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DISTRICT DOINGS

Rend Lake . . .

The end of October signals goblins and ghosts, crisp night air, and migrating geese. At Rend Lake, it also signals the closing of the remaining campgrounds — South and North Sandusky, Gun Creek, and Sleepy Hollow Youth Area. Picnic shelters, interpretive programs for the public, and the Rend Lake Visitor Center also close down for the season as hunting becomes the primary visitor interest.

The Fourth Deer Hunt for the Handicapped will be held the weekends of November 18-20th, and December 10-12th. Twenty hunters have signed up already, and scouting for deer signs in the campgrounds has begun. This year our staff will be assisted with volunteer help in scouting as well as during the actual hunt.

Park Ranger Dave Berti gave two programs at area schools last month. Forty high schoolers and 25 college students heard about career opportunities with the Corps of Engineers.

Joan Guilfoyle-basman, Park Technician at Rend Lake for 4 years was selected as the lake's new Park Ranger in August of this year. Joan is now the Ranger in charge of the Interpretive Services Program at Rend Lake, as well as Project Safety Officer.

Mark Twain Lake . . .

Mr. Dennis Foss, Park Manager, spoke to 25 members of the St. Elizabeth Hospital Advisory Board concerning the impact of the lake on area medical facilities due to increased visitation and water-based recreation. He also gave an update on the lake's progress to the St. Elizabeth Hospital staff.

Mr. Martin Timmerwilke, Assistant Park Manager, spoke to 30 Lions Club members in Moberly concerning updated project information. Mr. Timmerwilke also took 50 campers of the AVCO Adventurers Club on a tour of the Indian Creek Recreation Area. The Adventurers also saw the slide presentation "America" presented by Ms. Anne Behrens, Park Technician. "America" was also presented during chapel to 500 students from Hannibal-LaGrange College by Mr. Steve Austin, Park Ranger.

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Employees from the St. Louis District visited the project and were given tours of Ray Behrens Recreation Area by Ms. Nancy Rogers and Ms. Anne Behrens, Park Technicians. The slide program "Friend for All Seasons" was also shown.

Ms. Anne Behrens and Ms. Cynthia Dierks, Park Technicians, took the sixth grade class of St. Brendon's school from Mexico, Mo., on a hike along the Hickory Bluff Trail. The film "Snakes — Villian or Victim" was shown along with a discussion on reptiles and a chance to meet a live Hog-nose snake.

Junior-high schoolers from Brookfield took a tour of the power plant with Mr. Dale Russell, Power Plant Superintendent.

Mr. Chuck Crocker, Park Aid, presented the slide program "Friend for All Seasons" and gave an update of the project to a Center, Missouri, Women's Club. Mr. Crocker, along with Ms. Cynthia Dierks, Park Technician, spent the day with thirty 5th graders from Hannibal hiking the Hickory Bluff Trail, learning about snake safety and about the history and operation of the project.

Mr. Jay Riley, Park Technician, presented "Friend for All Seasons" at the annual Father-Daughter Banquet of the Girl Scouts in Louisiana, Missouri.

DISTRICT DOINGS (Continued)

Wappapello Lake . . .

Tim Engring, Park Technician, spoke to 90 Fifth Grade students at the Dexter Central Elementary School on 17 October 1983. Tim's topic was Urban Forestry. He discussed tree identification and the importance of trees in the urban environment.

Lost Creek and Asher Creek Waterfowl Refuges have been closed to the public in preparation for the 1983 waterfowl season which begins 1 November 1983.

Carlyle Lake . . .

Park Technician Maggie Briggs attended a Carlyle Senior Women's Club Meeting to explain the different interpretive activities available at Carlyle Lake.

Maggie presented a program on mammals found around Carlyle Lake to fifteen Central High School students and again to 200 kindergarten through fourth grade students at Washington School in Centralia.

Maggie also conducted a sensory awareness and nature program for 32 Mulberry Grove first graders.

Maggie Briggs led Thirty University of Illinois Civil Engineering students on a tour of the dam. Park Ranger Roger Hayes presented a program to the Southern Illinois Tourism Council on Recreation facilities and visitation at Carlyle Lake.

Lake Shelbyville . . .

October was a busy month for safety courses and Career Day activities.

Steve Summers conducted an Illinois Department of Conservation Trapper Education Course with 13 young people present. Students learned about basic trapping techniques, caring for game and trapper ethics. Those who passed the course were awarded a certification card and patch.

