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Duff Defects

CASH-KEEPER CALLS IT QUILTS

Homer Duff has been the St. Louis District Comptroller for 33 years--longer than a majority of the U.S. population has been alive (U.S. median age is 31).

Duff has accumulated a total of 49 years of federal service but decided not to go for the magic half-century. He has announced his intention to retire, as of October 24.

Originally scheduled for September 26, Homer's retirement plans triggered a whole series of social events honoring his decades of service. Oddly enough, Memphis District got in first, with a dinner on September 4.

Our District Engineer and most of the senior staff expressed their regard for Duff at a dinner aboard the MV Mississippi on Sep. 5. A more formal retirement dinner, attended by three former District Engineers and other figures from the past, was held on Sep. 19. That affair was highlighted by an appearance of Robert E. Lee (as interpreted by Terry Norris).

On Tuesday, Sep. 23, some 70 co-workers and friends gathered at the Radisson Hotel for a luncheon in Homer's honor.

At least one further event is planned: An informal coffee, to be held in the District offices, is tentatively set for Friday, Oct. 24.

Five Decades of Service

Although credited with only 49 years of total service, Homer Duff's federal career spans all the way from 1934 to the present: 52 years, with some breaks in service.

So, contrary to some rumors around the District, Mr. Duff did not actually serve directly under Robert E. Lee;

their Engineer careers in St. Louis were several years apart. In fact, Homer's federal career did not begin with the Corps.

After some initial time with the CCC--Civilian Conservation Corps (not credited for federal retirement)--Duff became a civil service employee with the U.S. Forestry Service. He also spent a little over a year with the Department of Agriculture.

It was not until 1938 that Homer began his true career, as a Junior Engineering Aide, with the War Department, Corps of Engineers.

In 1943 to 1945, he took time out to serve with the U.S. Navy, in the South Pacific, during World War II.

Shortly after his return from military service, Homer qualified to become a Civil Engineer.

It was in 1953 that Mr. Homer Duff became the St. Louis District Comptroller, the position in which he has served ever since.

Through the years, Duff has received many honors and expressions of commendation or appreciation. He is credited with major roles in the creation of the budgetary and accounting methods and procedures in use, today, throughout the Corps and, in some instances, beyond. He is also considered a primary contributor to the development of the Comptroller Career Program. Homer is widely known as the "grand old man" of comptrollership and is frequently consulted regarding proposed policy or procedural changes in the field.

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DUFF (Continued)

Duff has traveled widely conducting training classes in various aspects of comptrollership. He will be missed not only here in St. Louis, but throughout the Corps of Engineers.

DISTRICT DOINGS

Mark Twain Lake

The first annual Teacher's Workshop at Mark Twain Lake drew 35 teachers for a weekend of hands-on outdoor education. The workshop, entitled "Public Land -- A Teaching Resource" was co-sponsored by the Corps, the Mo. Dept. of Conservation and NE Mo. State University.

More than 1,000 trappers held a weekend rendezvous at the Indian Creek Recreation Area sponsored by the Missouri Trapper's Association. Park Aid Jon Graznak presented a program entitled "Survival."

Park Aid Mary Anne Story presented "A Friend for All Seasons" for the Oakwood Women's Club and a program on lake water safety for the employees of Continental Telephone in Monroe City.

Park Ranger Steve Austin presented "Building a Nation--the Corps Since 1775" to the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce and the Moberly Pacaderm Club.



The 2nd annual Buddy Bass Tournament, sponsored by Budweiser, drew 169 boats to the lake for a weekend of fishing. Winners caught 8 fish with a total weight of 25.8 lbs., and took home a new boat and trailer plus \$2,000.



The staff at Mark Twain Lake wishes former Park Ranger Russell Runge the best of luck as he begins an Army career at Fort Sill, OK.

Rend Lake

The Rangers at Rend Lake sponsored the 4th Annual National Hunting and Fishing Day Coloring Contest. More than 6,000 students from area schools competed for prizes donated by local merchants.

Labor Day weekend brought Smokey the Bear and his fire prevention messages to about 1,000 lake visitors.

