

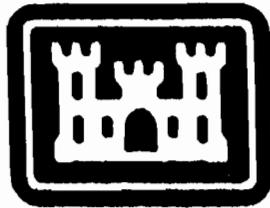
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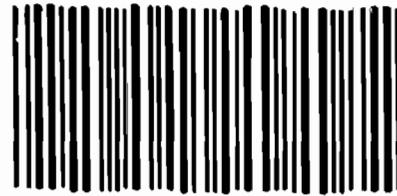
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Editorial

A Mirage of Efficiency

When I was young, we were taught a stereotype of Germany which heavily emphasized that the German system was highly efficient. There were other, less favorable, aspects, but efficiency was stressed.

Then I went to Germany, under a contract with the German Army. What I found was a cumbersome bureaucracy, laden with red tape, redundancy and indifference. It puzzled me deeply as to how that system ever attained a reputation for efficiency.

Then I noticed that the Germans almost never used the word 'efficiency' by itself; it was always "Organization and Efficiency!" And they were organized! Every public servant, and most private individuals, had very specifically defined roles, duties, responsibilities and lines of authority. It was their goal to have a regulation and a procedure to cover every possible situation and contingency -- and they came very close to achieving that goal. Whatever occurred, the

proper regulation and do what the book told him; no thought, no initiative was required and no argument or recrimination was allowed.

The problem, to an outsider, was that it did not seem to matter one bit if the procedures were slow and awkward, if the paperwork was duplicated or triplicated, or if individual citizens were inconvenienced. As long as the procedure eventually produced the desired result, it was sacred.

Now that produces great organization; it does not produce great efficiency. These two things can be compatible, but they are not synonymous and the one does not guarantee the other.

When Procedures become more imported than People or Product, efficiency is not likely to be achieved. Efficiency is much more likely when procedures allow flexibility and encourage positive initiative, when the impact of procedures on people is taken into thoughtful consideration.

C.A.W.



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BARCIS Inventory



Misperceptions Create Confusion

At least two points of misunderstanding have created a fair amount of confusion and apprehension among District employees regarding the upcoming inventory for implementing the new Bar Code Property Accountability System (or Bar Code Inventory System: BARCIS).

Who is in Charge?

The responsibility for, and authority over, the inventory in any given work area remains with the appropriate Supervisor and Hand Receipt Holder. In cooperation with the employee, they will ascertain that all accountable property (See "Trial Run", January Issue) is made available and accessible to the contractor personnel making the actual inventory.

Contrary to rumors recently heard around the District offices, no persons from outside the District are to be given authority to search desks, cabinets or wall lockers. That authority remains where it has always been: With the supervisory chain of the District.

The recommended procedure is for the supervisor and/or the hand receipt holder to work with each employee prior to the inventory. At that time, all determinations as to accountable property should be completed. Also at that time, all privately-owned accountable property is to be so marked, with the stickers issued to hand receipt holders.

At the time of the actual inventory, all accountable property should be immediately accessible to the contractor personnel. They will apply the BARCIS labels and scan those labels into the new inventory system. No questions of access, by contractor personnel, to individual desks or storage areas should arise.

Inventory Scheduling

The actual schedule of the inventory is to be worked out in coordination with the supervisory staff. Reasonable accommodations for mission requirements and special circumstances are to be developed.

Again contrary to rumor, decision-making on the inventory schedule will not be limited to Logistics Management and the contractor.

BARCIS Benefits

District workers should bear in mind that, once the initial wall-to-wall inventory is completed, the BARCIS system will be of benefit to the District. Annual inventories will be easier, more accurate and more complete. The same advantage will apply to "turn-over" inventories when hand receipt holders change. The District, as a whole, will have greatly increased control over property accountability. Analyses of property on hand and determinations as to sufficient quantities will be greatly simplified.

It has also been pointed out, as just one example, the BARCIS system will be of great value during the scheduled relocation to the Mart Building in 1989. Some misdirected deliveries, during the move, are virtually inevitable. The BARCIS system will provide quick and definite identification of any item of accountable property and allow its redirection to the proper destination. A great deal of potential confusion and frustration may thus be avoided.

