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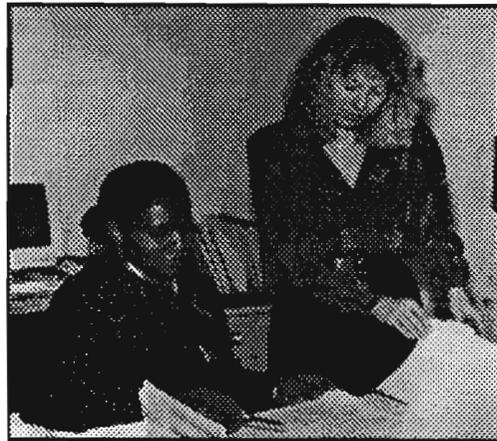
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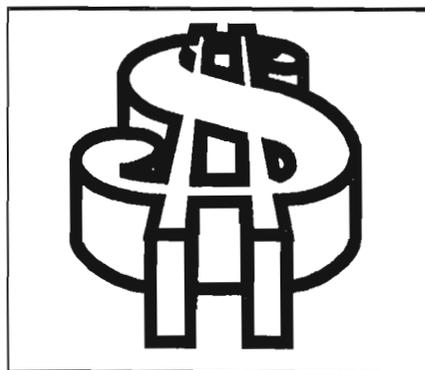
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View from the top



COL James D. Craig

I firmly believe that, by the beginning of FY93, we will be structured and positioned for the future.

By now, I hope, all of you have seen our plan to gain control of our future. I signed a memorandum on 27 January outlining our approach to make an educated guess at our FTE allocation for FY 93, and used that to reorganize all offices and divisions in the District, based on our future projected workload. By the time you read this, each office should be well along in developing its planned structure for FY 93. I firmly believe that, by the beginning of FY 93, we will be structured and positioned for the future. I would ask that you bear with us for a few more months. I see an exciting, productive future for the District!

We de-watered Lock 24 and partially de-watered Lock 25 in December, in order to complete some vitally needed repair work to extend their useful lives a little while longer. While the de-watering has been a qualified success, we discovered even more needed repairs for the two locks. Based on that, I have re-directed Engineering Division to complete a quick (by March) major renovation plan for Lock 25, and a major renovation plan for Lock 24 by next year.

I want to thank all the people who helped in the ACOE competition from September to January. The culmination of your efforts was the look by the Department of the Army ACOE team in January. I can tell you they were extremely impressed by each and every one of you and the care you put into the quality of life in the District. We are one of four finalists in our category for the Army. Results should be announced in March. WAY TO GO!!

Congratulations to Owen Dutt. Owen is now the real Chief of the Planning Division. I expect great things from the Planning Division! I have also selected a permanent Chief Counsel for the District - Mr. Terry Kelly, who is presently the Chief Counsel in the Tulsa District. The competition for the position was fierce, and we are getting a fine counsel. I want to take the opportunity to publicly thank Bob Muffler for his loyal, professional, and dedicated efforts as the Acting Chief Counsel. His efforts in the time I have been here have strengthened the District, and I value his counsel. Thanks Bob.

Finally, a note to all of you. Each one of you is part of the District, and has something unique and valuable to contribute. I personally challenge you to figure out what that is, and make your contribution. When you get down to the basic truisms, you are the District.



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CPT Murrell Mules at begins duty Mark Twain

The District welcomes CPT Thomas Murrell. Cpt. Murrell arrived in January. He comes to St. Louis after serving four years in the Federal Republic of Germany. There he commanded the 93rd Engineer Co., which is a bridge outfit, so he should feel right at home "on the river." He also served as the DEH and Sub Community Commander at Berchtesgaden. In case you're not familiar with the name, that means he suffered extremely harsh conditions as "City Manager" of the finest resort east of Monte Carlo.

Tom is accompanied to St. Louis by his family, wife Amy and son Patrick. He enjoys bicycling and sailing, and has been told he WILL learn to play golf. He's currently working in IM as he begins his odyssey - I mean orientation to the District.

So when you see him wandering around, say "Hello" and extend him a warm welcome.

Woodrome wins extra mile award

Members of the Personnel Office staff have selected Ms. Anne Woodrome as the first quarter recipient of the PO "Extra Mile Award." Mrs. Woodrome was nominated by several of her customers. The nomination which resulted in her selection cited her exceptionally efficient and timely processing of personnel actions for employees of the Dredge Potter.

Congratulations Anne! The District appreciates your commitment to service excellence.

Missouri mules, eagles, loons and the weather were the main topics of discussion at the grand opening of the Missouri State Museum Traveling Exhibit entitled "Alive and Kicking, Missouri Mules, Then and Now" at the Mark Twain Lake Visitor Center in January. Bright sun, cabin fever and 50 degree temperatures brought droves of visitors to the center to see the exhibit on its Saturday opening.

Visitors also were treated to the antics of a pair of loons that have adopted the dam as their home, and several eagles that circled the lake.

The second day of the exhibit, the Missouri Northeast Long Eared Association brought 15 mules to "liven up" the exhibit, but the jumping mules and children's rides had to compete with the 30 degree drop in temperature, high winds and rain. Nonetheless, the several hundred visitors had a good time.



