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DISTRICT DOINGS

Rend Lake . . .

Lake Manager Phil Jenkins spoke to 60 Lions Club members at Marion about the Recreation and Resource Management programs at Rend Lake.

Canada geese at Rend Lake was the subject of Park Ranger Dave Berti's program for Sesser-Valier school children. Over eighty 3rd graders attended.

Smokey the Bear, in the persona of Park Aids Bill Calvert and Joe Smothers, spoke to approximately 250 campers on fire prevention & safety.

In spite of the hot weather, the Interpretive Services Program had good turnouts at weekend campground programs and at the Visitor Center. The second annual performance of the Dr. Seuss Story "The Lorax," a story that promotes a sound environmental ethic in children, had an audience of 80 people with approximately 20 children portraying the various characters.

A new display on Waterfowl identification at the Visitor Center has attracted over 500 visitors during September.

Lake Shelbyville . . .

September activities remained high as schools began

and teachers requested programs.

Pete Woelkers presented The Great Yurtle the Turtle Show to 25 students at the Tiny Tech Pre-School in Shelbyville. The youngsters learned about turtles that live in the area.

Russ Hauck returned to Tiny Tech with 2 programs on reptiles of the area. Fifty-seven students learned about snakes and other reptiles.

National Hunting & Fishing Day activities drew about 650 sportsmen and others interested in wildlife to the Dam East Recreation Area. Local sportsmen donated their time to demonstrate and exhibit their particular sport. Smokey the Bear and Woodsy Owl both appeared at the festivities. The maintenance and Ranger staff worked together in setting up and conducting the activities.

Russ Hauck visited with 19 members of the Shelbyville Garden Club to talk about birds of Lake Shelbyville. He took along some mounted birds of the area.

Maria Shafer and Russ led the Neoga 5th Grade on a nature walk at the Okaw Bluff Environmental Learning Center. The 75 students later participated in the "Snakes: Friend or Foe?" program.

Al Lookofsky visited Eastern Illinois University to talk to 26 freshmen about the Corps of Engineers and career opportunities in the organization.

The Nature Trailer was set up at Forest Park in Shelbyville for the 2 day Fall Festival. Woodsy Owl and Smokey the Bear visited with many of the 350 community members who came through the trailer.

The branch chief from Recreation-Resource Management in the Nashville District, his assistant, and three lake managers were given a briefing and tour of the lake.

Tom Bloor hosted a tour and presented a slide show to a University of Illinois Recreation Class.

Mark Twain Lake . . .

The Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake Association held its annual picnic at the M.W. Boudreaux Recreation Area with 1,000 people attending. Area towns set up booths in the Visitor Center promoting tourism around

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the project. The slide program "A Friend For All Seasons" was shown throughout the afternoon in the theater and the information desk was staffed by Corps personnel. Colonel Beech, Lt. Col. Chapman and other members of the St. Louis District Office, along with Otto Steffens, Dale Russell and the LMSRO-C staff gave speeches and answered inquiries concerning the remaining work and future of the Cannon project.

Hunting and Fishing Day proved popular once again with 1,500 people attending the celebration at the M.W. Boudreaux Recreation Area. Local, State and Federal agencies were represented, along with area sports clubs and businesses. Park Aid Cecilia Hass presented a slide/talk show on the Barn Owl Reintroduction Program at Mark Twain Lake. Various hunting and fishing films were shown in the theater throughout the afternoon. The public also enjoyed participating in muzzleloading, trap shooting, fly fishing and archery.

Lee Ratliff, Senior Power Plant Electrician, and Dale Russell, Power Plant Superintendent, gave tours of the dam for staff members of the St. Louis District Office on two consecutive day-long visits to the project. Steve Austin, Park Ranger, and Anne Behrens, Technician, presented the program "A Friend For All Seasons" in the Visitor Center theater. Behrens also took the groups on tours of the Ray Behrens Recreation Area.

"A Friend For All Seasons" was also presented to staff members of LMSRO-C and Monroe City Lions Club by Anne Behrens. The slide show "America" was presented to a Monroe City teachers group.

Carlyle Lake . . .

Carlyle Lake presented the 3rd Annual Nature School at the Visitor Center on September 4 and 5. Classes in survival featured first aid, knots, signaling, map and compass, edible and poisonous plants and animals, and priorities of survival. Patches were awarded to all students (from 6-67) who attended all six classes. A second Hunter's Safety Course was attended by 49 hunters.