Moreover, sound property accountability provides benefits to our primary customer - the taxpayer. As stewards of public funds, we are inherently responsible and accountable to the public.

Training is Army Theme for 1988

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The yearly theme program has focused attention on the continuing Army strengths of winning spirit, physical fitness, excellence, families, leadership, values and, most recently, the Constitution. These themes have contributed to the current positive momentum of the total Army. Each of these Army strengths will support this year's focus on training.

Quality training is essential for the Army to fulfill its fundamental mission: to deter war, or, if deterrence fails, to reestablish peace through victory on the battlefield.

To accomplish this, we must provide our nation a total Army -- active forces, the reserve components and civilians -- trained to mobilize, deploy, fight and sustain combat operations with our sister and allied services anywhere in the world.

Combat readiness is achieved by carefully planned and effectively presented training. Outstanding training and education must be experienced by soldiers in basic training; by cadets in OCS, ROTC and USMA commissioning programs; by military and civilian students in every classroom of the Army school system. These

positive experiences must continually be sustained in units throughout the total Army.

Training must focus on the individual, units and their leaders:

Individual training must develop soldiers who are disciplined, physically tough and highly motivated. They are the cutting edge of our combat power. Since training is the single endeavor where a majority of soldiers' time is spent during an Army career, the non-commissioned officer plays an especially important role in preparing soldiers who are skilled in their jobs and developed to the full extent of their capabilities.

Unit training must be realistic to prepare our forces for the rigors of the battlefield. We must train the way we intend to fight. The commander must seek every opportunity to develop teamwork from buddy teams to combined arms teams to the unified action of several services or nations. Rehearsed teamwork is essential. Safety in training is always a vital goal.

Leader training is an imperative for every echelon of military and civilian supervisor. This training pays dividends in providing a common basis of understanding and is an investment in our own future as we develop the

leaders of tomorrow.

Training requirements and techniques may differ among the active, reserve and civilian components of the total Army. The challenge is twofold: first to exchange and most effective training methods and programs across the total force; second, to ensure that all components strive to meet the same Army-wide standard.

The standards that guide our training must reflect the requirements of the battlefield. Leaders are responsible for the establishment of unit standards and a continual assessment to ensure the desired objectives are being met. This is a vital spirit of a winning training philosophy.

Trainers must use every training resource with imagination. The effective use of simulations, simulators and training devices will not only conserve taxpayers dollars, but also provide a high priority for our research and development community. Each of us must get the most training value out of every training opportunity.

Training is our top priority -- it is the cornerstone of combat readiness.

More Jobs For Military Women



By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Information Service

The military services could open some 13,500 new billets to military women as a result of recent decisions made by Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci.

David J. Armor, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel, announced the opening of the jobs as well as other policy initiatives during a news conference at which a task force report on women in the military was released.

Carlucci accepted the task force's recommendations to allow Marine Corps women to serve as embassy guards. Also, Air Force women can serve in heavy engineering jobs in the Red Horse and Mobile Aerial Port squadrons. He also endorsed the Navy's decision to open some 9,600 new jobs on crews of land-based EP-3 reconnais-

sance aircraft and combat logistics ships to women. About 2,600 Air Force billets and 1,300 Marine Corps billets are involved.

The Army had already opened its heavy engineering jobs to women and was not asked to open any specific areas to them. However, Carlucci ordered the Army to review its combat-risk rule to see if it could open more job specialties.

DoD also asked the other services to apply a risk rule to evaluate which jobs to open to women. According to the combat-risk rule, the task-force report stated, "Non-combat units can be closed to women on grounds of risk of exposure to direct combat, hostile fire, or capture, provided that the type, degree and duration of risk is equal to or greater than that experienced by associated combat units (of similar land, sea or air type) in the same theater of operations."

The task force began its work in October 1987 following a Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, or DACOWITS, report alleging sexual harassment in the Navy and Marine Corps. And, Armor said, the task force found that sexual harassment remains a problem in all services.