Jeff Kroeger of Palmyra, Missouri, rides his mule, Jenny, up and over the bar.

Spring Golf Tournament

This year's Spring Golf Tournament promises to be one of the most competitive events that has ever been scheduled. Since the tournament will be held on May 1, this should overcome the usual adverse cold weather conditions which can occur during the first part of April.

Also, the average league handicap scores have been steadily decreasing, which means that the handicap spread for each flight will be closer than in previous years. Best of all, a scramble enables you and your partner to play the best ball for every shot.

The spring tournament is open to all Corps employees and, as in past years, non-league players must provide their estimated 18 hole handicap with their entry.

Tournament info is as follows:

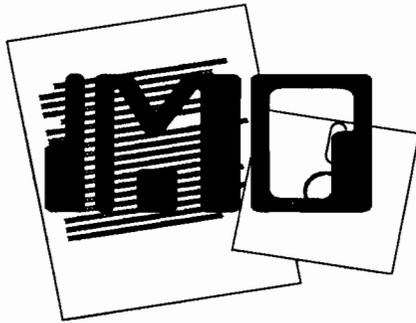
Time: Friday, May 1st.

Location: Tamarack Golf Club (O'Fallon, Illinois) Type of Event: Two person scramble. Entry Fee: \$10 (includes beer and soda) Green Fee: \$11 (You can't beat this in the Metro Area!) Golf Carts: \$16 per two-man team.

Three flights: Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight

Prizes, each flight: Low Score: First, second, third. Closest to the pin #8 and #17. Longest Drive #4.

Other: Cutoff date for entries is Wednesday, April 22. Entry fees/handicaps should be returned to Rich Mills (331-8365). Green fees and cart fees will be collected by the Golf Course personnel on the day of the tournament.



Documenting the District: The work of the Information Support Services Branch

By Kathy Hayes, Chief, Support Services Branch

"Tucked away in a corner of his office under stacks of papers and boxes we found the photographs we had been looking for. Even he didn't know he still had them; the important thing, though, was that we found them."

"It seems that every time we get a Congressional from that guy we have to search through some old files. What a pain!"

"I hate to make all those copies on the copy machine. There's got to be a better way."

Have you ever heard people say those things in the District? I'm sure you have because those comments are really not fictitious. They have been uttered many times over the years, and often, rightly so. Document management, in one form or another, is one of the chief responsibilities of the Support Services Branch of the Information Management Office. We strive to continually improve

the support systems designed to create, organize, store, retrieve and manage the documentation of the District. To show you what we do, here are some examples.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT: Filing systems, correspondence management, official records storage and retrieval, District reading files.

VISUAL INFORMATION: Computer graphics imaging, professional photography, audio and video productions, storage and retrieval of visual media.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING: Printing of forms, reports, brochures, pamphlets, flyers, memos, ESPRIT,, the preparation and publishing of District regulations, copy machine management.

HISTORICAL PROGRAM: District archives, photographs, oral histories, preparation of historical manuscripts.

If you look closely, you will see that all of these functions serve to document the business of the District. Whether it be a short memo, a technical report, a photograph, a video tape, or a District regulation, the Support Services Branch is involved.

Be watching for future articles describing, in depth, some of the documentation services we provide. Stop by for a closer look. We are right inside of Room 4.100. We are: Ron Bockhorst, Debbie Kuhlmann, Vivian Arthur, Nancy Gerth, Sharon Leeker, Jack Rhodes, Russ Elliott, Alice Lovett, Marilyn Stallings and Ray Bush.

IMO Definitions

USER FRIENDLY: Supplied with a full-color manual.



The Federal Women's Program Committee would like to thank everyone for making the Women's Recognition Day program a success. A special thanks to our guest speaker, Eugene A. Degenhardt, our own Value Engineer. Everyone enjoyed his presentation on "Getting Out of Your Box." Thanks to my committee for providing all the refreshments.

March is Women's History Month. In observance we are planning a joint program with Coast Guard, HUD and SIMA this year. The program is scheduled for March 17, at 1000, in the 2nd floor auditorium. Watch for more information. We'll see you there.

Norma Hall
FWP Manager

Keep New Year's resolutions small and manageable

By Carol Pitzer, Chief, Information Management Division

Well, well! You were so confident when you made those New Year's resolutions. It's a hard job to make changes in our behavior patterns. Maybe you should have made fewer resolutions? Maybe you should have made small promises to yourself.

The first step is always the hardest. That promise to work



out and compete in a 26 mile marathon should be chipped down to starting to walk regularly. Whether you walk or run, you use the same amount of calories, the heart works harder and you'll discover muscles that you haven't used. Dream about running in a marathon, but take those first steps walking. No one else can do it for you.

"No more dessert after the New Year." That lie usually gets me to January 4th. Don't deprive yourself of all fun, because dessert can be fun. Indulge a little, just cut back on the sweets and the treats. With that regular walk, you may be able to see your feet again.

