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DISTRICT DOINGS

Early summer had it's fling at water problems. The rains of July saw the District into a flood alert pattern, first for the area since 1951 when the Mississippi saw a 40 foot stage on the St. Louis gage. The actions taken by a great group of dedicated folks at the flood locations meant much to saving lives and property. Special kudos go to the staff and those assigned to the Clarence Cannon Dam project for the great work and long, arduous hours involved with the Salt River.

Before the deluge, however the Cannon area folks had time to make a couple of talks. Bill Barrow directed a tour of the dam area for YCC youths from the Parks and Recreation Department at Hannibal. Otto Steffens spoke to 60 members of the Exchange Club at Quincy and was interviewed by radio WGEM and WQCY.

At Lake Shelbyville, Jerry Parker spoke via radio at Casey, Ill. about vandalism at the lake. Jerry also presented a talking tour for 32 from the Wyman Park Recreation Program. Jerry paired up with Larry Gutzler to visit with 500 Mattoon, Ill. residents and a "Smokey the Bear" visit on fire safety. Larry Gutzler also gave programs to 53 Busy Bee School youngsters and to 60 at the Shelbyville Public Library about snakes.

Audrey Butts and Larry presented the snake program for 66 Lakeland College students and Dennis Gathmann gave the snake show for 18 from the Hidden Springs YCC camp at Stewardson, Ill. Maria Shafer gave a wildflower talk for 35 Shemano Council Girl Scouts. Mark Whitley and Mike Craig led a nature walk for the Wyman Park Group.

Over at Rend Lake, the staff saw a busy July with 56 interpretive programs. One of the highlights was an Indian Artifact Exhibit put together by Jo Ann Vangenhien and Hugh Dougher. The two day event drew over 700 to see the collection. Joni Dawn Colie, Jo Ann Vangenhien and Hugh Dougher also arranged a "Sand Castle Building Contest" with plaques for the winners of the best designed and most original Corps castle.

Besides the many radio and TV interviews during the flood situation given by Colonel Dacey, Lt. Col. Chapman, Clyde Wilkes, Otto Steffens, Mel Doernhoefer and many others, some District Office people gave other talks and tours. Bill Sutton and Jim Fogliphol gave a tour and talk on Lock and Dam #26 for Patricia Keyes of the U.S. DOT and Elaine King of the Pennsylvania DOT. Jim and Ken Koller gave a program for an SIU-Edwardsville class of 25 students.

Bruce Plummer spoke to 60 members of the Illinois Bass Anglers Assn. about Carlyle Lake fishing. Claude Strauser gave a presentation to the work group chairmen on GREAT Ill about the history and development of the Mississippi and spoke about his China trip to the Sullivan Kiwanis Club. Mel Doernhoefer talked about L. & D. 26 to the Downtown American Legion Post.

The July Fourth weekend was a lot of work for the lakes and was greatly appreciated according to the nice letters coming into the District. The job of keeping our lakes clean, safe and attractive is a big one and takes a lot of dedication and hard work. Let's see that St. Louis leads with the best in the nation for visits and tours, talks and programs.

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FED EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS INSPIRE \$552 MILLION SAVINGS

Federal employees last year submitted suggestions, ideas and inventions which saved the U.S. government a record \$552 million.

The savings were realized under the Federal Incentive Awards Program — and are described in a publication entitled "Achievements 1980," issued recently by the Office of Personnel Management. The record savings prompted OPM Director Donald J. Devine to send a memorandum to federal department and agency heads, urging them to place increased emphasis on the Federal Incentive Program, which he described as "a very effective tool to increase productivity and improve services, while at the same time reducing costs."

The awards program, created by Congress in 1954, offers public recognition and financial rewards for individual efforts to save money and eliminate wasteful and inefficient practices and operations.

OPM's "Achievements 1980" publication notes that during 1980, a total of \$44.4 million in cash awards was presented to federal workers, an amount which OPM said represents less than one tenth of one percent of the federal civilian payroll. OPM added that for every dollar in awards, the government realized benefits of more than \$12 dollars.

OPM also indicated that the \$552 million saved during 1980 under the awards program represented "the highest savings in the history of the program and was an amount equal to the average income taxes of some 201,488 Americans."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR USO AIRPORT LOUNGE

The Volunteer Task Force of the Community Services Commission is working, in conjunction with RCGA, in obtaining volunteers to serve as host/hostess at the newly established USO Airport Lounge at Lambert International Airport.

Interested personnel should contact the FEB Staff Office with their name, address and telephone number and an application form will be sent.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

Announcing . . .

A NEW Data Base and a NEW Service!