On September 24, National Hunting and Fishing Day, attracted many visitors to the numerous events held throughout the day. Shiloh Valley Muzzle Loaders, Illinois Department of Conservation, and Corps of Engineers representatives, Bow Hunter Junious Richards, and Hunting Safety Instructor Jim Evilsizer presented talks and demonstrations on guns, wildlife management, and hunting. Taxidermy, duck carving, and crafts were on display. Fishing and hunting films and door prizes donated by local merchants were also presented throughout the day. Sixteen visitors showed their casting skills in a contest for prizes.

Wappapello Lake . . .

Over 56,000 recreators visited Wappapello Lake during the three-day Labor Day weekend. Evening interpretive

programs were presented by Park Aids in the campgrounds, while scorching temperatures encouraged large crowds to participate in beach safety programs.

The Wappapello Mobile Visitor Center was on display at the annual SEMO District Fair from Sept. 9-17. Park Technicians & Aids were on hand to talk with the many interested people who visited the center.

Once again, the National Hunting & Fishing Day Celebration at Wappapello was a big success as over 1,000 participants & spectators attended the festivities. Activities included trap shooting, muzzle loader shooting, taxidermy displays and trapping demonstrations. Youngsters were able to compete in casting, fishing and BB gun shooting contests. The event was cosponsored by the Wappapello Lake staff & the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Lock & Dam 26 (Replacement) . . .

Farrell Burnett and Captain Pete Karnowski gave a briefing to 25 from the Land of Lincoln Soybean Association. Sandy Hoelscher and Tony Thompson hosted a group from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Fairview Heights, IL.

Pete Lorenzo gave a slide show and tour to 25 members of the Bond County Farm Bureau from Greenville, IL. The Jefferson City Student Chapter of the ASCE sent 25 people to the project where they were briefed by Dan Brueggjenjohann and Larry Green.

Captain Jim Benner entertained visitors from Meramec Community College, the Planning Division of the Illinois State Water Division and the Illinois Dept. of Transportation Planning Engineers — aided by Tony Thompson, Tom Buettmann, Jim Kuehnle, David Saxon, and Robert Kreinheder.

Jim Kuehnle conducted tours for groups from St. Stevens Church Men's Organization, St. Louis, and the Springfield, MO. Utility Department.

AROUND THE DISTRICT . . .

Colonel Beech gave the opening remarks on the program presented in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Week. He spoke both in Spanish and English. Then the audience was treated to a program of Bolivian folk dancers, followed by some tasty treats prepared by the Hispanic Committee members.

Col. Beech also gave the main address at the annual picnic of the Mark Twain Lake and Cannon Dam Area Development Association.

Will Moseley helped represent the St. Louis District in this year's United Fund Campaign. Will was a "Bellringer" during the Sept-Oct drive, speaking to more than 25 audiences throughout the Metro area and at times ranging from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Chuck Franco provided a briefing to the Bi-State Stormwater Committee on the Impacts of Flood Plain regulations on Port Development.

Alan Berman, John Naeger, Larry Whitt, Alex Dombi and Paul Roberts have spent a busy time giving Computer Aided Drafting demonstrations to representatives from the Nashville, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Huntington and Omaha Districts, and to a representative from the Monsanto Company.

Bill Sutton gave a briefing at Locks 26 to a group from the Illinois Farm Bureau Governmental Affairs Division.

EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENT

Rich Siemons, who is a registered architect and landscape architect assigned to the Design Branch, Engineering Division, recently received confirmation from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards that he has qualified for and been granted NCARB certification. This certification is issued after substantial professional education and experience has been achieved along with passing a 4-day, 36 hour NCARB examination. NCARB certification places the recipient in a position to gain state registration in all 50 states and many countries abroad. This achievement is personally beneficial to Rich and enhances the St. Louis District's position throughout the country, particularly when competing with other design organizations for military work assignments involving building construction projects.

HERE AND THERE

The Lake Shelbyville maintenance force acted as leaders for several laborers hired under the Jobs Bill program for the summer. Their accomplishments included renovation of 27 campsites in Opossum Creek, the relocation and upgrading of the amphitheater in Cook Creek, painting of recreation facilities and the maintenance and construction of several miles of trails at the lake.

The relocation of the Coon Creek Amphitheater has been met with enthusiasm from campers. More centrally located, more parking and more visible are some of the comments. This has resulted in an increase in attendance at programs held at the amphitheater.