Many times during the holidays we discover we have a family. We have been so busy all year, you thought the daughter was 14 years old. Now you discover she's taking driving lessons. Were you that busy? You looked, but didn't see. This is an easy resolution. Enjoy your family while they are still with you. Kids growing up are like first impressions; there is only one time for each new experience.

You're gonna make some changes at work. You are going to improve your time management, organize your priorities. Sounds great. If you can organize one week, one day at a time, you'll make a positive impact on your job. Don't make plans for next July, make plans for next week and the summer will take care of itself.

The smoking habit is probably the most painful to change. This habit affects everyone around you, at home and work. But most of all, there is nothing positive from this habit. It's a hard cycle to break, but it can be done. When I smoked I quit every day for 20 years. When you finally

realize you are reducing your years of quality life, you will finally have the desire to quit. We all would like for you to quit, so you can live longer, and we can enjoy your company longer.

If you can't succeed at the big promises, make them smaller and do little steps. There are many other changes we can make to improve the world situation. Start with helping yourself and family first. The rest will come later.

Next year I'm gonna get into the Astronaut Training Program, lose 30 pounds, and complete all division suspenses on time!!! Uh, huh!!

The mind, once expanded to the dimensions of larger ideas, never returns to its original size.

Oliver W. Holmes



Vision

The year 1992 promises to be a challenging and rewarding year for the St. Louis District. The ACOE (Army Communities of Excellence) Program (Award) challenges the LMO, as it does all elements. We will be forging ahead to complete and realize new and challenging goals that will enhance our ability to "serve our customers better."

LMO staff visits

LMO representatives (Supply, Transportation, Maintenance and Facilities) will continue to make informal visits to District Office elements in 1992 to "see how we are doing" in serving our customers.

We are pleased that your response to our 1991 program provided valuable input that indicated your awareness and

receptivity to our "growing pains." Your responses help us to evaluate our performance. Please continue this as our reps visit your offices in 1992.

Coming soon...

LAIET (Logistics Assistance Inspection & Evaluation Team) will be making ANNOUNCED visits to field sites to provide information AND assistance. We will also complete property, supply and maintenance internal checklists. These checklists are compiled from actual Army inspection checklists and provide valuable insight into current and changing Logistics standards.

No... You can't have that

Personal furnishings, i.e., paper cups, paper plates, napkins, and plastic eating utensils are NOT authorized to be purchased.

Although past practice has allowed some areas to order these items, this is specifically restricted by "The Principles of Federal Appropriations Law."

LMO Supply function will assist you in researching and providing the right PRODUCT... at the right PLACE... at the right TIME...for all of your authorized needs.



On the Soapbox

Telling the District's story this month were:

Around the District

Claude Strauser, Chief, Environmental and Recreational Resources Branch, talked to 45 members of the "Wall Street Table," a group of downtown businessmen. Claude discussed the Mississippi River and the river's importance to the surrounding community.

Larry Griffin, First Assistant Engineer on the Dredge Potter, and Dezon Echols, Deckhand, conducted tours of the dredge engine room and deck department for a group of retired Corps employees.

Riverlands Office

Pat McGinnis, Area Manager, and Park Ranger Julie Ziino

conducted several interviews with local media about the visit of the pink breasted Ross' Gull in the Environmental Demonstration Area.

Wetlands was the topic for Pat McGinnis during a live interview with KDHX radio.

Clarksville

January means Eagle Days in Clarksville and this year more than 5200 people came to town to catch a glimpse of our nation's symbol. Sue Mueller and Mike Hamby of the Riverlands Area Office staffed the overlook at Lock and Dam 24 to answer questions from more than 500 people about the current lock construction, eagle sightings, etc.

Wappapello Lake

The Wappapello Lake staff spent a busy month talking to the area media. Park Ranger Doug Nichols was interviewed by the Puxico Press about lake draw down to winter pool and the Greenville revetment.

Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson and Diane Stratton discussed volunteerism, upcoming special events, fish shelter day and the resource program on KMPL radio's "Coffee Break Morning Show." Diane also talked about Fish Shelter Day and leasing land for agriculture on the "Outdoors with Dennis Keeney" radio program.

Park Ranger Doug Nichols presented a Greenville Oral History Program for the Poplar Bluff Kiwanis Club.

CASU Director wins national award

Ms. Karen Blum, Director of the St. Louis Cooperative Administrative Support Unit (CASU) is a recipient of the CASU Director Award for 1991, given by the National CASU Board of Directors in Washington, D.C. The award provides recognition to the CASU Directors, Site Facilitators and other individuals who have significantly advanced the basic purpose of the CASU program at the local level during the past fiscal year, by: reducing costs, providing services more conveniently and by improving the

quality of administrative support and the workplace environment generally.

"This award is doubly gratifying because it is not just an award from a government agency, but recognition for your performance by your peers," Ms. Blum said. She was cited for developing, introducing and implementing a large array of CASU services to federal agencies in St. Louis. These achievements are particularly noteworthy because the growth and expansion of these services were accelerated, while,

at the same time, cost efficiencies exceeded established norms for emerging CASU functions. About 22 federal agencies with more than 3600 employees currently participate in the St. Louis CASU program. The Corps of Engineers is the lead agency.