Tom Bloor attended Lake Land College's Career Day and spoke to 150 high school students on career opportunities in recreation and natural resources with the Corps of Engineers.

Maris Shafer spoke to 200 Eastern Illinois University students at Eastern's Career Day. Shafer talked about career opportunities with the Corps in the District and nationwide.

Main St. School, Shelbyville, hosted Larry Gutzler who spoke to 125 second graders about snakes. Students learned the economic importance of snakes and the characteristics of local species.

A Hunter Safety Course, held at the Visitor Center, was taught by Maria Shafer and Al Lookofsky. Rick Michaels, a local instructor, also assisted in teaching the course to 34 young hunters and their parents. The eight-hour course is designed to teach students the safe use of firearms and the sportsman ethic. Those who passed the course were awarded a patch and certification card.

Rachel Garren led 22 members of the Mattoon Adult Center on a Tour of the Dam. The group talked about the Corps' involvement in flood control, recreation and navigation.

Garren also presented programs for the Mattoon Treatment and Learning Center. The young people learned about the Corps of Engineers and its role in flood control and recreation. They also participated in a Nature Walk and Leaf Printing & ID program.

1983 ECO-MEETS

Traditionally, October at the Illinois Lakes is ECO-MEET time. This October Rend Lake, Carlyle Lake, and Lake Shelbyville conducted the seventh annual ECO-MEET program. The ECO-MEET is an environmental education competition among schools around the lakes. The Ranger staff at each lake prepares and conducts the annual program using the lakes' facilities and resources.

The purposes of the ECO-MEET is to promote environmental awareness to the students, assist local science teachers and their schools by providing a quality environmental education program, and enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the Corps, the lakes, and their recreational and educational opportunities.

The ECO-MEET program is structured to be a challenging learning experience for the students, yet is conducted in a unique and stimulating setting: The Corps' Recreation Areas.

School ECO-MEET teams are divided into three categories: Nature Sleuth (Grades 4-6), Junior Varsity (Grades 7-8), and Varsity (Grades 9-12). Every year the teams compete in a variety of outdoor education events. This year's event topics were trees, songbirds, nature scavenger hunt, outdoor safety and protection, pond ecology, waterfowl, animal tracks and signs, prairie ecology, and map and compass use.

The top three winning teams in each category at the Rend Lake, Carlyle Lake, and Lake Shelbyville ECO-MEETS traveled to Carlyle Lake on 19 Oct 1983 to compete in the St. Louis District ECO-MEET. At this year's District ECO-MEET, the winning school teams were:

Nature Sleuth Division (Grades 4-6)

- First** — Shiloh Elementary School of Hume
- Second** — Cumberland Elementary School of Toledo
- Third** — Germantown Elementary School of Germantown

Junior Varsity Division (Grades 7-8)

- First** — Shiloh Elementary School of Hume
- Second** — Centralia Junior High of Centralia
- Third** — Harrisburg Junior High of Harrisburg

DISTRICT DOINGS (Continued)

Varsity (Grades 9-12)

- First** — University High School of Normal
Second — Shiloh High School of Hume
Third — Oakland High School of Oakland

Clyde Wilkes, Chief of Public Affairs, presented awards to the winning teams at the District ECO-MEET. Each participant received a ribbon, while the first, second and third place winners received gold, silver, or bronze medallions respectively, as well as a trophy for their school.

Many schools around the lakes participate in the ECO-MEETS every year and are very supportive of the program's educational benefits.

AROUND THE DISTRICT . . .

Terry Norris gave a talk to 150 students at Valle' Senior High School and Ste. Genevieve Senior High School about "The River and Ste. Genevieve."

Colonel Gary Beech gave the introduction to National Employ the Handicapped Week film "Cripples Need Not Apply."

Bill Sutton talked to a Rivers and Harbors Class at the University of Missouri-Rolla about L&D26(R).

John Brady was guest speaker at the Baden Branch Library where he talked about Endangered Wildlife of Missouri — Bats and Eagles.

Two classes from Meramec Community College visited the District where they were given a computer drafting briefing by John Naeger and a District overview by Ken Kruchowski.

Claude Strauser, District Potamologist attended the River '83 Specialty Conference in New Orleans (sponsored by ASCE and the Corps) where he presented a paper "Geomorphic Changes in the Kaskaskia River." He also co-authored another paper "The Elusive Mannings 'N'".

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HANDICAPPED PARKING

There is now a special slot in front of 210 Tucker reserved for Handicapped parking. This was an achievement of the SLD Handicapped Program Committee during Handicapped Week, 2-8 October.