Park Technician Gary Sims spoke to 150 visitors at the Interstate 57 Tourist Center promoting Corps recreational opportunities.

Park Aid Keith McMullen presented a program on wildlife and snakes to 55 patients at the Mattingly Nursing Home in Energy, Ill.

Park Technician Mark Roderick and Park Aid Marti Schramm presented three wildlife programs to 60 Kinderprep pre-schoolers in Christopher.

Carlyle Lake

Park Aid Julie Leopker spoke to 25 members and invited guests of the New-comers Club about recreational opportunities around Carlyle Lake at the Visitor Center. After the talk and slide show several members of the group were given a dam tour.

Roger Hayes spoke to members of the Centralia City Council on aspects of urban forestry and types of trees appropriate to the city environment.

DISTRICT DOINGS (Continued)



Roger Hayes spoke to 13 Carlyle High School students on natural succession during hikes of the Chipmunk and Willow Pond Nature Trails.

The Carlyle Lake Visitor Center served as the site of a meeting of the Illinois Division of Water Resources, Corps Hydraulics Branch personnel and water supply operators of communities which draw water from the Kaskaskia River.

Wappapello Lake

The 6th annual Wappapello Lake Cleanup was held on September 20. More than 700 volunteers spent their Saturday morning picking up trash along the shorelines. In addition to 500 bags of trash, volunteers found some pretty unusual items including an old Model T headlight bracket and an adorable kitten, quickly adopted by its finder.

The volunteers enjoyed a delicious meal, live entertainment and the activities of National Hunting and Fishing Day which included a blackpowder shoot, children's fishing clinic and displays by sportsmen's organizations and wildlife agencies.

COL Dan Wilson visited the lake to present awards to two contractors for their outstanding performance. Starr Builders received an award for their construction of the new maintenance building and compound. Jerry Lewis Construction received an award for their work on the gatehouse.

In a separate awards ceremony Ernest and Helen McCormick received an award for their outstanding service to the Corps. For the past three years they have worked as booth attendants at the Redman Creek campground. During this time they have done an excellent job assisting lake visitors, and the Corps has received many favorable public comments concerning the couple's performance.

Lake Shelbyville

The 11th Lake Shelbyville dove hunt was held on Sept. 1st and 2nd. During the two days, 159 hunters harvested 1,291 doves. This was the third best year in numbers of birds taken. On Sep. 6th the Youth Dove Hunt was held for 16-year old and younger hunters. Thirty-seven young hunters harvested 397 doves.

Larry Gutzler presented a "Reptiles of Lake Shelbyville" program for the Humboldt Science Students at Okaw Bluff Environmental Learning Center.

Mike Skinner presented a program to the Zoology Club at Eastern Illinois University on the natural resource management programs being conducted at the lake.

Al Lookofsky conducted a Flintknapping Demonstration for the Kaskaskia Archaeology Society in the visitor center.

Al Lookofsky and Paula Cross presented a program on the prehistoric cultures of Illinois to the Stew-Stras Jr. H.S. History Class.

L&D 26 (Replacement)

Farrell Burnett gave a slide presentation to the Moro, Ill. Presbyterian Marioners, and went to Troy, Ill. to give a project update to the Lions Club.

Ed Berghoff and Richard Reiter hosted a tour for 58 members of the Fosterberg Baptist Church.

DISTRICT DOINGS (Continued)

Ed Berghoff spoke to the AGC Student Chapter at Rolla, Mo.

Around the District

LTG E. R. Heiberg, Chief of Engineers, came to St. Louis to make a speech before the Council on World Affairs at the University Club.

COL Daniel M. Wilson spoke at the dedication of the Kaskaskia River Navigation project. The event was sponsored by the Ill. Dept. of Transportation, Kaskaskia Industrial Development Corp., Kaskaskia Regional Port District, and the Kaskaskia Development Area of Southern Ill.

COL Wilson also gave the welcome briefing on the low water inspection trip, the opening remarks for the Hispanic Week Observance, and greeted the guests at Environmental Day on the River.