Begun in 1986 as a pilot project of the President's Council on Management Improvement (PCMI), the Cooperative Administrative Support Program has spread across the nation and resulted in millions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. The

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NEWS BRIEFS

Raptor programs

The Riverlands Area - Clarksville Office and the World Bird Sanctuary hosted two programs on raptors in the Clarksville Community Center. Almost 200 people attended the programs.

Photo workshops

The Riverlands Association sponsored two eagle photography workshops in January, one in Winfield and one in Clarksville. Noted Missouri photographer Frank Oberlie was the guest speaker and educators from the World Bird Sanctuary gave natural history programs on raptors.

Ross' Gull

The Riverlands Area staff welcomed the new year with a rare visitor from the north. The pink breasted Ross' Gull was spotted in the Environmental Demonstration Area December 31 by Tim Barksdale and by January 4, birders from 17 states and two foreign countries flocked to the Riverlands to get a glimpse. About 1000 people visited the site over an eight day period. The Ross' Gull's normal habitat is northern Siberia and it has only been spotted in the United States, outside of Alaska, a few times. The Riverlands spotting is the first time the gull has been recorded in Missouri.

Eagle spottings

Colder temperatures have increased the number of bald eagle spottings in the Riverland Area. The Ellis Bay area has been the best area to spot Bald Eagles. Park Ranger Julie Ziino and Charlie Deutsch assisted the Nature Institute with their yearly eagle count along the Mississippi.

Tree donations

More than 500 Christmas trees were donated by local citizens for use as fish habitat in Rend Lake. The trees will be placed in areas near the Gun Creek, Jackie Branch and South Marcum boat ramp areas by rangers, the IDOC and local volunteers.

600 trees

About 600 Christmas trees were collected at three collection points at Carlyle Lake by the lake staff and IDOC. The trees will be put into the lake in February to provide improved fish habitat.

Eagle management

Carlyle Lake staff, IDOC and Fish and Wildlife Service are developing a plan for Bald Eagle and Cormorant management at the lake. They met recently to discuss methods to protect and encourage eagle nesting at the north end of the lake. Also discussed were ways to protect Cormorant habitat at the north

end of the lake. These endangered birds have two large nesting colonies at Carlyle Lake. They nest on large dead tree stumps, the number of which is diminishing each year because of ice and wave action.

Lights

The Festival of Lights at Eagle Creek State Park at Lake Shelbyville was visited by more than 21,000 cars and buses as of the middle of January, an increase of 6,000 from last year. The three-mile light display remained open until February 2nd.

Xmas luncheon

The Lake Shelbyville Recreation Council hosted a Christmas luncheon at the Okaw Rib House in Shelbyville for Corps employees, retirees and their families. A total of 64 people turned out for a delicious meal and a slide show of the "good old days."

Bird count

Park Ranger Diane Stratton, in cooperation with the Scenic Audubon Society, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and MDOC, conducted a Christmas bird count at Wappapello Lake. They counted and documented all the species of birds they could find in a fifteen mile radius.

Seabee work

An 18-man Naval Seabees crew replaced a deteriorating 40 foot section of barrier fence at the Peoples Creek sewage treatment plant on Wappapello Lake. They also cleared a one acre site at the Holiday Landing area for the future outdoor storage for a concessionaire.



Promotions & Incentive Awards

PROMOTIONS:

Jane Barnhart, CASU
 Michael Weber, CD
 David Mueller, CD
 James Schoolcraft, CD
 David Spencer, ED
 Linda Kliewer, ED
 Joan Stemler, ED
 Donna Zoeller, ED
 Anne Modrusic, IM
 William Moore, LM
 Mark Roderick, OD
 Douglas Van Dorn, OD
 James Lynch, OD
 Michael Chain, OD
 Charles Linn, OD
 Gary Tune, OD
 Dixie Pickett, PO
 Keith McMullen, RD

EXCEPTIONAL RATINGS:

Richard Ubben, CD
 Stanley Zurweller, CD
 Joseph Schwenk, CD

Catherine Fox, ED
 Edgar Falkner, ED
 Mark Alvey, ED
 Bonita Toennies, ED
 William Meldrum, ED
 Fred McLard, ED
 Vernon Oettle, OD
 Don Mirick, OD
 Edmond Rogers, OD
 Arthur Ruebenson, OD
 Eugene Jones, OD
 Lon Montgomery, OD
 Richard Howald, OD
 Phillip Skaggs, OD
 Eugene Beckham, OD
 David Kirkpatrick, PD
 Frederick Norris, PD
 Kenneth Corbin, PD

PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

James Dorsey, CD
 Gary Hendrix, CD
 Michael Banovz, IR
 Eugene Beckham, OD

James Conner, OD
 Mark Roderick, OD
 Andrea Pickard, OD
 Gary Camp, RE
 Frank Catalano, RE

SPECIAL ACT AWARDS:

Barbara Boswell, PO
 Karen Bautsch, CD
 Patricia Hosford, CD
 Barbara Jarman, CT
 Mary Ann Swip, DC
 Dolores Ebert, DD
 Carol Hilderbrand, ED
 Willie Stroud, ED
 Morris Dirnberger, ED
 Diadra James, EEO
 Emmett Hahn, OD
 James Pierce, OD
 Mary Ann Dostal, OD
 Kathleen Queathem, OD
 Annette Wolf, OD
 Anthony Giardina, PD
 Riley Pope, PD

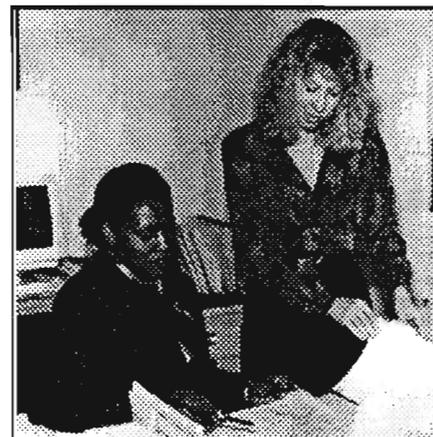
CASU continued

number of services and users is more than doubling each year.

The St. Louis CASU was chartered in June, 1989, and became operational in October 1990. The CASU started with library, mail, photocopy, shipping and receiving, labor, personal property and warehousing services. Systems furniture design/installation, fitness center, color copying, temporary help and recycling services were added during the first year. In addition

to services offered, the St. Louis CASU's customer agencies increased from six when it went into operation to 22 by the end of the first year.

Ms. Blum will be recognized during award ceremonies at the Sixth Annual CASU Conference, co-sponsored by the President's Council on Management Improvement and the American Society for Public Administration, in Charleston, South Carolina, on July 8-10, 1992.



Karen Blum, Director of the St. Louis CASU (standing) confers with Gloria Miles, Chief, Administrative Support Division, about requests for labor and moving services.



Recycling Corner

Reasons to recycle materials from municipal refuse are many. Recycling materials recovers valuable resources which saves national resources. It reduces the demand on precious landfill space. Recycling will eventually save money on your trash bill or at least slow down increases.

A few tips to make the recycled items more marketable is to clean the item of all food residue and paper labels. The plastic ring and cap should be removed from the 1 or 2 liter soda bottles since they are a different form of plastic. Plastic milk jugs should be rinsed and the cap removed. Newspapers should be bundled in paper grocery bags or tied with twine.

Here are a few drop off places which accept multiple household items:

Missouri

Smurfit Recycling Co., 600 Biddle St., 231-1567. Aluminum and steel cans, corrugated cardboard, computer cards, glass containers, newspapers, office paper, plastic two-liter soda bottles, milk jugs, juice and distilled water containers.

Smurfit Recycling Co., 3514 S. Big Bend Blvd., Maplewood, 645-6429. Aluminum and steel cans, corrugated cardboard, glass containers, newspapers, office paper, plastic two-liter soda bottles, milk jugs, juice and distilled water containers.

Operation Brightside Circus Recycling Center, 1660 S. Kingshighway, 776-0600 or 776-

0055. Aluminum cans and scrap aluminum, newspapers, glass containers, cardboard, steel cans and plastic bottles.

City of Washington, Fairgrounds Park, 239-6710. Newspapers, glass containers, aluminum cans, plastic milk jugs and two-liter soda bottles and plastic.

Olivette Recycling Depository, 1201 N. Price Rd., Olivette, 993-0444. Aluminum cans, glass containers, newspapers, plastic milk jugs, two-liter soda bottles



and plastic detergent bottles.

Gateway Recycling, 12308 Missouri Bottom Rd., Hazelwood, 731-2364 or 895-1605. Aluminum cans, scrap aluminum, non-ferrous metals, glass, tin, used motor oil, steel cans, plastic milk jugs, car batteries, gold and silver.

City of Brentwood, 2305 S. Brentwood Blvd., 962-4800. Drop-off at city's recreation center takes newspapers, aluminum cans, glass, plastic milk jugs and soda bottles and plastic containers imprinted on the bottom with a "1" or "2."

Southside Recycling, 4076 Bayless Ave., 631-3400. Aluminum cans, glass containers, cardboard, newspapers, non-ferrous metals and scrap aluminum.

St. Peters Recycle Towne Centre, Sadgemont and Indacom Drives, 928-1800. Newspapers, glass jars, plastic milk jugs and soda bottles, used motor oil (from individuals only) and car batteries. On Saturday, accepts aluminum cans, household scrap aluminum and scrap copper from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m.

St. Charles County Recycling Center, 2110 E. Pitman Ave., Wentzville, 1-327-5161 or 441-0405. Newspapers, glass bottles and jars, plastic milk jugs and two liter soda bottles, used motor oil in non-returnable containers of two gallons or less, car batteries, aluminum cans, steel cans and household appliances.

City of Byrnes Mill, City Garage, Byrnes Mill and Franks Rd., House Springs, 671-0800. Newspaper, cardboard, computer printout paper, office paper, aluminum and bi-metal cans, glass containers, plastic milk jugs, two liter soda bottles and distilled water jugs.