To remedy that,

Carlucci ordered the military departments to reaffirm policies against sexual harassment and to hold the entire chain of command accountable for enforcing those policies. He also told the services to have backup reporting systems for women to use when they believe their commander is not responding to their complaints.

Carlucci also called for improved education and training programs to stop sexual harassment. In addition, he backed the task force's recommendations to improve leadership development for women officers and review assignment policies to improve the use of women officers. Finally, he asked that obstetrical and gynecological care for military women be more available.

DoD Employees and Politics

American Forces Information Service

Throughout 1988, Americans will receive encouragement to get involved in the political process of electing a president.

But federal workers are limited in how involved they can get in politics.

The Civil Service Act of 1883 and the Hatch Act of 1939 place limits on the political activities of federal employees. These limits are specific, and both acts can be used to punish federal employees who break the laws.

The working premise of both acts is that a federal employee cannot use an official position to influence the results of an election. Further, an employee cannot take an active role in the political management of partisan political campaigns.

Specifically, federal employees cannot:

- Be candidates for national or state office;

- Be partisan candidates for any office -- they can run for non-partisan offices such as school boards;

- Campaign for or against a political party or candidate in a partisan election;

- Be officers in political parties or candidates for those positions;

- Participate in organizing or reorganizing a political party or club;

- Solicit, receive, collect, handle, disburse or account for any funds raised for partisan political purposes or for partisan candidates, including soliciting fellow workers to contribute to partisan causes;

- Sell tickets or otherwise promote such events as political dinners;

- Actively manage a political campaign for public office or for a candidate to a party position;

- Work at the polls in a partisan position;

- Distribute partisan campaign literature;

- Serve in any capacity at political party conventions;

- Address gatherings in support of a political or partisan candidate;

- Endorse or oppose a candidate in a partisan election through a political advertisement, broadcast, campaign literature or similar material;

- Use private cars to drive voters to the polls in support of a partisan candidate or issue.

However, federal employees can:

- Register and vote as they choose;

- Assist in voter registration drives;

- Express their opinion about candidates and issues;

- Participate in campaigns where none of the candidates represent a political party;

- Contribute money to a political organization or attend a political fundraising function;

- Wear or display political badges, buttons or stickers;

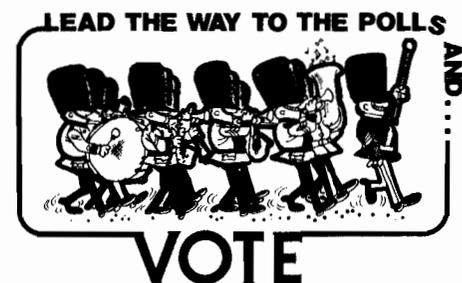
- Attend political rallies and meetings;

- Join a political club or party;

- Sign nominating petitions;

- Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances, etc.

The restriction on political activity by federal employees grew out of 19th century abuses. Then, federal employees were tied to a political party. In many cases, they were expected to campaign for, donate part of their salary to, and canvass areas in bringing out the vote for, their party. If the party was not re-elected, federal workers were replaced by the winners of the election.



New Rules on Personal Calls



By Tom Joyce
American Forces Information Service

Millions of times each day federal employees pick up telephones and dial numbers. Unfortunately, many of those telephone calls are not authorized. The U.S. government estimates that telephone-system abuse costs nearly \$100 million a year.

Although it's more difficult for employees to access dial-a-joke and daily horoscope services, the practice of making unofficial local and long-distance calls continues to be a problem.

The General Services Administration, the government's housekeeper, recently amended the Federal Information Resources Management Regulation to make the policy regarding the use of government telephones more manageable.

"The intent of GSA's revision to the regulation was to permit federal employees to make reasonable use of government telephone systems and, at the same time, to guard against abuse," said Raymond J. Lecuyer, staff assistant for base and support communications, Office of the

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence.