Terry Norris lectured to 50 students of Valle Senior H.S. in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., on "Archaeological Heritage of the Central Miss. River Valley." Terry also gave two lectures to overflow crowds at Madison Park and Russell Schools, Litchfield, Ill. More than 400 students heard his lecture on "Indians and Archaeology of Illinois."

Lou Chiodini spoke to 50 members of the Lemay Republican Club about the Corps.

Clyde Wilkes was one of the three guest speakers at the annual meeting of the Ill. Associated Press Editors in Alton. He talked about the Corps' role in the inland waterway system and Lock and Dam 26(R). Wilkes also presented an update at the annual meeting of the Mark Twain Lake and Cannon Dam Area Development Assn.

INCENTIVE AWARDS

PROMOTIONS:

Fructoso Cruz, OD
Wayne Klinger, OD
Terry Meyers, OD
Mary Matecki, RE
Kathleen Combs, ED-R
Elbert Reilly, OD
Bobby Mays, PO-F
Kim Miller, AC
Beth Edwards, DC
Gloria Aubuchon, RO-L
Andrew Jefferson, OD
Georgiann Davis, RO-F
Katherine Wurslin, PO-F

Claude Strauser, ED
Gloria Hurley, CD
Alexander Bienkowski, ED
Carol Sherrill, OD
Donna Zoeller, ED
Corine Duft, RE
Victor Behrmann, ED
Vernon Drewes, OD
R.C. Franco, RE
Joseph Caracci, OD
David Gates, PD
Earl Ehlers, ED
Kim Miller, ED
Shirly Barnes, AS
Laurel Nelson, RE
Charles Turlin, ED
Bonita Toennies, ED
John Brown, ED
Janet Ulivi, ED
Betty Sneed, ED
Robert Rapp, ED
Andrew Jefferson, OD
Gerald Allen, CD
Sharon Cotner, PD
David Leake, PD
James Petersen, OD
Jack Niemi, ED
William O'Herin, OC

Homer Duff, DC
William Sutton, ED
John Dierker, ED
Bobby Hughey, ED
Anson Eickhorst, PD
Jimmy Bissel, RO-L
Lammert Buchhold, CD
John Marzec, OD

PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

George Postol, ED
William Sutton, ED
Arthur Johnson, ED
Bobby Hughey, ED
John Dierker, ED
Jimmy Bissell, RO-L
Lammert Buchhold, CD
Emmett Hahn, PD
David Rahubka, PD
Kenneth Corbin, PD
Anson Eickhorst, PD
Matthew Struckel, OD
John Marzec, OD
Louis Chiodini, OD
Walter Feld, OD
Bruce Moore, ED
James Lovelace, ED

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE:

James Lamkins, CD
Donald Chrismore, CD
Robert Kreienheder, RO-L
Paul Roberts, ED
Michael Abernathy, OD
Robert Davinroy, ED
Jon Eckles, AC
Jean Kuethe, DC
Thomas Ruf, ED
Barry Fehl, ED
Dolores Ebert, DD
Charles Dees, OD

INCENTIVE AWARDS (Continued)

Edward Middleton, ED
James Cronin, ED
Gordon Davis, ED
Michael Brazier, ED
Nels Jahren, ED
Pete Puricelli, BC
Terry Laws, SD
Billy Parkes, CD
John Huetsch, DX
George Anderson, PO
Homer Duff, DC
William O'Herin, OC
Jack Niemi, ED
James Petersen, OD
Ronald Viehweg, RO-L
Farrell Burnett, RO-L
Lawrence Strunck, CD
Gary Turner, CD

ON-THE-SPOT-AWARDS:

Janet Eversgerd, PO
Larry McDaniel, RO-L
Helen Tanner, PO-F
William Jones, OD
Antoinette Mueller, ED
Douglas Nichols, OD
Sharlene Caulley, SD
Linda Gilkes, ED
Margaret Robbins, ED
Evelyn Grote, OD
Dan Couture, OD
Michael Navin, ED
Rickey Kemp, OD
Carol Jean Love, RE