HERE AND THERE

Fourteen people from Lake Shelbyville attended a Native American Archaeology workshop at the Okaw Bluff Environmental Learning Center. This is the second workshop of this type that was co-sponsored by Richland Community College, Lake Land Community College and the Corps of Engineers.

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An auto tour has been initiated at the lake for this fall. The 85-mile, self-guided tour begins at the Wappapello Lake Management Office where tour maps are available. Tourists are very likely to see a variety of mammals, reptiles, and game birds. Visitors are also invited to drive through the campgrounds during this period.

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On 14 October Charles W. Denzel (ED-HD) attended the annual meeting of the ASCE Hydraulics Division Research Committee in Champaign, Ill. Denzel is chairman of a task committee in the research group with the job of developing a report on "Information Retrieval Sources and Availability of Data in Hydraulics." Present plans for the committee call for a paper to be presented at the 1984 Hydraulic Division Specialty Conference, and a possible session at the 1985 conference.

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Carlyle Lake has a new addition to the staff; Mr. Jeff Sniadach has been on duty since 11 October 1983 as a Park Technician.

BATTERY-POWERED HAZARD

Children tend to put small objects in their mouths. As a result, they swallow coins and trinkets, many of which are passed harmlessly through the digestive tract. With the increasing use of calculators and other personal electronic equipment, however, parents must beware of letting children get hold of small batteries.

If swallowed, these batteries, which are often smaller than a dime, can rupture in the stomach and release poisonous chemicals. Rather than wait for this to happen, doctors must often remove the battery through surgery.

The authors of an article in *Pediatrics* cite cases in which ingested batteries resulted in extreme nausea, a ruptured esophagus, or death. They warn parents to keep these batteries away from children and suggest that manufacturers alert consumers to the dangers.

INCENTIVE AWARDS

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS:

Sandra Hoelscher, RO-L
Oliver Helbig, ED-DW
Alan Berman, ED-DA
James Zerega, PD-U
Stanley Ebersohl, OD-R
Melvin Zerwig, OD-RJ

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

Randolph Olmsted, OD-RW
Josephine Bischan, OC
Bradford Strauser, ED-FI
Charles Rhoads, ED-DC
Arlyn McCormick, RO-L
Janice Maxwell, OD-B
Cleatus Raines, OD-NC
Oliver Helbig, ED-DW
Norma Browning, OD-RS
Robert Eifert, OD-PB
Betty Yuncker, AC
Loretta DeAntoni, CD-C
Violet Williams, SD-C
Jerome Becker, OD-NL
Alan Berman, ED-DA
James Zerega, PD-U
Paul Roberts, ED-DM
Stanley Ebersohl, OD-R
Thomas Iler, OD-NL
Melvin Zerwig, OD-NC
Robert Deien, OD-RJ
Benedict Venturella, OD-E
Penny Mudd, RO-C
Sandra Hoelscher, RO-L
Darold Silcott, RE-E
Dennis Hogan, RE-M
Elsie Kalafatich, RE-P
Shirley Hamilton, OD-B

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Jack Rasmussen, PD
Warren Kraus, OC
Jack Niemi, ED
Woodrow Sandlin, RE
James Petersen, OD
Robert Adler, AC
John Huetsch, DE
Homer Duff, DC
Pete Puricelli, BC
Clyde Wilkes, PA
Bruce Moore, ED-F
Otto Steffens, RO-C
Bobby Hughey, ED-D
Arthur Johnson, ED-X
Charles Neidinger, RO-C
George Postol, ED-FS
Carrol Blackwell, OD-X
Kenneth Corbin, PD-M
Dave Rahubka, PD-U

Michael Klosterman, ED-FG
James Luther, ED-DM
Dave Lytle, ED-FI
Melton Stegall, ED-FM
John Clark, ED-C
William Sutton, ED-Z
Gordon Davis, ED-DG
John Dierker, ED-DC
Michael Brazier, ED-DW
James Cronin, ED-DA
Edward Middleton, ED-D
James Lovelace, ED-H
Owen Dutt, PD-A
Farrell Burnett, RO-L
Anson Eickhorst, PD-E
Lammert Buchhold, CD-X
Dale Modde, ED-P

ON-THE-SPOT AWARDS:

Gary Turner, CD-I
Stanley Wiseman, RO-F

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS:

Leo Nico was granted a Special Act Award for his excellent service and performance in the development and completion of environmental compliance for the Kaskaskia Navigation Channel Project.