DoD has an overall general policy on the use of government telephones. It is stated in DoD Directive 5500.7, "Standards of Conduct":

"All DoD personnel are responsible for using office telecommunications services for official use only. The term 'official use' means service directly in support of government business or as otherwise approved by DoD component authority, as defined by the DoD component, who is in the supervisory or managerial chain of command, as being in the best interest of the government."

The bottom line continues to be that government telephones in DoD, like those in all of the federal government, are to be

used for official business only.

Unless it is an emergency or the call has been determined to be in the best interest of the government, using any of the following services or facilities for other than official business is not allowed:

- * Federal Telecommunications System;
- * AUTOVON, Defense Switched Network or any other government-provided long distance telephone service;
- * Commercial networks where the government pays the call;
- * Making unauthorized telephone calls with the intent to later reimburse the government.

Those who are still unsure about their local policy regarding personal phone calls should refer to local regulations.

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Breast Cancer

By Evelyn D. Harris
American Forces Informa-
tion Service

April is Cancer Control Month, and this year's theme is "Breast Cancer Detection and Awareness."

According to the American Cancer Society, one out of every 10 women will get breast cancer. It's the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women -- this year, 41,300 will die from it.

Although researchers still don't know what causes breast cancer, they do know it's most common among women over 50, those with a family history of breast cancer, those who started menstruation before age 12 or menopause after age 55 and those with no children or who had their first child after age 30. Men can get breast cancer, too, but it's extremely rare. Studies have also linked breast cancer and alcohol use and high-fat diets.

Breast cancer patients have a better chance of survival than patients with most other cancers,

according to Dr. Douglas Knab, a professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. For example, "Two out of three women with ovarian cancer will die from it," said Knab, who was chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Bethesda Naval Hospital before retiring from the Navy. On the other hand, 97 percent of women with pre-invasive intraductal carcinoma -- the kind found in first lady Nancy Reagan -- will survive.

The main reason for the high survival rate is early detection. Ovarian cancer is difficult to detect early and can be missed until the disease has progressed to a dangerous level. But breast cancer can be identified early through monthly self-examinations, regular examinations by a physician and periodic mammograms. The earlier cancer is discovered, the better the chance of cure.

Knab, who identified the breast cancer in both

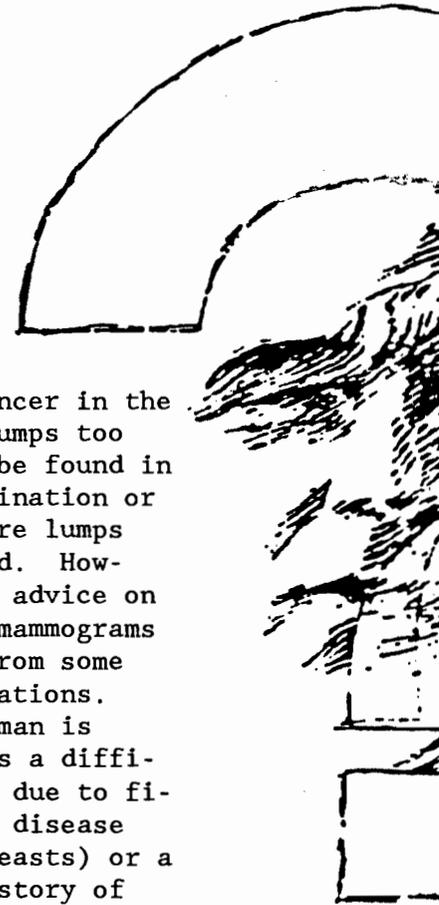
Betty Ford and Nancy Reagan, said both first ladies turned their personal cases into a valuable service for other women. "Before Betty Ford, doctors could talk self-examination until they were blue in the face to no effect. Now the practice is widely accepted." Mrs. Reagan's case, he said, should encourage women to see their doctors

about mammograms. Knab says mammograms are important because they can

detect cancer in the form of lumps too small to be found in self-examination or even before lumps are formed. However, his advice on periodic mammograms differs from some recommendations.

"If a woman is obese, has a difficult exam due to fibrocystic disease (lumpy breasts) or a family history of breast cancer, I would recommend a mammogram at 35 -- otherwise, a baseline mammogram by 45 is fine," he said. He added that periodic screening need not begin until 50.