Ernest Stamps, ED
Isaiah Mitchell, DC
Cora Lee Burroughs, PO-F
Maureen Murrin, OD
Harlan Lamb, OD
Stephen Hilderbrand, ED
Carol Hilderbrand, ED
Catherine Barnett, ED
Jo Ann Gray, BC
David Ruck, OD
Richard Stubits, OD
Judge Hill, OD
Charles Johnson, OD
Harry Edwards, OD
Robert Eifert, OD
Bruce Grau, OD
Ted Hayn, OD
Darrell LaPlante, OD
Louis Hurd, OD
Paul Nottmeier, OD
Michael Barfield, OD
Marilyn Honer, ED
Linda Wichlan, ED
Carmen Doyle, OC
Ida Morris, PD

SPECIAL ACT/SERVICE AWARDS

Charlotte Heeb, ED
James Luther, ED
Michael Brazier, ED
Gordon Davis, ED
James Cronin, ED

Arthur Johnson, ED
Robert Rapp, ED
Cevero Boyer, OD
Marvin Ragland, OD
Joe Rodenbaugh, OD
Brian Pearl, OD
Larry Henze, OD
Charles Turlin, ED
Bradford Strauser, ED
Paul Olson, ED
Robert Frederick, ED
James Reed, ED
David Taylor, ED
Ernest Graf, ED
William Meldrum, ED

QUALITY STEP INCREASE:

Bonita Toennies, ED
Paul Roberts, ED

INTANGIBLE SUGGESTIONS:

Roger Hoell, ED
Bruce Douglas, CD
Steven Dierker, ED
Linda LeVault, OD

TANGIBLE SUGGESTIONS:

Betty Grady, EEO
David Cusack, ED
Dale Miller, OD

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Juanita Jarrett who died Sunday, September 14, 1986.

Juanita was a Realty Specialist in the Management and Disposal Branch of the Real Estate Division, and had been with the Corps for 26 years.

She is survived by three children and four grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her many friends in the Corps.

1986 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The kick-off rally for this year's East-West Gateway Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) was 15 Sep 86. Colonel Wilson has asked David Harley of Personnel to again serve as District Project Officer. Carol Plambeck of Engineering has accepted the role of Assistant Project Officer.

Who is General Pulaski?

Each year from 1929 to 1946, a Congressional Resolution was made which proclaimed October 11 as General Pulaski Memorial Day. Thereafter it was issued annually by custom, but Presidential Proclamation No. 4869 of 1981 covers all succeeding years. Still, in recognition of the General's heroic service to colonial America, the day was reaffirmed again in 1982 and 1983.

Kazimierz Pulaski was a Polish patriot and hero of the anti-Russian campaigns of 1768 through 1771. After the Prussian and Austrian invasion of Poland in 1772, he went to France. In Paris he met Benjamin Franklin, who enlisted his aid with the American Revolution.

On Franklin's recommendation, George Washington made Pulaski his chief of cavalry. The Pulaski Legion fought at Germantown and in the winter campaign of 1777-78. In 1779 he defended Charleston.

Wounded in battle at Charleston, General Kasimierz Pulaski died aboard the Colonial ship "Wasp" enroute to Savannah.

October 11 is the day set aside for this Polish patriot who gave his life leading the Colonial American cavalry. He was 32 years old. To read more about General Pulaski, ask your library for C. A. Manning's "Soldier of Liberty: Casimir Pulaski", or "Kazimierz Pulaski", by W. Konopczynski.

GOLF NEWS

League Play - Playoffs for the 1986 season were held August 16 at Clinton Hill golf course. Final results and team members were:

1st Place - X-Outs

Donna Zoeller, Mel Baldus, Bill O'Herin, Jim Baker, Karl Tilkens, Lee Lenzner, Mike Houser, and Fred Niermann.

2nd Place - Elmer's Tune.

Vic Behrmann, Jerry Schwalbe, Art Johnson, Elmer Huizenga, Joe Pollaro, Tom Furdek, Mike Cullen, and Dennis Gould.