Illinois

City of Fairview Heights, S. Ruby Lane, (618) 397-9361. Newspapers, glass containers, aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, plastic milk jugs and two-liter soda bottles, brown corrugated cardboard and office paper.



Comming Events at the lakes

MARK TWAIN LAKE

February 22-23	Wildlife Film and Book Fest, Visitor Center
March 15	Fish, Fish and More Fish, Visitor Center
April 4	Clarence Cannon Powerhouse exhibit opens
April 25	Earth Day - lake cleanup
April 26	Music in the Park, Visitor Center
May 2-3	Antique Peddlers Show and Sale, Visitor Center
May 9-30	Missouri State Museum Traveling Exhibit Program The Faces of War: Missouri Soldiers As They Were, Visitor Center
May 16	Armed Forces Celebration, South Spillway 3rd Annual Best Dam Run in America, Visitor Center
May 24	Music in the Park - Gospel Music, Visitor Center
June 6	Country Music Jamboree, Visitor Center
June 13-14	Craft Show and Sale, Visitor Center
June 13	Storytelling Festival, Visitor Center
June 27	Sandcastle Building Contest, Spalding Beach
July 2,3 & 4	Fireworks and Rodeo, South Spillway
July 19	Gospel Music Concert, Visitor Center
July 25-26	Indian Artifacts Exhibit, Visitor Center
Aug. 1	Mark Twain Photo Contest, Visitor Center
Aug. 8-9	Indian Pow Wow, Visitor Center
Aug. 15-16	Salt River Folklife Festival, Florida, Mo.
Aug. 22-23	Rock and Mineral Show, Visitor Center
Sept. 6	Gospel Music Concert, Visitor Center
Sept. 26	Fall Festival, South Spillway

REND LAKE

April 24	Earth Day, Visitor Center
May 16	Armed Forces Day/Police Memorial Day, Visitor Center
June 6-7	Summer Daze Festival, Visitor Center
July 11-12	Rend Lake Arts & Crafts Fair, Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area
Sept 12	Take Pride in America Lake Clean-up

**Rend Lake Live: Saturday Night programs May 30 to Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.,
Visitor Center**

**Environmental Science Series Workshops and Outdoor Skills Clinics,
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Visitor Center**



WAPPAPELLO LAKE

- April 4-5** **Black Powder Rendevvous**
- April 25** **Spring Roadside Cleanup**
- May 16-17** **Silver Bullet National Crag Boat Race**
- May 24** **Water Fest '92"**
- June 13** **14th Annual Armed Forces Day**
- Sept. 4** **Dedication Historic Walk "Memory Lane"**
- Sept 19** **2nd Annual Handicapped Fishing Day**

CARLYLE LAKE

- June 7** **Carlyle Lake Show, Shine & Cruise**
- June 21** **Great Kaskaskia Duck Race**
- June 26** **25th Anniversary Celebration of the lake**
- July 4** **Water Sports Festival/Fireworks Spectacular**
- Sept 26** **National Hunting & Fishing Day**

LAKE SHELBYVILLE

- April 25** **Earth Day**
- June 20** **2nd Annual Lake Shelbyville Craft Show**
- July 18-19** **Lithia Springs Chautauqua Living History Tours**
- July 24-26** **Water Follies**
- Aug. 15** **6th Annual Okaw Indian Festival**
- Sept. 1** **Dove Hunt**
- Oct. 1** **16th Annual Eco-Meet**
- Oct 24 (tent.)** **Lake Shelbyville Photography Contest**
- Nov. 20-22** **Physically Challenged Deer Hunt**

RIVERLANDS

- March 15** **Wings of Spring**
- April 22** **Earth Day**

Corps or Quartermaster?

By Frank N. Schubert
The Military Engineer Magazine

At the outset of World War II, the mission of the Corps of Engineers expanded dramatically. In two quick steps, during 1940 and 1941, the Corps replaced the

Quartermaster Department as construction agent for the Army Air Corps and then for the entire War Department. In 1941, as war moved closer, construction demands increased. At the same time, questions began emerging about the Quartermaster's ability to carry out the new construction program.

The Air Corps program gave the Engineers confidence with an unfamiliar mission. The Corps knew heavy construction, fortifications, waterways and harbor work. But it had little or no experience in airfield and troop facility construction, or in indus-

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Quartermaster cont.

trial production line activities. By mid-1941, projects for the Air Corps increased while civil works projects declined. The Corps expended about 80 percent of its resources on the military.

Once the War Department concluded that the Quartermaster could no longer do the job, the question was whether the mission should stay in the War Department and go to the Engineers, or be given to a new agency set up for the purpose. In the summer of 1941, Michael J. Madigan, a special assistant to Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, tried to resolve the question of who was responsible for military construction.

Patterson and Madigan agreed that change was necessary. Patterson was disturbed by slow progress. Madigan complained of duplicated efforts that caused "inefficiency, lack of coordination and confusion," particularly for the public which had to deal with two separate agencies with varying procedures in the same department. He believed consolidation under the Corps would maximize use of technical personnel, save money, increase efficiency and end competition for materials and personnel. Madigan stressed the construction experience of the Engineers and their decentralized operation. He advised against creating a new organization. New agencies always had difficulty defining their status and scope of activities. It would be easier to transfer construction functions and people - many of them engineer officers - to the Corps of Engineers, without disrupting other Quartermaster functions.