Are you planning a move . . . across the country or across town? Does your move hinge on the type of schools in the area? Are you interested in knowing about a particular school district and the schools within it? If your answer is yes, we may be able to help you. One of the online data bases we have available through DIALOG is called U. S. Public School Directory. This data base, which contains over 80,000 records and is updated annually, is prepared by the National Center for Educational Statistics in Washington. It is part of the Department of Education Elementary and Secondary General Information Survey and includes a listing of all public schools, elementary through secondary level, as well as public special education, vocational/technical education, and alternative education schools. Each school listing includes number of teachers (full-time equivalents) and students, student/teacher ratio, school name, address and region. Just visit the library any time and we will be happy to do a search and give you the information you desire.

A NEW Reference Book

STATE ELECTIVE OFFICIALS AND THE LEGISLATURE, 1981-82 provides complete and up-to-date listings of:

- all elected state officials
- all members of state supreme courts
- all elected legislators with names, addresses, districts and party affiliations.

This directory, together with the **DIRECTORY OF STATE AGENCIES** gives us good coverage of state government activities. If you are in need of names or addresses from any state government simply give us a call at 5675 or stop by Room 944.

MAILING MANAGEMENT

As a result of partial suggestion adoption, the justification required for file and record purposes for use of express mail may now be typewritten on the bottom of the LMV 225 requisition. A copy of the LMV 225 will be maintained by LMSAS-M to cover approvals. Other procedures, as outlined in Appendix B, DP 340-1-10, must be followed.

EEO

Jean W. Griffin was elected to serve as Vice-President of the Federal Employed Women, Downtown Chapter.

CAC NEWS

The following Corps items are still available through your Civilian Activities Council:

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| Sweat Shirts | — \$7.50 |
| T-Shirts | — \$4.50 |
| Jerseys | — \$6.50 |
| Hats | — \$3.00 |
| Belt Buckles | — \$6.50 |

The Council is now selling Tickets for the Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus, Saturday, September 19, 1981 at 11:00 at the Checkerdome. The price of the tickets are \$6.00 each.

Please call Tiny at 3-5685 for ticket information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective immediately, the address for the U.S. Army Engineer District, Pittsburgh will be:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Pittsburgh
William S. Moorhead
Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Telephone, teletype and facsimile numbers remain unchanged.

TODAY'S ARMY

Your Army Representative is current on all the Army has to offer your graduating seniors and is anxious to share the facts. Your Army Representative will help you by coming to speak to your interested students. Or by operating a booth at career days. At all times, your Army Representative is a valuable source of information about Army pay and benefits, education and skill training, travel opportunities and other features of life in Today's Army. Locate your Army Recruiter under "Recruiting" in the Yellow Pages. Call and get to know this person, whose job it is to answer questions about Today's Army.

DECEASED

Colonel R. E. Smyser, Jr., (U.S.A. Ret.), 75, passed away on August 2. Colonel Smyser was District Engineer in St. Louis from August 1946 through December 1949.

Colonel Smyser, who was a West Point graduate, was a combat veteran of World War II and Korea. During his 30 years in the Corps of Engineers he helped plan and build major flood control projects and dams on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, including 80 miles of levee and the Chain of Rocks canal construction.

Colonel Smyser is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two sons, Lt. Col. Craig Smyser, also retired from the Air Force, of Upland, Calif.; and Michael, of Charleston, W. Va.; one brother Craig, of Dallas; and four grandchildren.

HYDAR'S HAPPENINGS

The Holland Tunnel, named after its chief engineer, Clifford Milburn Holland, built under the Hudson River, was the first underwater tunnel especially designed for motor vehicles. A distance of 1.6 miles of which more than 5,000 feet is under the river.

Work was started on both sides of the river in October 1920 and men worked like moles 93 feet below the river. In November 1924, the bores from both sides met under the river, only a fraction of an inch off line. The tunnel opened in 1927, a magnificent engineering scheme that was perhaps the greatest of that time, taking almost eight years and costing \$48 million in 1920 money.

Remember BOBBY VEACH? He did something no one else has ever done or will ever do. He was the only man in baseball to pinch hit for BABE RUTH.
Remember?

Discovering your driver's license expired improves driving habits.

SECURITY

UNAUTHORIZED TELEPHONE CALLS. The US Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID), has been conducting a survey in the St. Louis area in regards to unauthorized telephone calls. The motto here is "let the caller beware."

RELEASE OF INFORMATION. A recent letter from the Chief of Staff, United States Army to General Bratton, CDR, USACE, indicates concern over the increasing number of incidents involving the leaking of national security information to the press and others not entitled to receive it. Special attention was called to the fact that even unclassified information should be treated with circumspection when related to internal deliberations. This means we should all take account of our actions in releasing unclassified information to persons not entitled to it. Treat unclassified information on a "need to know basis." Sometimes there is a necessity to discuss information outside the District office; however, use discretion, somebody is always listening. By the time the information has changed hands three or four times it is far out of proportion to the original conversation and could be harmful to the District. When asked for information relating to the District or Corps activities and there is any doubt in your mind, refer the person to the Public Affairs Office. Don't commit yourself unless authorized.