Fall Tournament - The fall tournament was held on Sept. 8 at Belk Park golf course. The results of the two-man best-ball tournament were:

A Flight

1st - Elmer Huizenga, Tom Ruf
2nd - Fred Bader, Mike Kruckeberg
3rd - Jim Baker, Jim Bissell

B Flight

1st - Bob Maxwell, Jack Eckles
2nd - Dick Pearce, Rob Davinroy
3rd - Barry Lloyd, Ken Koller

C Flight

1st - Mike Houser, Dennis Hogan
2nd - Gary Camp
3rd - Charlie Holmes, Dennis Gould

1987 Officers:

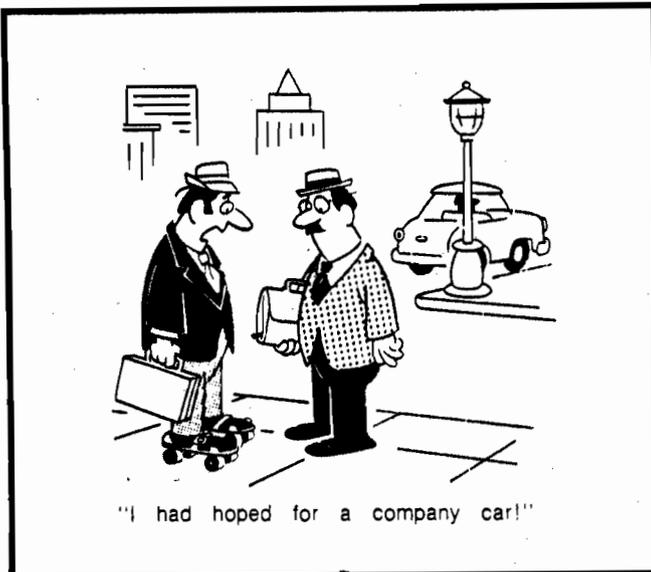
President - Rich Mills
Vice President - Jim Baker
Secretary - Bill Meldrum
Treasurer - Gary Camp

BAKE/BOOK/BOTANY SALE

Your Civilian Activities Council is sponsoring a Bake/Book/Botany sale on October 23rd

Donations of books, plants and bakery items are needed. Bring any donated books to Laurel Lane, Room 717, between now and October 21.

Look for further details in upcoming fliers.



RETIREE NEWS

The gathering at Pietros for September included only 30, but, as always, they aged to have a good time.

The subject of COLAs and then, logically, salaries were mentioned and a discussion ensued that most federal employees would have found interesting.

Bob Maxwell mentioned that when he started working for the Corps his salary was \$1220...a year.

Bill Douglas recalled his outfit's first stenographer. They called her Tillie. He couldn't remember her real name. She made \$800 a year. Douglas also recalled that the Hoover administration cut federal salaries across the board by 15%.

Lest we feel too sorry for the pecuniary hardships under which some of our retirees labored, Elmer Huizenga mentioned that he and wife and four other couples in the group were going on a South American cruise next month. Too bad. **Somebody has to do it.**



KEEP THIS DATE OPEN!

The spectacular CAC 1986 Christmas Dinner Dance is coming soon!

When: Sat., December 6, 1986

Where: The luxurious Hilton Inn,
Collisville, Ill.

Time: 6:30 Cocktails
7:00 Dinner

8:00-12:00 Dancing to the beat
of "Fat Chance"

The dinner will be a luscious buffet catered by the chefs of the Black Swan Restaurant

But don't let the night end there!

TAKE THE ELEVATOR HOME!

Stay with us at the Hilton for only \$39.

A great time for food, friends and fun!

GRADUATE SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate and professional training can be expensive, and competition for available programs is intense. The Army can offer students some valuable options.

For those who can qualify for this very competitive program, the Army provides a full **Medical School Scholarship**. One that covers tuition, books and lab fees, plus a yearly allowance of over \$6,400, tax free. Students who complete medical school under this program may also have the opportunity to attend graduate medical programs in nearly every specialty.

Internships and graduate programs are also offered in such related health care areas as dentistry, physical and occupational therapy and dietetics. For students who complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, the Army offers a variety of clinical specialty courses, and the opportunity to attend graduate degree programs.