Meanwhile, Secretary of War Henry Stimson convinced Presi-

dent Roosevelt to approve the proposal. Roosevelt accepted Patterson's claim that the Engineers had enough construction experience and were "a going concern."

The assertion that followed, that "the Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff and all others in the War Department familiar with the problems, are in favor of placing this entire work with the Engineers," was not true. The Quartermaster General, Lt. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, learned of the transfer only after Roosevelt initialed the memo. He certainly disagreed, arguing that construction in a theater of operations, an Engineer responsibility, was unlike routine Zone of the Interior construction, and the combination of these disparate functions would rebound to the disadvantage of both the Engineers and the Army. He took his dissent to the Chief of Staff, but no further. He was a soldier and kept his disagreement to himself.

President Roosevelt signed a bill authorizing the change on December 1, 1941. By that date, planning for consolidation was months along. The change was implemented on December 15, eight days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Robins, Chief of the Construction Division in the office of the Chief of Engineers, became responsible for all Army construction, including the declining civil works program. This arrangement lasted until late 1943, when Robins became the Deputy Chief of Engineers. At that time military and civil construction were split into separate divisions an arrangement that continues today.

The transition in the field was controlled so that it would not take place too quickly. Quartermaster jobs were gradually

transferred to the Corps, in accordance with Robin's suggestion that no more than one major project be turned over in each district within any week. The merger was completed in February 1942.

Construction peaked in 1942, with almost 85 percent of the \$11 billion program completed. It then declined rapidly as emphasis moved from construction to production, and from home front to overseas. Activity dropped from a peak of more than \$700 million of construction in July 1942 to \$150 million one year later. Success in this mission brought the Corps of Engineers a reputation for flexibility, validating its decentralized mission execution. Engineer districts repeatedly took over and completed Quartermaster jobs, proving over and over that the decision to assign military construction to the Corps was a sound one.

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AIDS affects all age groups

The idea that AIDS affects only the young is a common misconception. According to a study by the National Institute on Aging, nearly one-third of cases reported in the U.S. in 1989 were found in people over the age of 40. Of that group, one in ten were over age 60.

To complicate diagnosis and treatment, AIDS cases are frequently misdiagnosed in older patients, delaying proper treatment.



To Your Health

Early detection for prostate cancer

A blood test developed to monitor patients who have been treated for prostate cancer makes it easier for doctors to detect the deadly disease.

The finding, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, was made at Washington University in St. Louis. The University recommends the test as a routine part of cancer check-ups for men over age 50.

Rectal examination is now used to detect prostate cancer. Early cases are difficult to find, however. Dr. William Catalona, who conducted the research, feels that 7 out of 10 cases could be detected in very early stages with the new procedure.

The test checks blood for prostate-specific antigen, or PSA. When PSA levels go up, cancer is present.

Among 1,653 men over age 50 who took part in the study, 8 percent had high levels of PSA. Of those with mildly elevated levels, 22 percent had prostate cancer, and 67 percent of those with high levels of PSA, the antigen detected by the test, had cancer. (The test falsely suggested that cancer existed in some 16 percent of research participants.)

As with all testing for cancer, when a positive test is returned, a second test should be done either by that physician or by another who will give a second opinion.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer occurring in males.

Save Your Vision Week, March 1-7

Trouble shooting VDT stress

There's nothing new about eye strain in the office. It has been around since Scrooge had Bob Cratchit working long hours on his ledgers, and even before that well-documented workplace situation.

Fortunately, today no one has to sit on a high stool in a poorly lighted room and write endlessly with a quill pen. In spite of all advances, however, we have stressful situations to deal with. The video display terminal (VDT) creates one of them. But symptoms of eye strain need not be a significant problem for users.

Trouble-shooting your own situation can help to eliminate problems. Here are some of the steps recommended by the American Optometric Association.

- * Be sure you aren't bringing vision problems to work. An existing vision problem may be aggravated by continuous viewing.

- * Wear prescription glasses that meet the needs of your work. Discuss your job with your optometrist. Some VDT users may need special glasses like wide-band trifocals.

- * If you don't have glasses now but are experiencing eye strain, see your eye doctor. You may need a mild prescription to wear on the job to reduce vision stress.

- * Take rest breaks or alternate VDT use with other tasks. A break every hour or two is recommended for most operators.

- * Minimize reflected glare from windows with window shades, drapes or blinds. A glare filter over your screen will help with glare you can't control. Eyeglasses with tinted lenses and coatings also reduce glare.

- * Determine if room lighting can be reduced to a range of 30 to 50 foot-candles, about half of what is normally used in offices. Often it can be done by removing light bulbs.

- * Place reference material as close to the screen as possible to avoid frequent head and eye movements. Frequent changing of focus can make the eyes feel tired.

- * Always check your comfort factors before beginning work, including the height of equipment and furniture, and the brightness and contrast controls on the screen.