SECURITY



- 1. Presidential Memorandum on Classified Material.** On 30 August 1983, the President issued a memorandum to all Federal employees concerning the unauthorized disclosure of **classified information**. That memorandum is being distributed to all Department of the Army personnel by the Secretary of the Army. The memorandum underscores the seriousness of unauthorized disclosures of diplomatic classified military and intelligence information with comment that the Government will take appropriate action against any employee found to have engaged in unauthorized disclosures of classified information, regardless of their rank or position, to include referral of cases for criminal prosecution where circumstances warrant. The point to remember is, our country can ill afford the loss or compromise of classified information. Those of us who have been entrusted with classified national defense information have a duty never to release classified information to unauthorized persons. Someones life might depend on it.
- 2. Standard of Conduct (AR 600-50).** The District Commander in a recent letter made clear his policy on conduct detrimental to the District. There can be no lessening of standards of conduct each of us is expected to maintain as employees of the Government. By maintaining high standards, we set the example for those who are to come after us.
- 3. Identification Cards.** All temporary employees upon termination or transfer must turn their ID Card into the Security Office. ID Cards are Government property.

HUMAN FACTORS

Bone-chilling cold takes its toll on the human body as well as on machinery. Physical and mental processes can be slowed down by the cold, and an extra margin of alertness is required for safe operations.

In cold weather, the correct use of personal gear, including clothes, is very important. The correct fit of shoes, socks, and gloves makes the difference between relative comfort and frostbitten fingers and toes. Multilayers of loose clothing provide more warmth than a bulky layer. Clothing should be kept as clean and as dry as possible.

In a cold environment, food intake should be increased to maintain proper body temperature. This increase in food requires more fluids, preferably hot drinks, as they warm the body. Be extremely cautious if you drink alcoholic beverages. Alcohol causes an increase in loss of body heat.

Since maintenance functions are often performed outside, mechanics must be prepared to deal with the elements. Mechanics working in the cold can lapse into hurry-up attitudes and omit steps they would not think of omitting otherwise. With their attention divided between their work and their growing discomfort, they may honestly think they have completed their work properly when actually they have not. Every step should be checked and rechecked for accuracy.

EEO CORNERSTONE

In celebration of Federal Women's Week, 10-14 October 1983, the St. Louis Metropolitan Federal Women's Program Council presented their Annual Awards Program on 14 October 1983, at the Clayton Inn. Judith Resnik, who is the next woman astronaut scheduled for shuttle travel, was the guest speaker.

Awards were presented in the categories of Agency, Manager/Supervisor, FWP Manager, and Self Development.

The St. Louis District had nominees in the following three categories:

- a. Agency
- b. Manager/Supervisor — Dan Flippen, Chief, CD
- c. Self Development — Shirley Johnson, Electronic Technician, OD

Once again, the St. Louis District received the Agency Award. Although we did not win in the other two categories, the competition was very close. We extend our thanks to Dan and Shirley, and commend them for their outstanding qualities and achievements.

We would like to welcome Ricky Godfrey, OD-PI (SB), and Willard Moseley, ED-HE, as newly assigned EEO Counselors.

Submitted by Jean Scott



ANNUAL FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM TRAINING SEMINAR

The Annual Federal Women's Program Training Seminar will be presented on November 30 and December 6. Each session is complete but will be held on alternate weeks to allow for maximum participation by all District employees. The FWPC is presently arranging the location and program details. Please look for information flyers as we complete details.

Karon Marzec, FWPM

HYDAR'S HAPPENINGS

The last writing you will see, on the screen, before the movie starts is "Directed By."

The Phillipine Islands are composed of over 7,000 smaller islands.

It is said that more books are written on Martin Luther than any other mortal man.

Gold is one of man's most precious metals. Only 24k is pure gold. 10K, 14K, 18K, etc is not pure gold but an alloy. 10K means 10 parts of it are gold, 14K means 14 parts are gold, etc. Pure gold is very soft and that is why they add other metals to it. Pure gold will not tarnish. It is hard to say when gold was first discovered but the ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians used it way back in the 6th Century B.C. More than 12 tons of gold were used in 1981 by U.S. Dentists. Why is gold so useful to Dentists? It will not tarnish or corrode. It has no injurious effect on gums and other tissues. It takes a high polish. It is malleable and can be shaped easily. It won't fracture under the powerful pressure of biting and gold is everlasting. No metal is more trustworthy or has a longer history than gold. It has been prized in jewelry since ancient times.