While the Army does not offer law school scholarships, chances are that when students finish law school, they'll want to "practice" law instead of just assisting those who do. In the Army ABA-approved law school graduates will have a chance to **practice law** in a wide variety of areas, including criminal and administrative law, property, procurement, claims and even international affairs.

When a student does take advantage of an Army educational program, he or she incurs an Army service obligation. But all of these professional programs provide a wide range of experience and responsibility which would be difficult to obtain in civilian practice, as well as the pay, privileges, and prestige of serving as an officer in the United States Army.

Most people can accept good advice gracefully--if it doesn't interfere with their plans.

BUSINESS CARDS FOR SALE

The Civilian Activities Council is ordering business cards again! Just complete the order blank below and return to Beth Pitrolo, OD-R. If you would like to see a sample, or if you have any questions, call Beth.

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Although this project is not part of the CFC and the St. Louis District is not an official participant, District employees have a long-standing tradition of individual participation. There is even a spirit of friendly rivalry among the various agencies occupying 210 North Tucker.

"Old Newsboys" (and Newsgirls) will be on the street, starting at 6:30 a.m. that day, selling copies of a special edition of the Globe-Democrat. Since the weather is usually chilly on that date, most of the volunteers work 30 to 45 minute shifts.

Thursday, November 20, will be Old Newsboys Day for 1986.

Once again, the Globe-Democrat newspaper is the sponsor of the fund raising effort for children's agencies throughout the Bi-State area.

Any District personnel who would like to take part should contact the Public Affairs Office (5662). The early shift, starting at 6:30 a.m. is generally the most productive and least populated with volunteers.

Code of Ethics

General Standards of Conduct

Employees shall avoid any action which results in or creates the appearance of:

- Using public office for private gain.
- Giving preferential treatment to any person.
- Impeding Government efficiency or economy.
- Losing complete independence or impartiality.
- Making a Government decision outside official channels.
- Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of the Government.

Gifts, Entertainment, Favors. Employees shall not solicit or accept any gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan, or any other thing of monetary value from a person who: (a) has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relations with their agency; (b) conducts operations or activities that are regulated by their agency; or (c) has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or non-performance of their duties. Gifts to supervisors are prohibited except for voluntary gifts or donations of nominal value made on a special occasion such as marriage, illness, or retirement.

Exceptions to Gift-Acceptance Prohibition. Employees may accept: (a) gifts received as a result of an obvious personal relationship; (b) food and drink served in a nominal amount at a business meeting when personal commercial arrangements are clearly impractical; (c) promotional items of \$5 or less retail value; and (d) travel and subsistence expenses in certain cases when authorized by the agency. For example:

- You are on the premises of Company X participating in a lunchtime meeting. A representative of the company provides a meal for all meeting participants, and there is no established method for payment. You may accept the meal.
- You are on the premises of Company X, and you go outside for lunch with a Company X salesperson. The salesperson offers to pay the bill. Since it is normal for all employees in this type of situation to pay for their own lunch, you may not accept the salesperson's offer to buy lunch.

Outside Employment and Other Activities. Employees may not engage in outside employment or any other outside activity, with or without compensation, that (1) interferes with, or is not compatible with, the performance of their Government duties; (2) may reasonably be expected to bring discredit on the Government or the DoD component concerned; or (3) creates the appearance of conflict of interest.

Financial Interests. An employee shall not have a financial interest that conflicts or appears to conflict with Government duties, and may not engage in a financial transaction that relies on information gotten through Government employment unless that information was available to the general public.

Misuse of Information. An employee shall not use, for the purpose of furthering a private interest, official information that has not been made available to the general public.

Use of Government Property. An employee shall not use or allow the use of Government property for other than official activities.

Other Standards. An employee shall:

- Pay just debts — especially federal, state, and local taxes — in a proper and timely manner.
- Not participate in gambling, betting, lottery, pool, a game for money or property, or purchase of a number slip or ticket while on Government-owned, leased, or controlled property, or otherwise while on duty for the Government. The only exceptions are for activities which have been specifically approved by the head of the DoD component and lottery tickets sold by authorized state representatives.
- Not engage in conduct prejudicial to the Government.

