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To The Engineer Family
St. Louis District

SEASONS GREETINGS

As we approach the end of 1986, we can look back over an interesting and challenging year. I am gratified by responses to the challenges we faced and the accomplishments we achieved.

A high point of the year, for many of us, was the fifth highest flood crest on record, here in St. Louis. I am proud of the way you dealt with that crisis, particularly in reference to the threat to the Lock and Dam 26 Replacement Project. In addition, we can all take a great deal of satisfaction from the fact that Clarence Cannon Dam played a very significant role in flood damage reduction. These achievements are the very essence of what Civil Works is all about.

The five lake projects again turned in superb performances while taking care of our customers, the public. Likewise, an upsurge of traffic on the waterways system was handled with ease by the navigation folks. Every element of the District has registered significant accomplishments during the year. We can all take pride in being part of an organization that consistently achieves excellence. I thank each of you for your contributions.

Once again, Betty and I extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous holiday season and a safe transition into the new year. We look forward to continued success in 1987, through renewed commitment to the professional values by which we live and work.

DANIEL M. WILSON

COL, CE
Commanding



THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM MG SANDS

On Thanksgiving Day 1986, Americans everywhere will be giving thanks, continuing a tradition which has taken place for more than 300 years.

It is the time of year when everyone has an opportunity to reflect on the values instilled in this country by our forefathers that continue to make our Nation what it is today. It is a time when we recognize the importance of family and togetherness--the beginning of a holiday season.

To the LMVD family my thanks for all that you do to make our Division what it is--a professional, dedicated, and responsive element of the world's best engineering organization.

My family and I wish you and your family a safe, happy Thanksgiving Day.

MG THOMAS A. SANDS
COMMANDER, LMVD

HOLIDAY GREETING FROM THE CHIEF

As we approach another holiday season, you, the men and women in our Corps family, continue to serve our country throughout the world. The dedicated service each one of you has given forms an important part of what the Corps of Engineers has contributed to the Nation's security and well-being; to the concept of Peace on Earth.

Working every day for peace and freedom in a troubled and uneasy world, you each set a valuable example for future generations to look back to when it is their turn to carry the torch for the values we cherish.

While we have a legacy of greatness in leadership and values from our founding fathers, your dedication and that of our soldiers, our retirees, and our family members is heartwarming. Whatever our individual backgrounds, faiths, or hopes, we all value some degree of unity in sharing the message and celebration of this holiday season.

The coming season is bountiful most of us. Yet for some this holiday season may ring empty. During this time, let us all pause to remember those families who have lost a loved one in the Nation's service, or are separated because of distant duties.

Throughout the year I have taken several opportunities to express thoughts on how fortunate we in the Corps family are. This holiday season, we can rejoice over our sustained efforts--throughout the entire year--to give and share with others peace, comfort, and encouragement.

I congratulate each of you for helping to bring about our considerable achievements of this past year. I hope all will have a very happy holiday season and a prosperous, peaceful year.

LT. GEN. E. R. HEIBERG III
COMMANDER, USACE

NEW DERRICKBOAT DEDICATED

A ceremony dedicating the new Derrickboat SEWELL was held at the Service Base on August 20.

The Derrickboat was named in honor of Floyd E. Sewell, former Chief of the Plant Branch, Operations Division. Mr. Sewell's widow and daughter Mary Jean Sewell attended the ceremony along with about 50 Service Base employees, retirees, relatives and friends. Jim Petersen, Chief, Operations Division, read a biography of Mr. Sewell and also gave the particulars of the new vessel. MAJ James E. Brown, Jr. presented a photograph of the boat to the Sewells.

Mr. Sewell began his Federal career with the St. Louis District in September 1928, as an inspector at the U.S. Engineer Depot (Service Base). He advanced through various positions including Junior Engineer, Assistant Engineer and Engineer involved with the construction and repair of floating plant. In January 1956 he was promoted to the position of Chief, Plant Branch where he stayed until his retirement in 1965. During his 37 years of service he received numerous letters of commendation, two Sustained Superior Performance Awards and a Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Mr. Sewell died 11 December 1974.