Dancing is the art of getting your feet out of the way faster than your partner can step on them.

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ATTENTION
RETIREES



For the past ten years or so retirees have been meeting at Pietros Restaurant at 3801 Watson Road on the third Thursday of each month.

Attendance has been dropping off in recent months. The manager has announced that if the attendance is not up to 30 or more for each meeting they will not continue to hold the room.

Rally 'round Retirees and try to save your reservation at Pietros. That's the third Thursday of each month.

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Said the inveterate golfer's wife at the dinner table:
"Junior tells me he caddied for you today."

Replied the golfer: "Now that explains it. I knew I'd seen that boy somewhere before."



Assistant Wappapello Lake Manager Richard Hite will take over the Park Manager duties on Oct. 3 when Mike McClendon goes on temporary duty in the Chief of Engineers Office, Washington, D.C., in the Land Management Section of the Natural Resource Management Branch.

As of the end of August, Carlyle Lake has hosted over 3 million visitors. This is well over the lake's year of record, 1982.

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A physician reports the sense of hearing is somewhat dulled by eating, which is nature's way of protecting us from after-dinner speakers.

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APTITUDE TESTING

Some students, like many other young people in high school, may not have a clear idea of what they are going to do following high school graduation. The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** can be a valuable tool in helping to assess students' potential and identify their areas of interest. Although the ASVAB test is geared toward identifying aptitude for military training, it can provide useful information concerning potential civilian occupations.

The ASVAB testing is offered at no cost, and participation involves no service obligation. Test can be administered right in school through the local Army Representative or Army Education Coordinator.

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BG SELECTION LIST

The following six Corps of Engineers officers are among 60 individuals approved by the President for promotion to Brigadier General. Public announcement was made at 1100 hrs est on 12 Sept 83.

Promotion sequence Col Robert H. Ryan, Executive Director for Engineering and Construction Directorate, HQUSACE; William H. Reno, Executive to the Vice Chief of Staff, HQDA; Col Paul F. Kavanaugh, Chief of Staff, HQUSACE; Col Howard D. Graves, Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer; FORSCOM, Col Peter J. Offringa, Director of Engineering and Housing, USAREUR; Col Charles E. Williams, Commander, 18th Engineer Brigade, USAREUR.

INCENTIVE AWARDS

PROMOTIONS:

Brenda F. Simmons, PO-S,
Personnel Clerk (Typing), GS-203-4

Natalie Eschmann, PD,
Secretary Stenography, GS-318-5

Bettie M. Charity, PO-R,
Personnel Clerk (Typing), GS-203-4

Terry M. Laws, SD
Procurement Officer, GM-1102-13

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS:

Charles L. Turlin, ED-S
Zeno W. Schafer, OD-NC
Robert E. Eifert, OD-PB
Shirley M. Hamilton, OD-B
Cleatus L. Raines, OD-NC
Josephine Bischan, OC
Janice L. Maxwell, OD-B
Melvin F. Papin, OD-NC
David Oelrich, CD-I

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD:

Nancy Messerli, OD-NL

QUALITY STEP INCREASE:

David Oelrich, CD-I

ON THE SPOT:

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

TANGIBLE SUGGESTIONS:

James Bonds of the Emergency Operations Branch, Operations Division, was presented with a suggestion award that recommended a new, innovative, unconventional method of repairing crisafulli pump hose.

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS:

Real Estate Division has recognized 3 of their employees for Special Services in support of the Real Estate activities under the Jobs Bill Program. Messrs. Donis, Cowgill, and Francis, were presented with Special Act Awards.

A Special Act Award was granted by the Engineering Division to Riley Pope for outstanding performance of duties during the period 15 May 1983 to 15 August 1983.

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CONDOLENCES

The St. Louis District was saddened to learn of the death of William O. Cauble on September 25. He was Chief of the Procurement and Supply Division from 1970 until his retirement on March 31, 1983. He had 39 years of federal service.

Bill is probably best remembered by many District people, for his appearances as Santa Claus, both here in the office and at the annual Christmas party.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Alberta, his sons Stephen and Bruce, and his daughter, Marge Robbins, who is employed in the Hydrologic & Hydraulics Branch of the Engineering Division.

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THANKS

I'd like everyone to know just how much my family appreciated the lovely floral arrangements and expressions of sympathy from so many people in the District. I was overwhelmed by the number of you who took time to pay your final respects to dad. I'll always cherish your thoughtfulness and consideration.