Knab's reasons for avoiding unnecessary mam-



mograms are twofold: First, the small amount of radiation involved in mammography is still enough to pose some risk. Researchers have found the risk to be greater for younger women than for older women. Secondly, mammograms are expensive and labor-intensive -- factors that must be considered by both military



and civilian health-care providers. Military hospitals do screening mammograms for active duty women, but the service is not always available for dependents and retirees.

Seminar and Mobile Mammography

On Wednesday, April 27, 1988, Dr. George Tucker, medical director from St. Luke's Breast Diagnostic Center, will speak on breast cancer. The program, which runs from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., will cover facts and issues as well as the importance of a regular physical exam, mammography and self-exam.

On May 4, we will have a mobile mammography unit available to all females age 35 and over. The cost will be \$50 per person. The unit is staffed by female-registered radiological technologists trained in mammography and offers an environment that is completely private. The examination takes less than half an hour. A written interpretation is sent to both participant and physician of choice within two working days.

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Radiology recommend a baseline mammogram exam as a point of reference for women over 35 years of age. Women over 40 should be examined by their physician yearly and have a mammogram.

Mammography can detect breast cancer 3 to 4 years earlier than a physical exam. With early detection, the 5-year survival rate for localized breast cancer is 91%. If breast

cancer has spread or goes undetected, the survival rate drops to 53%.

So plan on coming to our seminar on April 27 and on getting a mammogram on May 4.

The Health Unit will provide more information closer to the date of the seminar.

Now, Breast Cancer Has Virtually Nowhere To Hide.

The best weapon against breast cancer is early detection. And that's why a mammogram is so important. It "sees" breast cancer before there's a lump, when the cure rates are near 100%. That could save your life; it might even save your breast. Although not perfect, a mammogram is still the most effective weapon against breast cancer. And if you're over 35, it's essential you have one. Because all breast cancer needs is a place to hide.

Have A Mammogram.
Give Yourself The Chance
Of A Lifetime.



Professional Secretaries Week

Its Origin and Purpose

Secretaries Week was started by the florists and card manufacturers, right? WRONG!

It's officially called National Secretary Week, right? WRONG!

All those girls really want is flowers and to go out to lunch on the boss, right? WRONG!

Rumors, misconceptions, innuendoes, and misinformation surround the origin and purpose of Professional Secretaries Week'' (April 24-30, 1988). For the record, here are the facts:

Professional Secretaries International is the originator and sole sponsor of Professional Secretaries Week.

In the spring of 1952, Mary Barrett, president of National Secretaries Association served on a national council to address the shortage of skilled office workers. Also serving on the council was C. King Woodbridge, president of Dictaphone Corporation. Together they formed a plan to ask United States Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer to proclaim a week to honor secretaries.

With the help of Washington friends and Mr. Woodbridge's enthusiasm and financial assistance, the dream was achieved. Secretary of Commerce Sawyer proclaimed the first Secretaries Week (then called National Secretaries Week) June 1 through 7, 1952, with Wednesday, June 4, as Secretaries Day. President Barrett and Mr. Woodbridge were invited to Washington for the official announcement, which received national publicity.

In 1955, the association changed the date of Secretaries Week to the last full week in April. This has become a permanent date for the observance of Secretaries Week, with Wednesday of that week designated as Secretaries Day.

When the name of The National Secretaries Association (International) was changed to Professional Secretaries International (PSI) in March 1981, the

word ``Professional'' was added to the name of Secretaries Week and Secretaries Day. Professional Secretaries International continues to be the sole sponsor of Professional Secretaries Week and Professional Secretaries Day.

As national and civic pride in secretaries has grown, so has recognition of the Week. In addition to official acknowledgment by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada, recognition has come from state, provincial, county, and municipal governments. The week is now recognized worldwide through the efforts of PSI individual affiliates and affiliated autonomous associations and chapters throughout the world.