DERRICKBOAT SEWELL

Constructed by Misener Marine Construction of Tampa, FL.

Capacity - 125 tons

Boom Length - 160 feet

Hull Size - 195'x54'x10'

Original Cost - \$3.6 million

Delivered - September 1985.

Tasks: Drydocking of small boats and barges; handling repair parts for floating plant from the river bank to the fleeting area; and, lifting of lock miter gates, bulkheads and machinery.

Merry CHRISTMAS

DISTRICT DOINGS

Mark Twain Lake

Park Ranger Jeanette Campbell spent a day with Quincy Cub Scouts working on an Energy Badge. The group watched a film on energy, toured the power plant and discussed energy cycles while hiking the Hickory Bluff Trail.

Jeanette also presented the film "Early Americans" to the Ralls County Historical Society and "A Friend for All Seasons" to 6th graders from Moberly.

Park Ranger Anne Behrens and Power Plant Superintendent Dale Russell hosted Quincy 8th and 9th grade gifted students on a tour of the power plant and discussed careers with the government.

A Natural Resources class of college students from Wesleyan College in Iowa spent a day with Park Ranger Jon Graznak touring the Power Plant and discussing the Corps' role in natural resource management.

Carlyle Lake

A water safety information booth was staffed by Park Aids Julie Loeper and Ken Filbeck at the grand opening of McDonald's in Carlyle. Approximately 85 people visited the booth.

Roger Hayes was interviewed by WILY Radio (Centralia) regarding birds of the local area.

The Carlyle Lake staff cooperated with the City of Carlyle police by providing Woodsy the Owl and Smokey the Bear costumes for their I-SEARCH program.

Bad neighbors never hear their own dogs barking.

Rend Lake

The first weekend of the 7th Annual Handicapped Deer Hunt was a success. Volunteers from the Sesser-Valier Outdoorsmen Club assisted handicapped hunters in harvesting a total of seven deer, including a 10-point buck.

Philip Neusius, Archaeologist, spoke to 300 students from Walton School District on Prehistoric Indians that once inhabited the Rend Lake area.

Park Aid, Marti Schramm discussed plant and animal life native to Rend Lake and led a nature walk for Girl Scouts from Bonnie.

Lake Shelbyville

David Allen and Mary Ann Crawford presented a program on the Geology of Central Illinois for the Columbia Middle School of Champaign.

David Allen and Kent South Presented a program on snakes for the Pana Cub Scouts.

The Lake Shelbyville Management Office hosted the FY 87 Natural Resource Managers meeting at the Ramada Inn in Effingham, Illinois, November 5-7. The conference included a variety of topics dealing with today's trends in Recreation Management.

Featured speakers included Dale Russell from Clarence Cannon Dam and Al Lookofsky from Lake Shelbyville. Also represented were speakers from OCE, WES, and Ill. Dept. of Conservation.

The conference was topped off by an informal dinner banquet where several District employees received awards and promotions.

DISTRICT DOINGS (Continued)

Lock & Dam (26) Replacement

Ed Berghoff spoke to the Bethalto Rotary, and gave a talk and tour for 12 Cub Scouts at the site.

Ed teamed up with Farrell Burnett for a briefing and tour for 20 students from the University of Iowa.

Milton Walter gave a slide show for 25 students from Belleville West High School Science Club.

Around the District

COL Daniel Wilson presided at five public meetings--two on River des Peres and three on Lock & Dam 26(R) 2nd lock environmental impact. Two of the meetings were held out of the District in Davenport, IA., and St. Paul, MN.

Ken Koller gave a briefing on L&D26(R) to an ASCE Student Chapter at the Univ. of Mo.-Columbia.

Tom Furdek presented a paper on "Local Destratification Systems for Mark Twain Lake" at the CE Workshop on Reservoir Releases in Atlanta, GA.

Gary Dyhouse gave two lectures to civil engineering students at the University of Mo.-Rolla on "Sedimentation Considerations in Water Resources Investigations" and on "The Effects of the Corps of Engineers on Mississippi River flooding."