*Marge Robbins
Daughter of William Cauble*

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LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES

If you haven't been attending the free noontime lectures offered by the library you've been missing some interesting presentations. We've had lectures on such topics as: archaeology, personal computers, investment counseling, earthquakes, Revolutionary War History of St. Louis, and Censorship. At upcoming lectures we hope to cover such topics as legends and lore, genealogical research, and copyright and patent law. Watch the mail and bulletin boards for flyers announcing the lectures.

BRING IN BOOKS!

Books are needed for the Annual CAC Craft Bazaar, Nov. 23. If you have any used books in good usable condition consider selling them at the bazaar. All types of books are appropriate — text books, reference books, cook books, childrens books, fiction, and good quality paperbacks. Remember, the bazaar provides a good benefit to the seller as well as aiding the council. Clean out your basement or attic and bring in your books. Call a CAC member for additional details.

DA FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT REFERRAL PROGRAM

The Department of the Army (DA) is committed to providing employment assistance to family members of military and civilian personnel. A number of actions to assist family members have recently been completed. These include a change in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations to extend the reinstatement eligibility for career-conditional employees who separate to accompany a military or civilian sponsor to an overseas assignment and EO 12362 which provides for non-competitive appointment of family members who have worked in non-permanent appointments overseas for 24 months.

In support of the family member employment assistance program, DA has proposed and the Office of the Secretary of Defense has approved, an expansion of the DOD Priority Placement Program referral eligibility for DA family members. This expanded referral program, to be tested for an 18-month period, will apply to those family members who are currently employed, by DA and who accompany DA military or civilian sponsors on permanent change of station moves to DA duty stations within the continental United States. A flyer, announcing this program, is posted on all official bulletin boards.

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“REGIONAL NAME CHANGE — OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)”

On 1 October 1983 the Regional Office of the OPM will revert to its original title of “St. Louis Region.” In October 1979 the name had been changed to Mid-Continent Region when OPM had undergone some organizational changes. The change back to the original title will lessen some confusion for agencies serviced by the OPM. All future DD 1556's (training requests) should indicate **St. Louis Region** when nominating employees for **OPM** courses.

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One thing about children — they never pull out pictures of their parents to show their friends.



EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONS

- Q.** Are temporary employees eligible to be considered for permanent position vacancies?
- A.** Generally, temporary employees who are eligible for reinstatement based on previous permanent Federal employment and those eligible for permanent employment on the basis of other non-competitive appointing authorities (e.g. Vietnam Era Veteran severely handicapped individuals, 30% disabled veterans, certain former overseas employees, etc.) may be considered, along with our permanent employees for position vacancies. Those temporary employees not in one of the categories as described above are not eligible for consideration, unless they are within reach for selection on an appropriate civil service certificate. Only permanent employees are eligible to be considered for positions filled under the Upward Mobility Program. When temporary employees are referred under merit promotion procedures, they are rated and ranked using the same criteria as that used to rate all other applicants. If they compete successfully, and are ranked among the best qualified group, they are eligible to receive the same selection consideration as provided permanent employees.
- Q.** How long is an employee required to remain in a position before being eligible for consideration for other positions?
- A.** There is a “time after competitive appointment” requirement of 90 days for those employees selected from a civil service register. That is, during the 90 days following appointment, these employees may not be changed to another position, except during an emergency. Otherwise, employees are not restricted in movement from one position to another, if other regulatory requirements are met (i.e. time-in-grade requirement and qualification requirements).

AN UPDATE FOR RETIREES

Retirees, do you ever think nostalgically of the "old office" and wonder what it's like now?

Whether the answer to this is a yes or no, we thought you might like an update on what's new around the St. Louis District Office.

Depending on how long you have been gone, some of you wouldn't recognize the old place.

On just a quick tour through the offices, one of the first things you would notice would be the preponderance of computers. Every senior or TAA staff member has his/her own deskside computer.

"What are they used for?" you might ask. They are tied in with the Harris 500, the largest computer in the ADP center. If you want to know the river stages, what the DE's calendar for today shows, your computer can tell you. You ask if you have any messages. The messages would formerly have been sent to you on a DF, now they are on the computer. No, DF's have not been eliminated completely, but the numbers are diminishing every day. You can also send your own messages to individuals, or to all staff members. There are so many uses the surface hasn't been scratched yet. Not only does every staff member have one of these handy-dandy playtoys, but so do branch heads, and soon section heads.