NONHARASSMENT VICTIM WAS STILL DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, COURT DECIDES

The Veterans Administration has been found guilty of sexual discrimination against a woman employee because a hospital supervisor promoted another woman for granting him sexual favors.

The case is the first in the nation to hold an employer liable under federal guidelines when the plaintiff was not contending that she was a harassment victim, said Barry Willoughby, a Wilmington, Del., attorney who represented Margaret Toscano. She charged that her supervisor, Jesus Segovia, promoted a co-worker, Donna Jean Nelson, in September 1978, because Nelson was having an affair with him.

Segovia, as head of hospital administration, was entitled to choose a chief of the ward administration section. Toscano was one of five individuals selected by personnel as being qualified for the job. Segovia chose Nelson. "In the typical case, the plaintiff claims that her male supervisor requested sexual favors from her and conditioned some job benefit, for example a promotion, on her assent . . . This case is slightly different factually from the typical case, although no different in its theoretical underpinnings," noted U.S. Judge Walter Stapleton, Wilmington.

Cited were Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's sexual harassment guidelines. Part (g) states that: "Where employment opportunities or benefits are granted because of an individual's submission to the employer's sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, the employer may be held liable for unlawful sex discrimination against other persons who were qualified for but denied that employment opportunity or benefit."

Circumstances Different, Theory the Same

"Toscano maintains that in order for a woman to be selected . . . it was necessary to grant sexual favors, a condition not imposed on men; this contention is consistent with the theory supporting recovery in the typical case," Stapleton continued.

Toscano, however, did not establish that it was necessary for a woman to grant sexual favors in order to be promoted. Instead, she offered proof in the form of evidence of the circumstances of Segovia's affair with Nelson. Segovia called women under his supervision at home, made sexual advances, and bragged to them of sexual encounters he had supposedly engaged in with other female employees. Segovia conceded that he had an affair with Nelson. He discussed those encounters with Toscano, noting during one telephone call that "he was going to give Nelson the job because she was 'very good in making him feel good,'" according to testimony.

VA officials failed to take prompt and appropriate remedial action when they discovered what Segovia had done, Stapleton concluded. Eventually Segovia was transferred to Boston, but this was a form of promotion and he was never reprimanded, he noted. Toscano's complaints about Segovia's behavior went unheeded, she was harassed by Segovia after she complained and felt compelled to take a lower position because of the harassment. Consequently, Stapleton found that Toscano was also a retaliation victim. (*Toscano vs Nimmo, US DC DDEL, 1983, 32 FEP, Case 140*)

Article from *Fair Employment Report*, 10 October 1983.

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CONGRATULATIONS



To Captain, now Major, Jim Benner (L&D26R).

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander Time; for that's the stuff Life is made of."

Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)
Poor Richard's Almanack

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"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

Chinese proverb

ACCIDENT SUMMARY OCTOBER 1983

PERSONAL INJURIES – GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES – OCTOBER 1983: One

Total accidents for CY 1983: Fifteen

Total accidents for CY 1982: Twelve

A Government tractor operator fractured a vertebra in his lower back when he fell off a low-boy trailer.

LAKE FATALITIES FOR OCTOBER 1983: None

Total lake fatalities for CY 1983: Three

Carlyle Lake – 2

Lake Wappapello – 1

Total lake fatalities for CY 1982: Four

Carlyle Lake – 3

Lake Shelbyville – 1

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FOR OCTOBER 1983: None

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1983: Two

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1982: Five

PERSONAL INJURIES – CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES – OCTOBER 1983: None

Total accidents for CY 1983: Ten

Total accidents for CY 1982: Four

FOR SALE

1980 Rockwood Pop-Up Camper bought new in March 82. Used 5 times. Excellent condition. Stove, icebox, sink, water/electric hook-ups, spare tire, fold out awning. Sleeps 6 adults. List price new: \$3150. Sell for: \$2500. Contact Jerry Rapp, 263-5851.

Pair of woman's golf shoes, white, size 5½B (like new); 2 closet sliding doors (wood) each 24" wide. Make offer. Pale mink boa – make offer. Call Thelma, 263-5545.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Cockapoo, black, female, spayed, 1½ years old. Good with kids. Needs lots of attention. Call Mary, 263-5040.

To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a great big mistake.

"Blessed are the forgetful: for they get the better even of their blunders."

Friedrich Nietzsche



Happy
Thanksgiving