Claude Strauser spoke to the Black Jack Lions Club about the history of navigation on the Mississippi River and about recent flood events, and



also lectured to the Rivers and Harbors Class at the Univ. of Mo.-Rolla.

Dan Buckley, Lockmaster, Lock 24, spoke to 20 members of the Clarksville Lions Club about L&D26(R), Navigation, and Hinged Pool Operation.

Bill Sutton gave an update on L&D26(R) to the American Legion Post No. 4.

Terry Norris was the guest speaker at an American Planning Association luncheon. He spoke on "Historical Past of Southwestern Illinois."

Terry also lectured to 100 Parkway East High School students on "French Colonial Remains Within the Mississippi River Valley."

Paul Olson told the Science classes at Rockwood South Junior High all about mapping.

Ken Porter and Ken Kruchowski spoke to 30 students from Chesterfield Day School about locks and dams and their effect on wildlife.

Have a Very Merry Christmas

CHIEF'S POLICY LETTER #18

SUBJECT: Customer Care

1. One of the toughest challenges we face in the Corps of Engineers is how to best serve our customers. During the past year I have emphasized the need to care for our customers, to assist and support them in carrying out their missions.

2. It is incumbent upon the Corps to make every effort to assist our customers once an informed decision is made to pursue a program or a project. What we must do is provide thoughtful and enlightened input to the decision makers. Can the program be done within the time and money constraints? What are the risks involved in trying to execute the program or project? Some times we must not say "Yes, sir!" when the proper answer may be "Not that way, sir!" Our bottom line customer is the Nation; our product must pass the test of time.

3. This judicious approach to customer care requires all concerned to respond to customer requests, as well as requests from within the Corps, with well thought out and discriminating answers. Our answers should reflect a positive attitude, tempered with sound engineering judgment. If your customer does not accept your answer, involve the next higher level of the chain of command.

E. R. HEIBERG III
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

FOR SALE

Binoculars - Tasco Standard Zip Focus (7 x 35mm), new, w/carrying case.
Call J. Caldwell, Ext. 3-5711, Rm. 841.

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Joseph Stalder who died November 11 at the age of 65. Joe, who retired in 1972, had 31 years with the government, including service in WW II. Most of his career with the Corps was in the Maintenance Branch of Operations Division in charge of Flood Structures Section.

The George Clapp family on the death of son, David.

The Bruce Moore family on the death of their son, Carl.

How would you like a job where, if you made a mistake, a big red light goes on and 18,000 people boo?

Former hockey goalie,
Jacques Plante

**Second Annual SLD
Shuffleboard Tournament**

(Editor's Note: The Bulletin staff accepts responsibility for neither the authenticity nor the significance of this item.)

The Second Annual SLD Shuffleboard Tournament was won by the team of Dennis Hogan and Rich Siemons. Second place went to the team of Gary Camp and Darold Silcott.

The most valuable player award (The Brazier Cup) was won by Hogan.

(Note 2: Any District element wishing to challenge this assertion should contact Mr. Hogan, RE-M. We suspect the article could also have been worded: "Camp and Silcott placed second; Hogan and Siemons were next to last.")

INCENTIVE AWARDS

PROMOTIONS:

Donna Zoeller, ED
Lawrence Whitt, ED
Rosemary Puricelli, DC
Ronald Bockhorst, IM

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Robert Painter, OD
Charles Grojean, CD
Penny Mudd, CD
Joan Schick, CT
Robert Eifert, OD
Darrell LaPlante, OD
Stanley Zurweller, CD
Natalie Eschmann, PD
Robert Mesko, ED
Stephen Summers, OD
Robert Bringer, BC
John Metz, OD
Walter Fredley, CD
David Buatte, CD
Elbert Haskett, ED
James Lampe, OD

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS

Suzanne Harris, PD
Dawn Kovarik, OD
Charles Rhoads, ED

PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

Elizabeth Pitrolo, OD

INTANGIBLE SUGGESTIONS:

Ronald Lindsay, PD
Robert Kreienheder,
Dixie Pickett, PO

TANGIBLE SUGGESTIONS:

Lucien Bailey, OD

ON-THE-SPOT CASH AWARDS

Janet Eversgerd, PO
Vivian Ratliff, LM
Donnett Drysdale, PD
Ida Morris, PD
Terry Norris, PD
John Brady, PD
Thomas Keevin, PD
David Gates, PD
Thomas Glueck, PD
Lawrence Jenneman, PD
Terry Dye, PD
Leanne Cruitt, OD
Donald Brown, OD
Gerald Parker, OD
John Metz, OD
Kenneth Strong, OD
Howard Reynolds, OD
Paul Kornberger, OD
Eric Davis, OD
Jerome Becker, OD
Bruce Grau, OD
Ted Hayn, OD
Darrell LaPlante, OD
Charles Johnson, OD
Joseph Caracci, OD
David Ruck, OD
Louis Hurd, OD
Joseph McElligott, OD
Kenneth Allensworth, OD
Bransby Houghton, OD
Merle Bockting, OD
Cecil McLard, OD
Robert Barton, OD
Judge Hill, OD
Edmond Rogers, OD
Robert Eifert, OD
Paul Nottmeier, OD
Richard Stubits, OD
Richard Schmacher, OD
Rickey Kemp, OD
Merrilyn Apel, CD
Wayne Barton, OD
Jude Harrington, OD

ARMY RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD

After high school graduation, some students will attend college and others will begin a new career. Either way, they can get Army pay and skill training while they work or study, as civilians. These benefits are available to those who become soldiers in the Army Reserve or National Guard.

They'll be eligible to receive a financial bonus of up to \$1,500 for joining a priority unit or up to \$2,000 for selecting a critical skill. Or they may prefer to take advantage of up to \$5,040 in aid for education. In addition, Reserve pay can be over \$1,100 for the first year alone, and those Reservists and Guardsmen who are attending college can also join the Army ROTC and earn up to \$12,200, over 4 years of college.

Part-time service is flexible enough to work around a full-time schedule. To begin with, Basic Training and Advanced Skill Training can be divided

between two summers. After that, Reserve meetings are just 16 hours a month (usually two eight-hour days, over a weekend) and 2 weeks of Annual Training, so they won't interfere with school or work.

Army Reserve and National Guard service provide training in a variety of technical skills. This can be a valuable opportunity for a part-time soldier to improve his civilian job potential or start a completely new career. He or she will also gain confidence, learn to work as part of a team, and develop a sense of pride which will carry over into the civilian workforce.

Students can join the Army Reserve or National Guard before graduation. They must be at least 17 years old and in their last three years of high school. This could be an important way for students to earn extra money, learn a valuable skill and start building a better future.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holiday season is here, a time for celebrating, with parties galore. It's also a season when you should be extra cautious while driving, since alcohol is usually a staple at holiday parties and some drivers may have had a little more of it than they should have.

Don't be one of those. Keep these tips in mind when you attend a party and insure your chances of having a safe holiday season.

--Before you go out, designate one driver in your party who will stay sober the entire evening.

--Know your limit. A good safety limit is one drink per hour.

--Don't drink on an empty stomach. Eat something first, take in food now and then, and sip your drink slowly.

--Don't drink if you are taking any kind of medication.

--Black coffee, cold showers, fresh air and exercise have absolutely no effect on the alcohol content in your blood, and consequently won't "clear your head" or "sober you up". Only time will do that.

--Don't drive if there's any doubt about your ability to drive safely. Stay over, let someone else drive you home, or take a cab.

--Drive with extra caution, because another driver may not have been as prudent as you were.

CARLYLE RESIDENT HONORED

Carlyle resident, Edward H. Kleber received the Decoration of Civilian Service from Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh, Jr., on Friday, November 14 at the Pentagon.

Mr. Kleber was cited for his selfless volunteer action in rescuing six duck hunters from an island in Carlyle Lake during a severe winter storm December 1, 1985.