SAFES. OCE Suppl 1, to AR 380-5, requires that all safes used for non-classified information must be posted "this safe contains no classified material." Combinations to all safes, other than those used for imprest funds, should be on file with the Security Office. DA Form 727, should be used for this purpose. The first copy of DA Form 727, is posted to the front or top of safe, (on this copy mark out the word "classified"), the second copy is attached to the outside of a plain envelope, and the third copy, containing the combination, is placed inside the envelope and hand carried to the Security Office. Leaving a safe combination anyplace but your head is asking for trouble.

PENALTY MAIL. Remember, using penalty mail envelopes other than for official use is a "no-no." If caught, you could be three hundred dollars poorer. Don't get caught short, use a stamp.

TELEPHONE SECURITY. The telephone is one of the weakest links in a security system. Would you give the combination to a classified safe over the telephone? Probably not, but it has been done before. Remember classified information is never discussed over the telephone. One favorite means is to try and "beat around the bush" in discussing classified material. Don't do it.

OCONUS TRAVEL. Remember when traveling overseas to a foreign country on official Government business, AR 1-40 requires that you report to the Security Office for a SAEDA briefing and sign a certificate attesting to that fact. This way, you will know exactly what to do in case you are contacted by a foreign agent. Don't think it can't happen. A lot of people have found out differently and didn't know what to do.

KEY PROJECT. Please be patient with the replacement of keys and desk locks. Hopefully the project will be finished by 1 Sep 81.

THERE IS AN OLD ADAGE, "IF YOU WORK FOR AN ORGANIZATION YOU OWE IT YOUR LOYALTY." Each of us, as long as we work for the Corps of Engineers, should pledge our loyalty and do the best job we can so that the future may be preserved for those who come after us. There is no greater honor than to know one has served his country honestly and faithfully.

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PROMOTIONS:

Joseph P. Kellett, ED-HD,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-9

Dale E. Rice, Jr., ED,
Student Trainee Engineering
Technician, GS-899-4

Roberto J. Chevres, CD-CC,
Civil Engineer, GS-810-9

David J. Debourge, DC-FC,
Operating Accountant, GS-510-9

Benjamin F. Odom, OD-NC,
1st Assistant Engineer, WS-914-12

Patricia M. Brugger, ED-HW,
Hydrologic Technician, GS-316-4

Kenneth L. Gregory, OD-RC,
Park Technician, GS-026-5

Benjamin M. Baggett, OD-RC,
Park Technician, GS-026-5

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING:

Tonette M. Long, OD-RJ

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD:

Michael R. Rector, ED-DG
William R. Jones, CD-C

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO:

Mary Maddock of the Regulatory Functions Branch who left on July 24th, after more than 14 years with the Corps, to accept a position with AVRADCOM.

Paul Nadziejko, Engineering Division, who left on July 24th to accept a position with Scott AFB. Paul was with the Corps for 18 years.

Leon Leach of the Recreation-Resources Mgmt. Branch, who left July 31st, after 5 years with the St. Louis District. Leon has accepted a position with the Savannah District.

Nels Jahren, Head of the Geology Section, Foundation and Materials Branch, who left July 31st to work on the MX Missile Project in San Bernardino, California. Nels joined the St. Louis District in 1965.

A DEADLY MIX

Everybody knows that alcohol and drugs don't mix, but other drinks or food can also do you in. Foods contain both natural and added chemicals that can interact with certain drugs and produce some serious side effects.

If you're taking tranquilizers, you should have second thoughts about adding cheese to your ham sandwich. An ingredient in cheese enhances the effect of these drugs and can send you into depression, coma, or convulsions.

Drugs commonly prescribed for high blood pressure, when swallowed along with aged or fermented foods (such as aged cheese, beer, wine, salami, or even pickled herring), can cause a dangerous rise in blood pressure, severe headaches, brain hemorrhages, or even death.

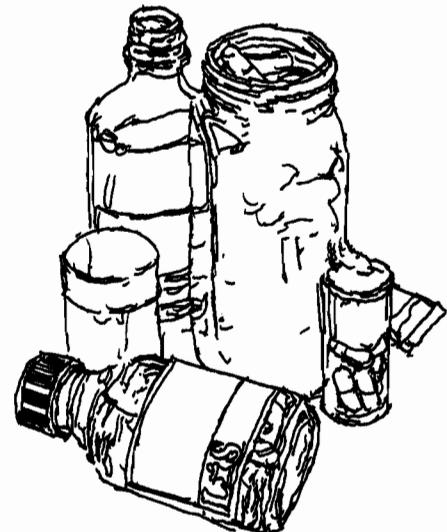
You should never down a tetracycline pill with a glass of milk; the calcium in dairy products slows the absorption of this antibiotic. Nor is it a good idea to take any drug with soft drinks or other acidic fluids. These beverages can increase stomach acid and drugs will dissolve there, instead of in the intestines where it can be more readily absorbed.