Secretaries, you might find yourself typing on a Xerox Memorywriter — almost a computer — but there is no terminal, just a small window which shows you what you are typing. It will hold between 9 and 10 pages of typed material and you can recall this material for corrections and retyping where necessary, or retyping of the same letter to go to 10 different addresses.

We have computerized drafting — throw away those T-squares. Of course, the trusty old slide rule disappeared with the advent of pocket calculators.

Travelers, there is a computer in Memphis which, when fed the proper information such as time of departure, arrival, etc., can figure your travel in a matter of seconds. You want to argue that you didn't get enough? Tell it to the computer. No more Examination Section to pick on.

There are machines in the mail room which slap on heat sensitive labels, and seal the envelopes. Up to now someone has to stuff the envelopes but just wait. The mail is now metered, which means nothing can be mailed outside of the office. Remember those rush jobs when everybody, including the boss, was stuffing and licking until the very last minute, and then the envelopes were dropped off in the post office? Not any more. They would be returned, because they **must** be metered.

Pop around and see the old place sometime. But don't come after 4:00 p.m. Because of flexitime many people have their 8 hour day completed by 3:00 or 3:30 and have departed the scene. What is flexitime, you ask? Well that's another story.



GOLF NEWS

League Play — Playoffs for the 1983 season were held August 16 at the Clinton Hills golf course. Final results and team members were:

1st Place — Sandblasters

Vic Behrmann, Dennis Hogan, Elmer Huizenga, Joe Strinni, Rich Siemons, Walt Snow, Jack Eckles

2nd Place — Operations

Rich Buncie, Jim Baker, Larry White, Hank Martin, Bill O'Herin, Joe Pollaro, Lew Scheuermann, Mark Koester

*3rd Place — Duffers

Paul Olson, Ed Ewing, Bill Meldrum, Bill Sutton, Ron Messerli, Dennis Stephens, Harold Stemmerman, Tony Giardina

* THIRD PLACE WAS DECIDED WHEN ED EWING HOLED OUT A DOWNHILL, BREAKING PUTT AFTER SUNSET WITH A FLORESCENT COATED GOLF BALL.

Additional winners for other league awards were:

Most Valuable — Walt Snow (15 points)

Most Improved — Dave Harley

Lowest Handicap — Rich Siemons

New officers for 1984 season are:

President — Dave Harley

Secretary — Rob Davinroy

Treasurer — Mike Kruckeberg

GOLF NEWS (Continued)

Several new league records were established during the 1983 season:

Most Points by Team (Half Season): 229 — Operations; First Half

Individual Low Gross:

Back Nine — 35 — Rich Siemons, 8/2/83

(The old record of 37 was also bested by Dave Harley — 36 — on 8/2/83. DAVE HELD THE RECORD FOR FIVE MINUTES)

Individual Low Handicap (9 Holes):

3.71 — Rich Siemons (Old record — 3.93 BY BILL MELDRUM)

Fall Tournament — The fall tournament was held on Friday, Sept 2 at the Clinton Hills golf course. Final results were:

Low Score (2 man Best-Ball with handicap)

AAA Flight

- 1st — Ed Ewing - Vernon Drewes
- 2nd — Lee Lyons - Bobby Hughey
- 3rd — Dave Harley - Elmer Huizenga

AA Flight

- 1st — Paul Olson - Vic Behrmann
- 2nd — Gary Dyhouse - Mike Kruckeberg
- 3rd — Tom Furdek - Rich Mills

A Flight

- 1st — Mike Houser - Hank Martin
- 2nd — Cliff Mahin - Joe Pollaro
- 3rd — Jim Kiem - Fred Niermann

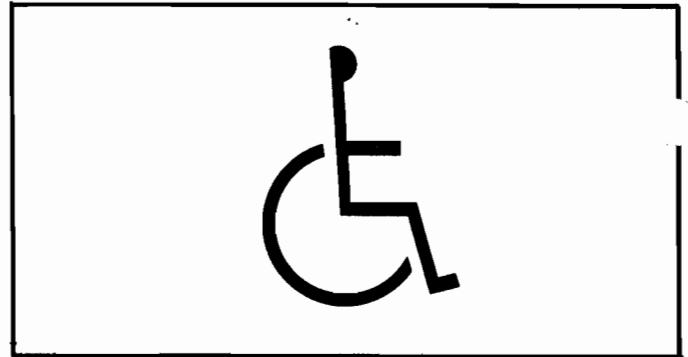
Closest to Pin #6 — AAA - Bob Hughey
AA - Jack Eckles
A - Bob Lutz