Education, training, and professionalism are the primary purposes of Professional Secretaries Week. Commercialism is not. For that reason, PSI suggests recognition for a secretary take the form of fees paid to attend a seminar, symposium, or convention, dues paid to belong to a professional association, or subscription purchased to a professional journal.

``World of Opportunity'' is the theme for Professional Secretaries Week 1988. International President Fran Barr said this theme was chosen because ``The secretarial profession is practiced worldwide. Opportunities for networking, learning, and growing in the profession are virtually limitless. Secretaries truly have a 'World of Opportunity' available to them.''

Secretarial Seminar

The Federal Women's Program Committee is encouraging managers to allow their secretarial and administrative support staff to attend an OPM-sponsored one-day Secretarial Seminar to be held 27 April 1988 at the Sheraton-St. Louis Hotel.

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Secretarial Seminar (cont.)

In addition, the Committee is encouraging all secretaries to further develop their skills and abilities by studying and taking the exam to become a Certified Professional Secretary.

The exam is offered twice a year and our Technical Library has the review/study manuals available to prepare for the exam, additional specific details will be forthcoming.

During Professional Secretaries Week, 24-30 April, the FWP Committee will have an exhibit in the 8th floor Display Case.

WATCH FOR IT!

\$ Promotions and Incentive Awards \$

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Edward Demsky, ED
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COE staffers looking for thorough objective reports on software packages for data management, financial planning, integrated applications, graphics, systems, environments, project management and other areas now have them available. According to Art Taylor, the new District Librarian, this monthly updated service, DAT-

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the computer books.

The reports on file also include evaluation of the latest PC/PC compatible and Apple hardware, expansion cards, mass storage, printers, monitors and systems. A unique feature of this service is the number the librarian can give COE personnel to call Datapro consultants who will review their questions by phone, mail and/

or telex and provide independent professional advice on micro-computer-related problems. For additional information contact Art Taylor at 5675.



Retiree Review

Those (totally erroneous) forecasts of snow on March 17 may have scared away a few timid souls, but 38 of the faithful made it to Pietro's to find corned beef and cabbage on the menu board. All kinds of leprechauns came out of the woodwork, like Elmer Huizenga in his "Master's Tournament" jacket.

Former DE Jim Meanor was present and gave an emotional report of having visited John Gurley and family in January, just shortly before John's death. Elmer reported having visited the Pollaro's and the Wiseman's down in the sun belt. Also told of, quite accidentally, meeting Larry Wingert (formerly of RE, now residing in Rogers, Arkansas) in southern Texas.

Then, too, Elmer told us of the new church being formed by the two Jims (Bakker and Swaggert), called "Children of a Looser God."

Jim Lawlor was present, for the first time in about a year. Cliff and Marie Forderhase were there, too, for the first time since Cliff's illness, late last year. Cliff was Senior Retiree present (Class of '65).

No first-timers in March, but Homer Duff continued his unbroken string of attendance.

Did you ever regret making a promise? More than a year ago we promised to keep mentioning Roger Cuddeback's name as long as he kept attending -- never thought he would keep it up but a promise is a promise. But we may switch it to Linda.

Sadly, two losses were reported at the March luncheon. George Zraggen, formerly of AS, passed away on Friday, March 11. Harold C. Varney, who left the District for the Defense Mapping agency and retired from there, died at a nursing home around the first of March.

Next month's meeting is as late in the month as the third Thursday can get: the 21st.

All retirees are urged to attend. Not only is it the first meeting of Spring, but there will be a couple of items of "business" to discuss: What the Special Event should be this year and whether the Retiree group would like to have a representative on the District's Civilian Activities Council (and, if so, who?). Come out, come out, whatever you are!! Pietro's, 3801 Watson Road, a bit before noon, Thursday, April 21.

Retirements...

Lock and Dam 24 lost two long-time employees in March. Mr. Raymond H. Kiel retired 31 March after 27 years with the Corps of Engineers. Seventeen and a half of those years were at L&D 24.

Mr. Ansel M. Sanderson retired on the same day. He has been with the Corps for 14 years, all of which were served at L&D 24.

