibel – Safety First – You may not get a second chance.

UNOFFICIAL

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



MELVIN R. DOERNHOEFER
Acting Public Affairs Officer



Protect your area by continually striving to improve the effectiveness of crime prevention.

Etch identifying data on all items of government property.

Do not display sensitive items. Lock them up in your desk or a cabinet when not in use.

Take care of your keys; don't give others a chance to duplicate them.

Make one person responsible for checking security before close of business each day.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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