Before the Pentagon ceremony, Mr. Kleber and other award recipients were honored at a reception held by LTG E. R. Heiberg III, Chief of Engineers, and Robert K. Dawson, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

COL Daniel M. Wilson, St. Louis District Engineer, accompanied Mr. Kleber while he was in Washington.

THANKS

The CAC wishes to thank everyone who helped make the Bake/Book/Botany Sale a big success, especially all those who donated their books, plants and baked items.

The sale cleared \$294.00. All leftover books were donated to the USO. THANKS!

BLOODMOBILE

The Corps will be sponsoring a Bloodmobile on 12 December 1986 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in Room 1040. Your donation is extremely important. For more information contact Vivian Ratliff at Ext. 3-5975, Room 942.

RETIREE NEWS

The retirees met for their usual monthly luncheon at Pietro's on 20 November. It was a pleasant surprise to find that an extra table had to be set up when 50 retirees and spouses showed up.

Our latest retirees, Homer Duff and Stan Wiseman, were there, and some faces that are not seen too frequently were present such as Ollie Hessler, Les Arms and Jim Lawler.

The "cruisers" were back except that the Pollaros had already headed south for the winter, and the Jim Bakers were on their way out west.

Elmer Huizenga conducted the meeting in his usual witty way. He gave a detailed humorous description of their cruise and recommended both the cruise and the companionship to anyone planning future vacation trips.

In a more serious mood the death of Joe Stalder was announced.

The attention of all retirees is called to the fact that the annual Christmas Dinner meeting will be on the regular meeting date of **18 December**. This is the big event of the year and a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served.

See you then.

Always aim for perfection! Half right is also half wrong.

EEO CORNER

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

December has traditionally been a month of celebration for many religions. In the old Roman Empire, December 25th was the winter solstice and was regarded as the birthday of the sun. For several days before the 25th, the Saturnalia, a festival in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture, was celebrated. The courts and schools were closed, houses were decorated with laurels and evergreens and gifts were exchanged. The ancient Norsemen used to kindle bonfires at the winter solstice in honor of their god Thor.

Christians adapted some elements of these celebrations, including the decorating of homes with greenery and the burning of the Yule Log, to their celebration of the birth of Jesus. Christians worldwide celebrate Christmas, but each country has unique aspects to its celebration.

In Mexico, during the celebration of Las Posadas, groups reenact Mary and Joseph's search for a room at an inn. The participants seek shelter at house after house, where the residents, portraying innkeepers, turn them down. When they are finally successful in their search for shelter, everyone gathers for a party.

In Austria, Saint Nicholas makes his appearance on December 6th, accompanied by the devil. The children must tell them about their good deeds and bad deeds of the preceding year. When the devil prepares to strike out with a rod, Saint Nicholas chases the children to safety. After they promise to be good, he gives them nuts, fruit and candy.

The Jewish celebration of Hanukkah also occurs at this time of year, usually within a week or two of Christmas. It is an eight day festival in commemoration of the victory of the Maccabees--Mattathias and his five sons--over the Seleucids who had desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem and were violently enforcing decrees prohibiting the observance of Jewish laws and customs. When the Maccabees were able to reclaim and rededicate the Temple, they lit the ancient seven-branched menorah. This event led to the celebration of Hanukkah. The Maccabees also were influenced by the saturnalia; they hoped to offer a festival to compete with the pagan fire-lighting ceremony.

Hanukkah celebrations also vary around the world. All include the lamp-lighting ceremony, which commemorates the one day supply of oil in the Jerusalem Temple, keeping the lamp alight for eight days, but other traditions have also evolved.

In Morocco, it is customary to have a festive family gathering on the sixth day of Hanukkah, since it marks the beginning of the new month of Tevet. Couscous, a dish combining bulgur wheat, lamb and raisins, is the traditional food for the gathering.

The Hanukkah and Christmas celebrations have evolved over the years, acquiring more traditions, but keeping their original significance. These religious festivals make December a joyous month worldwide.