MEDICINE CHEST HAZARD

Where's the worst possible place to keep medications? Why, the medicine chest, that's where.

According to **Modern Medicine** magazine, the warm, moist air that fills a bathroom can cause most common drugs to deteriorate.

Prolonged storage above or below recommended temperatures can also seriously alter a medication's potency, rendering it either useless or toxic.



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| 10. Counseling | 30. Referral |
| 11. Counselor | 31. Regulations |
| 12. Discrimination | 32. Religion |
| 13. District Engineer | 33. Sex |
| 14. Employee | 34. Sexual Harassment |
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ACCIDENT SUMMARY

JULY 1981

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FOR JULY 1981: None

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1981: One

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1980: Seven

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PERSONAL INJURIES – CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES – JULY 1981: None

Total accidents for CY 1981: Two

Total accidents for CY 1980: Four

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PERSONAL INJURIES – GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES – JULY 1981: Two

Total accidents for CY 1981: Twelve

An electrician at L&D 25 was injured when he came into contact with electricity while working on an energized switchgear panel. Days Lost: 8

A deckhand on the MV crane was injured when a rotten tree limb fell about 75 feet striking him on the head. The employee was wearing his hard hat at the time. Days Lost: 9

Total accidents for CY 1980: Eighteen

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LAKE FATALITIES FOR JULY 1981: Four

Total lake fatalities for CY 1981: Five

Carlyle Lake – 4

Lake Shelbyville – 1

A nine year old female drowned at the dam west beach, Carlyle Lake, when she fell off a rubber raft.

A seventeen year old male drowned at the dam west recreation area, Carlyle Lake, when he dived under and did not surface.

A twenty-four old male drowned at the dam west beach, Carlyle Lake, while swimming. Reports indicate he was a poor swimmer.

An eighteen year old male drowned at Wilborn Creek recreation area beach, Lake Shelbyville, when he was diving to reach bottom and did not surface.

Total lake fatalities for CY 1980: Eight

Lake Shelbyville – 3

Carlyle Lake – 4

Rend Lake – 1

According to National Safety Council statistics, the principal driving error in fatal accidents is speed (including speed too fast for conditions). In injury and total accidents, the most commonly reported error is failure to yield right-of-way.



A successful doctor is one who can keep his patients alive long enough for nature to heal them.

Most people can keep a secret; it's the folks they tell it to who can't.

Liver disease, linked to rapidly increasing alcohol consumption, has become the fastest rising cause of death in the United States, John M. Senior, M.D., of the University of Pennsylvania, told the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease.



FOR THE COMMANDER:

Clyde A. Wilkes
CLYDE A. WILKES
Public Affairs Officer

Experience does all of her teaching backwards; she gives a test before explaining the lesson.

An optimist is someone who tells you to cheer up when things are going his way.

UNOFFICIAL

TIPS FOR DROWSY DRIVERS

Here are some hints for beating driving hypnosis.

(1) Stop every hour, whether you feel tired or not. Always get out of the car for at least a minute or two. If possible, drink coffee, tea, or a soft drink. Never eat a big meal just before or during a long trip. Instead, stop frequently and eat small amounts.

(2) Don't drive on highways at night if you can avoid it. The danger of hypnotism is much greater after dark. If you must drive at night, keep the dash light as dim as possible. This glare is hypnotic.

(3) Don't keep your eyes focused on a point straight ahead. Look to the right and left, and don't follow the same car too long. If you find your eyes beginning to glaze because of the monotonous road, run the windshield wipers a few minutes for distraction.

(4) Always try to get a good night's sleep before starting a trip. Wear loose clothes. Open your jacket and loosen your collar.

(5) Chew gum or eat a candy bar. Keep plenty of fresh air coming into the car. Don't smoke too much — it may fatigue your eyes.

(6) If these suggestions don't work, pull off the road and take a nap. If you're worried about sleeping too long, park near a filling station and ask the attendant to wake you up.



Whirlpool dishwasher — Model SHU 4000 (never been used), custom deluxe — sound insulated, almond & wood brown in color. Under the counter, energy saver, power scrub, etc. Price: \$275.00. Call: Clyde Hopple, 343-6052 (home) or 263-5629 (work).