Congratulations and a long and happy retirement, gentlemen.

Condolences

The District is saddened by the passing of George Zraggen, former typset whiz in what was the Reprographics Section. George lost his long battle with cancer on Friday, 11 March. Those who knew him will always remember his warmth and indomitable spirit.



On The Soap Box

Telling the District's Story Last Month Were:

Around the District

Joe Bisher (CT) participated in a program sponsored by St. Louis University to advise small business entrepreneurs on 'how to do business with federal agencies.

Gary Dyhouse (ED-HE) presented a lecture and workshop on coincident frequency analysis to a class of hydraulic engineers receiving training in Statistical Methods in Hydrology at the Corps' Hydrologic Engineering Center in Davis, California.

Col. Wilson, Bill Sutton (ED-Z) and Jim Bissell (RO-L) gave a briefing and tour of L&D 26 Replacement Project to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Robert Page. The same trio provided the Congressman Tom Bevill with the same service.

Bill Sutton (ED-Z) spoke to a joint meeting of student chapters of the Institute of Transporta-

tion Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers at the University of Missouri at Rolla on L&D 26 Replacement Project.

Col. Wilson presented an overview of the St. Louis District to the Military Order of World Wars.

Clyde Wilkes, Public Affairs Officer, addressed the Mark Twain Lake Association annual banquet, in Hannibal. He gave a report on the past year's accomplishments and plans for 1988 to an audience of 300. Clyde also briefed the Midwest Bureau of Reuters International News Service on the St. Louis District and the Inland Waterways System.

Mark Twain Lake

Park Ranger Chuck Crocker traveled to Culver/Stockton College to talk to students about Careers with the Corps of Engineers at a recent career day held at the college. Chuck also traveled to Shelbyville, Missouri, to present the slide program 'America' to the Shelbyville Women's Club.

Park Rangers Lonnie Forrest and Jon Graznak

presented lake updates to area groups in March. Lonnie talked about economic impacts of Mark Twain Lake to the region in a presentation to National Management Association members from Vandalia. Park Ranger Jon Graznak discussed using volunteers in stream clean-up projects at the Missouri Conference of River and Stream. Mr. Graznak also presented a slide program and discussion on the role of the Corps of Engineers in outdoor recreation to University of Missouri Recreation Department students.

Lake Shelbyville

Larry Gutzler presented a special request program entitled The Hive and the Honeybee to 62 members of the Shelby County Homemakers Extension Association. Mary Ann Crawford presented a water safety program for 140 St. Elmo Cub Scouts at their Blue and Gold Banquet.

Dee Kessel presented a water safety program for 150 St. Elmo Boy Scouts. Larry Gutzler presented two 'Reptiles of Illinois' programs for 198 Lincoln School students from Charleston, Illinois.

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Rend Lake

Park Ranger Jerry Schutte was interviewed by the Southern Illinoisan about the sinking of Christmas trees as fish habitat in the lake in March. Jerry was also interviewed by reporters from the Daily Egyptian, the student newspaper at SIU-Carbondale, about the controlled burns on public lands at the lake to enhance wildlife habitat, maintain prairie ecosystems and reduce fuel loads.

Park Ranger Dawn Kovarik represented the Corps at Career Day sponsored by the Benton Middle School. She was among 64 professionals who talked to students about careers.

Wappapello Lake

Park Ranger Andrew Jefferson staffed the St. Louis District information booth at the 1988 St. Louis All Sports Show in February. Andrew talked with more than 600 people over a two-day period and informed them of recreational opportunities available at Wappapello Lake.

26 Replacement Project

Ed Berghoff spoke to 45 members of the Alton-Woodriver Board of Realtors about the project.

Army Sergeant Leads Olympic Team

By Michael Cooney

The United States Army will be playing a decisive role in the 1988 Summer Olympics when the games begin September 17.

Not only will the Army contribute some top-notch athletes to the U.S. Olympic squad, Army Master Sergeant Kenneth R.C. Adams will be coaching the U.S. Boxing Team.