FWP QUESTIONNAIRE

Remember the FWP Questionnaire that was sent out in June? Well, an excellent response was received, the results have been tallied, and the questionnaires themselves have been destroyed. Because of the response to various questions, we have decided to address them in this section of the Information Bulletin over the next few months. Be watching next month for the first group of questions and answers.

Once again, the FWP would like to thank all employees who took the time to respond to our questionnaire. We do care about what you think and want to help wherever we can.!

Education makes life much easier. For instance, if you hadn't learned to sign your name, you'd have to pay cash for everything.

Most people don't plan to fail--they fail to plan.

The logo features the word "Christmas" in a large, decorative, serif font, with "cheer" in a smaller, similar font below it. To the left of the text is a stylized globe or sphere composed of overlapping lines and dots, resembling a molecular structure or a globe.

FWP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Federal Women's Program (FWP) Committee is again sponsoring a cross training program. Participation will be limited to full-time, permanent employees currently assigned to non-career positions comparable to the GS-6 grade level or below. Details will be for a period of 60 calendar days. Any expenses resulting from a temporary change in duty station will be the responsibility of the trainee. The locations and a brief description of available positions follows:

Locks & Dam 26(R) at West Alton, Missouri

Materials Section: Quality assurance inspection and test result preparation in the concrete batch plant operation. Some heavy lifting and outdoor work in all weather conditions will be required.

General Inspection Section: Quality assurance inspection of contractor construction operations and preparation of field reports. Requires outdoor work in all weather conditions.

Contract Service Section: Office engineering duties including preparation of construction contract administration documents.

District Office

Operations Division, Plant Branch (OD-P): Budget assistance to support administration of the District Plant Replacement and Improvement Program (PRIP) to include preparation and control of procurement, financial and contract documents. Some knowledge and experience in the use of personal computers and application of accounting principles is required.

Engineering Division, Contracts Management Group (ED-C): Assisting engineers with development of necessary documentation for Architect-Engineer contract administration.

Real Estate Division (RE): Introduction to all aspects of Real Estate operations including Appraisals, Management/Disposal, Acquisitions and Planning/Control.

Locks and Dams 24, 25, 26, 27 and/or Kaskaskia

Lock and dam equipment operator training. Includes some heavy lifting and working outside in all weather conditions.

Interested employees should contact the FWP Cross Training Subcommittee members listed below for full descriptions of positions available, application forms and/or further information. All applications must be submitted not later than 19 December 1986 at which time interviews will be arranged with representatives from the FWP Committee, Personnel Office and Managers from the appropriate organizations offering cross training. Administrative details of the cross training program were explained in the District Engineer's Policy Statement dated September 4, 1986. Applicants should familiarize themselves with this statement; copies are available from:

Marge Robbins, ED-HP, x5858, Chairperson
Evelyn Grote, OD-P, x5086, Member
Toni Mueller, ED-DC, x5861, Member

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

GOVERNMENT VEHICLE ACCIDENTS - NOV 86: One

Total vehicle accidents, FY 87: One

Total vehicle accidents, FY 86: Two

An employee at Mark Twain Lake was driving a vehicle on State Route J and ran off the right side of the road and struck small trees and a concrete culvert.

PERSONAL INJURIES - GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES - NOV 86: One

Total accidents for FY 87: One

Total accidents for FY 86: Fourteen

An employee at Mark Twain Lake suffered a Contusion/Concussion when vehicle drifted off the roadway.

PERSONAL INJURIES - CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES - NOV 86: None

Total accidents for FY 87: None

Total accidents for FY 86: Fourteen

LAKE AND PUBLIC FATALITIES - NOV 86: One

Total fatalities for FY 87: One

A towboat employee was running towards the stern when he apparently slipped off the side of the barge and into the water and was crushed between the barge and the landwall.

Total Lake fatalities for FY 86: Eight

Mark Twain Lake - 4
Carlyle - 2
Rend Lake - 1
Wappapello - 1
Lock and Dam 24 - 1



Glad Tidings

For a Joyous
NEW YEAR!