Closest to Pin #14 — AAA - Harold Stemmerman
AA - Russ Smith
A - Andy Neuner

Longest Drive #13 — AAA - Paul Roberts
AA - Dick Pearce
A - Dennis Hogan

Least Putts — AAA - Bill Meldrum
AA - Jack Eckles
A - Joe Pollaro

Low Gross (18 holes) — Rich Siemons — 79



NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK 2-8 OCT 1983

The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped has designated the first full week of October 1983 to be observed as "National Employ the Handicapped Week." There will be several activities planned during the week to highlight awareness of the abilities, achievements, needs and concerns of the handicapped employee and the importance of breaking down attitudinal barriers. The St. Louis District is committed to ensuring that qualified handicapped persons receive the same consideration for jobs and training as persons without impairments. This week, and every week, is an opportune time to increase our awareness of the individuals whose exceptional performance far outweighs any handicap. Get involved!

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SEXISM IN LANGUAGE

Sexism may be showing up in your language and attitudes if you find yourself answering yes to most of these questions from psychologist Sharon Lord's checklist:

Do you —

- Refer to adult females as "girls," but adult males as "men?"
- Call women "ladies" but on the same occasion, men "men?"
- Call women by their first names but men with equal positions by their titles?
- Say "lady lawyer, lady doctor, or lady engineer?"
- Automatically write, "Dear Sirs?"
- Expect men to touch women in the office, but not vice versa?
- Introduce women by using only their husband's name (Mrs. Jay Jones)?
- Use male labels for a whole group (congressmen, newsmen)?
- Think gender-free language is a trivial subject?
- Still tolerate sexist jokes, but not racist ones?

TEX-MEX CHEESE AND HAMBURGER DIP

After our Hispanic Heritage program in September, a number of people asked for the recipe for the cheese dip. This recipe came to us from Ruth Wilkes, who got it in Germany and credits a public affairs specialist from Fort Hood, Texas (Dottie Collins). Here it is:

Ingredients:

- 1 pound hamburger meat (preferably lean)
- 2 pounds of processed cheese (we used Velveeta)
- 1 can tomatoes and chilis (Ro-Tel or Old El Paso)
- Worcestershire Sauce
- Salt
- Pepper
- Chili powder (optional for gringos)

Brown meat in skillet; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Add approx. 1 oz. Worcestershire Sauce and a dash of chili powder.

Drain grease. Add can of tomatoes and chilis and chunks of cheese. Stir until cheese is fully melted.

Serve hot, with corn chips (Flavored chips not recommended).

As a variation, the same recipe minus the meat can be used as a dip or as a cheese sauce over appropriate meat or vegetable dishes.

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AVOID BATHROOM BLUNDERS

A surprising number of home accidents occur in the bathroom. Take some time to hazard-proof your bathroom.

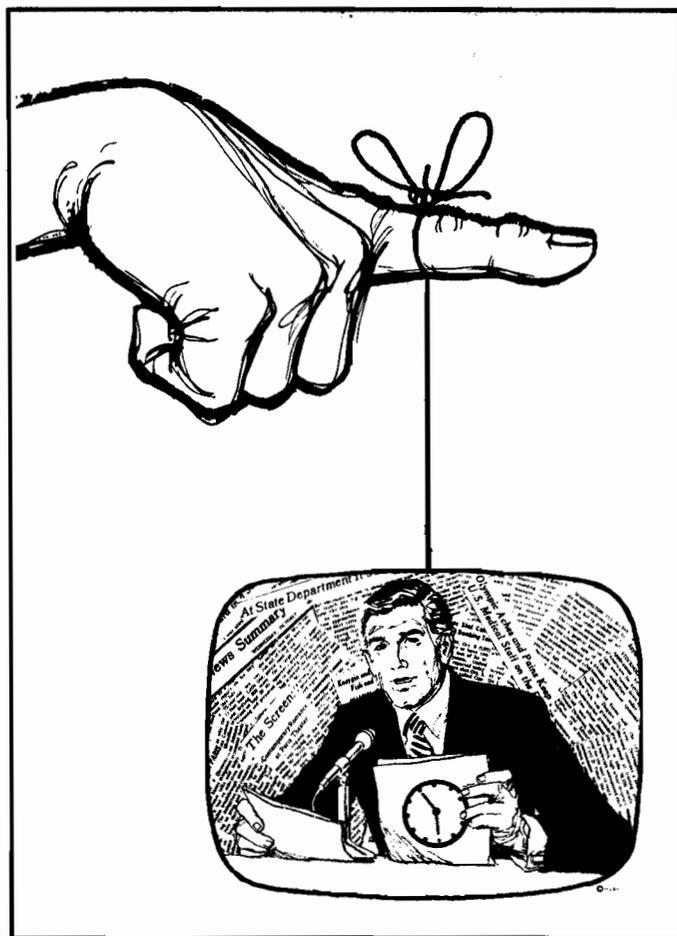
Use non-skid mats, decals, or a textured surface in the tub to prevent falls. All tubs and shower enclosures should have a firm grab bar within easy reach.