It's a wise parent these days who can tell the difference between discipline and violation of a child's constitutional rights.

However long and hard the climb to the top may be, the bottom is only one misstep away.

A BIG FISH STORY



On September 8, 1937, two fishermen caught a 5-foot, 84-pound, deep-sea bull shark in the Mississippi River at Alton.

Commercial fishermen "Dudge" Collins and Herbert Cope fished with box-like baited fish traps in a deep area of the river about 1.5 km upstream from the Alton Lock and Dam #26 (completed in 1938).

For about a week the cotton netting of their traps had been torn up. They suspected foul play, but switched to wire netting and set the trap with chicken viscera. The next morning they found the dead shark which they took to the old Calhoun Fish Market in Alton, Illinois, where it was exhibited for several days.

The shark was identified as *Carcharhinus*

leucas, based primarily on tooth characters and on its occurrence at this great distance from salt water. *C. leucas* is the only shark known to be able to deal with the osmotic demands of either fresh water or sea water for periods of at least months and probably years. It is found in shallow coastal waters and tends to enter brackish and fresh water of rivers and lagoons. Here it exploits an ecological opportunity for a large aggressive predator with the physiological capacity for handling both freshwater and marine environments.

Correct water temperature, in August and September, 1937, was a big factor in the ability of the shark to travel so far, but Alton is almost as far upriver as such an occurrence could reasonably be expected. However, *C. leucas* can be looked for occasionally at points farther down the river.

Deadline for submission of items to the November Information Bulletin is October 27th. Earlier submission is encouraged.

NEWS FROM RETIREES WELCOME (Phone Public Affairs at 263-5662)

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October is National Adopt-A-Dog Month and National Popcorn Poppin' Month.

- Oct. 5-11: Fire Prevention Week.
- Oct. 6-12: National 4-H Week.
- Oct. 7: Child Health Day.
- Oct. 9: Leif Erickson Day.
- Oct. 11: Gen. Pulaski Memorial Day.
- Oct. 13: Columbus Day (National Holiday)
- Oct. 15: White Cane Safety Day.
- Oct. 24: United Nations Day.
- Oct. 27: Mother-in-Law Day.
- Oct. 31: Halloween
- Oct. 31: National Unicef Day.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

If your child is walking to school for the first time this year, or is attending a new school, spend a few minutes together planning a safe route. Which streets should he not cross? What shortcuts are okay? Is there a friend's house or a store where she could stop if she feels ill or if someone is following her?

Then walk the route with your child, pointing out possible hazards, like a big dog, or a busy intersection. Emphasize the safe way to cross the street--at a marked intersection and only after the child has stopped, looked and listened for traffic. Practice these skills with your child to make sure he or she understands.

Encourage your child to walk with friends. The buddy system may lead to more dawdling along the way, but children are safer in groups than alone.

The New Halloween

It's not just for kids anymore. Adults are getting into the world-of-pretend more than ever before. This Halloween you'll see costumes everywhere from the supermarket check stand to the office and on into some totally imaginative evening affairs.

In recent decades, spook night was mainly dedicated to children's activities but it hasn't always been so. This day of the macabre had its beginnings in prehistoric times. Early festivals were celebrated under the cloak of the supernatural. Sacrifices were made to ward off demons, ghosts and even Satan.

Early Christians did their best to adapt the celebration to religious thought. Although they turned the theme into a celebration of All Souls' Day people kept going back to the supernatural.

For both adults and children celebrating in costume this year, a thought to the comfort and safety of costumes is in order. Whether it's a mask or a costume that goes around the head, being able to see is an important consideration. Even those who aren't crossing streets should have a full spectrum of vision to be able to climb stairs and avoid



running into furniture.

And, unfortunately, the modern scourge of tampering is with us. Children who go out to collect treats should be warned not to eat them until they are examined by an adult. If you give your children a good dinner before letting them go out, they will be less tempted to dig into their booty.

Halloween today is an opportunity to exercise the imagination and put some once-a-year fun into your life. For a little effort, it can be a unique enjoyment.