Adams -- currently attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, Fort Hood, Texas -- has had a busy year. He was selected as boxing coach of the year by the United States Amateur Boxing Federation, the governing body for amateur boxing. For all of his successes, Adams received congratulations from Secretary of the Army, John

O. Marsh, Jr.

"The national recognition you have gained, and will continue to receive, is a source of great pride for all members of the U.S. Army and our nation. Your dedication to excellence in coaching reflects great credit upon you, your command, and the U.S. Army," Marsh said.

Adams is no stranger to success. While coaching the Army's boxing team, his squads have won four consecutive national team boxing championships. In 1965 and 1966 Adams himself won the U.S. Army Europe championship in the Bantam Weight Division (119 lbs.).

While 1987 was a busy year for Adams, he will have his hands full once again in 1988 as he leads the rush for the gold.

Watching the Pounds Disappear

Weight Watchers held their first meeting on 8 March 1988 with 23 employees in attendance. The meeting consisted of weighing in, asking questions, a short lecture, passing out handouts and a discussion of the next week's program guide. The Weight Watchers group is taking the program very seriously, but is still having a fun time at the

once-a-week meeting. The meeting is held each Tuesday from 1230 to 1315. At the first two meetings the group attended, there was a total weight loss of 119 pounds. There will be another class starting 17 May 1988. If you are interested in joining, contact Oleva Robinson at 263-5832.



NEWS BRIEFS

Welcome back, Beth

Beth Edwards, Chief of the Budget Branch, has returned to us after being away more than three months because of illness. We're very happy to have her back, especially those in Budget who had to do without her expertise those long three months. Welcome back, Beth.

Let There Be Light

In case you wondered, the turning on of all the light fixtures in the elevator lobbies on each floor does not mean the end of energy conservation. It was determined that brighter light levels would increase the effectiveness of the TV surveillance system and lessen the chances of people tripping over something. Safety and security get higher priority than energy conservation.

Fishin' Holes

Mike Skinner and Steve Summers represented the C.O.E. in a cooperative effort with the D.O.C. and fishing clubs in placing 1,900 Christmas trees in Lake Shelbyville in the Bo Wood Access Area. Approximately 100 individuals participated. More than 10,000 trees have been placed in the lake during the last eight years. Park Rangers Steve Trebs and Greg Molchan, Illinois D.O.C. personnel and 30 volunteers placed more than 800 Christmas trees for fish cover in the Peppenhorst Branch of Carlyle Lake.

Rangers from the Rend Lake Management Office and biologists from the Illinois Department of Conservation, along with members of the Illinois Conservation Corps, sank weighted Christmas trees along the shoreline during early March.

How About A Drink

As you have seen in the papers recently, Missouri Governor John Ashcroft, Assistant Secretary of the Army Robert Page and Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission Chairman Cecil Fretwell participated in an official signing ceremony at the M.W. Boudreaux Visitor Center on March 9th. The three men signed a series of contracts that will allow Mark Twain Lake to be used as a water source by the Water Commission. The Water Commission hopes to begin construction on a \$3.5 million water treatment plant later this year, with the possibility that the plant could start producing water by 1990. The agreements are expected to provide the region with a potable water source for the next 50 years.

New Ranger

Rend Lake welcomed new ranger Ron Goselin to Illinois on 14 March. Ron had worked previously as a temporary ranger for five seasons in the Seattle District and as a seasonal with the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service.

Dale Miller Honored

Dale Miller, assistant park manager of Rend Lake, has been presented the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lower Mississippi Valley Division's Outstanding Handicapped Employee of the Year Certificate of Appreciation by Col. Daniel M. Wilson on behalf of MG Thomas A. Sands, Division Commander.

Crappie Tournament

The Zebco Crappie Masters Tournament started at Rend Lake on 19 March. Tournament officials have tagged crappie and hopeful anglers will have the opportunity to catch a fish worth anywhere from \$25 to \$50,000.

CAC Activities for April

**ROMA'S
DEB DAY**

15 April

Secretary's Day

Rose Sale

27 April