Bath and shower doors should be made of plastic or glazed with safety glass. Caution children not to play in the bathtub.

Label all medicines and lock them up where children can't get at them. Keep all breakable bottles and jars of shampoo, oils, lotions, and creams to one side where they won't be knocked to the floor.

Use any electrical appliances — hair dryers, razors, or curlers — away from the tub or sink. And keep the cords away, from water as well. Don't smoke when using aerosols, such as hair sprays.

Finally, keep a night light on so midnight trips to the bathroom don't end in a fall.



FALL BACK

On Sunday, 30 October, Daylight Savings Time ends, and people around the United States will set back their clocks one hour.

If you feel it's a bother having to remember to set your clock back in the fall, or forward in the spring, or to reset your watch once or twice when you change time zones, consider what it was like 100 years ago.

At that time there were more than 100 local times in the U.S. While traveling from coast to coast, you would have to reset your watch some 20 times.

In 1880, when it was noon in Washington, D.C., it was 12:08 p.m. in Philadelphia, 12:12 p.m. in New York, and 12:24 p.m. in Boston. A lot of people missed their trains in Pittsburgh, where six different local times governed train departures.

The railroads took a step toward ending the confusion in 1883 when they set up the four now familiar zones: Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific. The rest of the world followed within a few years, with the globe being divided into 24 time zones.

Congress formally adopted the system in 1918.

American Forces Press Service



ACCIDENT SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 1983

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1983:

None

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1983: One

Total vehicle accidents for CY 1982: Five

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PERSONAL INJURIES – CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES – SEPTEMBER 1983: Two

Total accidents for CY 1983: Ten

Total accidents for CY 1982: Four

A laborer employed by Groves-Atkinson-Ball fell off a ladder onto a rebar mat and fractured a vertebra.

Another laborer on GAB's contract was injured when struck in the face by a piece of lumber that fell from a pier monolith.

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PERSONAL INJURIES – GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES – SEPTEMBER 1983: Two

Total accidents for CY 1983: Fourteen

Total accidents for CY 1982: Twelve

A Government employee in Supply Division strained her lower back when she attempted to pick up a box of specifications that was on a cart.

A Government employee on the Dredge Potter fractured his left leg when he stepped from the Launch Cincinnati to the bank.

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LAKE FATALITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 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

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Junk is something you keep for ten years and then throw away two weeks before you need it.

CORPS EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO NEW EM

SLD Hydraulics personnel were recently requested to contribute to the new Corps' Engineer Manual for Interior Flood Control Analysis. Messrs. Fred Bader, Ron Dieckmann, and Dennis Stephens each wrote a separate appendix for the new EM 1110-2-1410, detailing the proper technical procedures for different methods of interior flood analysis. Debbie Lanier assisted this effort by preparing the graphics for each appendix. The new EM will be issued Corps-wide in FY 84.

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NIT-PICKERS OF THE WORLD

To those who pointed out the discrepancy of an Army promotion story illustrated by a sketch of a Navy officer, last issue, we say:

Remember our editorial policy of trying to include something for everyone including an occasional error for those who enjoy finding them.

Incidentally, do you know the derivation of the term "nit-picking?"

Next time you are at the zoo, watch the monkeys work over each other's fur with finger tips. They are "grooming" each other. That is, picking nits and lice out of the fur.

*Clyde A. Wilkes
Public Affairs Officer*