PREGNANT PAUSE ON DRINKING

A pregnant woman who generally practices good health habits can still harm her baby if she drinks alcohol, warns the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The academy says that every time a pregnant woman drinks, her baby drinks too. Because a fetus is so small the alcohol will have a stronger effect on the baby than on the mother. Women who drink during pregnancy have more miscarriages and stillbirths than women who don't drink, the academy warns.

Women who drink heavily during pregnancy

risk bearing a baby who suffers from a specific cluster of physical and mental deficiencies known as fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). Ranking only behind Down's syndrome and spina bifida as a cause of birth defects, FAS causes heart defects, joint malformations, facial deformities, growth deficiencies, and nervous system disorders. FAS babies often grow into small, mentally retarded children.

The academy says that more than 2,000 studies have concluded that pregnant women shouldn't drink at all.

HANDICAPPED

By Karando Harris - EEO

Handicapped is a term used to describe people who have a physical or mental disability that interferes with their life. Physical disabilities include blindness, deafness, deformity, muscular and nervous disorders, paralysis, and loss of limbs. There are two general kinds of mental disabilities, mental illness and mental retardation.

A disability may or may not be a handicap. It becomes a handicap if it interferes with the individual's expectations, job performance, or relationship with his or her family, friends, and society in general. However, people with similar disability may not be equally handicapped.

There are about 35 million handicapped persons in the U.S. Many common handicaps result from diseases. For example, heart disease may permanently decrease the victim's strength and endurance. Strokes may produce paralysis and loss of speech. Arthritis and many bone diseases can lead to deformity. Certain nerve diseases may result in blindness, deafness, and lack of coordination. Cerebral palsy is a disorder that damages the brain before, during, or after birth. Depending on what part of the brain is damaged, cerebral palsy can cause speech problems, muscular weakness, or involuntary movements of the arms and legs. It also can produce mental

retardation. Accidents cause a wide range of handicaps, including spinal damage and loss of limbs.

Can handicapped people work? Yes, they can work. In some organizations they think recruiting, hiring, training, integrating, and promoting workers with handicaps is too expensive or their other employees won't like it or they won't do the required amount of work given. The truth is that wherever handicapped people are integrated into the workforce, their productivity is **above average**, their loyalty is **above average**, their attendance is **above average**, and their performance is **equal or superior** to their non-handicapped colleagues.

Briefly, employees with handicaps are more than equal to the task. Sad to say, the biggest problem for people with handicaps is not their handicap but employer prejudices and colleagues opinion of them.

We forget that a person who is developmentally disabled or mentally retarded may possess great strengths of character, courage, determination, or patience which can be important and valuable in the workplace and the world.

So, don't look down on handicapped people; they are equal in this world just as you are.

Hire the handicapped.



They have
so much
to give.

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FOR SEP 86: None

Total vehicle accidents, FY 86: Two

Total vehicle accidents, FY 85: Five

PERSONAL INJURIES - GOVERNMENT

EMPLOYEES - SEP 86: One

Total accidents for FY 86: Fourteen

Total accidents for FY 85: Fifteen

An employee strained her neck and shoulder muscles while lowering herself into a chair in the Word Processing area.

PERSONAL INJURIES - CONTRACTOR

EMPLOYEES - SEP 86: One

Total accidents for FY 86: Thirteen

Total accidents for FY 85: Fifteen

An employee at L&D 26(R) fractured a finger while using a sledge hammer. His finger was caught between a metal frame and the hammer.

LAKE FATALITIES FOR SEP 86: None

Total lake fatalities for FY 86: Eight

Mark Twain Lake - 4
Carlyle - 2
Rend Lake - 1
Wappapello - 1

Total lake fatalities for FY 85: Seven

Carlyle Lake - 2
Lake Shelbyville - 1
Rend Lake - 1
Wappapello Lake - 3

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Sorry, We Goofed!

Locks and Dam 26 was not, as stated in last month's Bulletin, the first to pass 1.5 billion tons of cargo. That honor belongs to Locks 27 (as of January 1986). LD-26 was the first to do it with a 600-foot main chamber.



Nothing makes you a better listener than hearing your name mentioned.

A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.