By customizing your own work area, you can take a significant step toward reducing vision stress during the work day.

Vitamin C for easy breathing

Fruit and vegetables containing vitamin C promote easier breathing, reports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Study subjects consuming 100 mg. daily of vitamin C had a third more respiratory problems than those who ate more than 300 mg., the amount found in two and a half cups of orange juice.



Accident Summary

PERSONAL INJURIES - GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES* - JANUARY 1992: None

Total accidents for FY92: Five

Total accidents for FY91: Ten

*Lost-time accidents

PERSONAL INJURIES - CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES - JANUARY 1992: None

Total accidents for FY92: None

Total accidents for FY91: Nine

GOVERNMENT VEHICLE ACCIDENTS* - JANUARY 1992: None

Total vehicle accidents for FY92: None

Total vehicle accidents for FY91: Two

*Vehicle accidents with total monetary damages of \$2,000 or more

LAKE FATALITIES - JANUARY 1992: One

Total lake fatalities for FY92: One

Rend Lake - 1

A 46 year old male fell through the ice at Rend Lake and drowned. His body was recovered a few hours later.

Total lake fatalities for FY91: Four

Lake Shelbyville - 1

Mark Twain Lake - 1

Rend Lake - 1

Wappapello Lake - 1

NOTE: There has been a definite improvement in our government employee accident rate in the past several months. Our last lost time accident was reported in October. We're obviously all becoming more safety conscious. Let's keep it up!

Earned Income Credit

Was your earned income and adjusted gross income less than \$21,250 in 1991? Did you support at least one child? Then you may be eligible for up to \$2,020 in Earned Income Credit (EIC).

To claim the EIC, you must fill out and attach Schedule EIC to Form 1040 or 1040A. The qualifying child doesn't have to be a dependent in most cases. Even if you are filing single, you may qualify.

Details on how to complete the forms and schedules are in

Form 1040 and 1040A instructions. If the taxpayer wishes, the IRS will figure the amount of the EIC for them.

If you need additional information, call the IRS toll-free number 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Publication 596, Earned Income Credit. Free one-on-one tax assistance is available through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Call toll-free 1-800-829-1040 for locations.

Lockmasters say thanks

Don Schrader, Lockmaster at Mel Price, and Larry Stahlschmidt, Assistant Lockmaster, would like to thank everyone who attended their retirement luncheon. They both appreciated the great turn out and all the sincere good wishes.

Retirees

Jim Butery retired February 3 from the Environmental Quality Section of Hydraulics Branch. Jim had 30 years of federal service, more than 28 years with the St. Louis District, and 100 miles on the treadmill in the gym.

William Slabaugh retired January 31 from the Management Analysis Branch of the Office of the Comptroller after 30 years of federal service, two years, two months with the St. Louis District.

Condolences

The District was saddened to hear of the passing of Roger Hoell on the evening of Tuesday, January 21st. Roger was chief of the Structural/Architectural Section of Design Branch when he retired from the District for reasons of health.

Al Wurst, retiree from the Engineering Division where he was a long-time employee, passed away on Wednesday, January 22nd. Al retired in 1968.

Corrine Kreutz, wife of Fred Kreutz, passed away on Friday, January 3rd.

Louis Lohnes, a safety engineer with the Corps, passed away on Thursday, January 9th.



Retiree Review

By the Retirees Correspondent

There are a total of 26 lines per page in the "sign-in" book used at the retirees luncheons. The book, temporarily in my possession, goes back to November 1989. Our luncheon on January 15, 1992, was a first - first time since November 1989 that it took less than one page for everyone to sign in. We had a less than grand total of 25 attendees, compared to 68 at our December meeting.

Before, during and after the luncheon there were 24 people, out of the 25 present, who wanted to know why there was nothing in the latest ESPRIT about the December meeting. I seemed to be the only one there who knew the answer, so I explained it to them. I'll explain it to you. Simply put, it was my fault. Due to circumstances beyond my control, and the hustle and bustle of Christmas, I could not get the material to the District Office by December 26 - as the 26th of each month is the cut off date for material for the next ESPRIT. You would think that if everything has to be submitted by the 26th, surely the ESPRIT could be in the hands of the retirees prior to the third Thursday of the following month. Anyway, I will try to give a few highlights from memory about the Christmas luncheon.

First of all, we had a record (since Nov. 89) total of 68 attendees and, it should be noted, that a sizable number of the regulars were absent. Some because they are "chicken" and have deserted the area for warmer climes for the duration of the winter months. Others were out of town visiting their families for the Christmas season. All of them were missed. We were very fortunate in having a superb number of people from the District Office at the meeting. There were nine, and for one - Maggie Patterson, District EEO Officer - it was a first time. We were glad to have, in addition to Maggie, Jack Niemi, Mary Lou Lawson, Barb Boswell, Dixie Pickett, Elinor Reinerman, Ken Kruchowski, Dee Ebert and Jean Lindhorst. Thank you all for being there, and we hope you all will make our luncheons a regular occasion.

Unfortunately, I do not know if there were any retired first timers at the December meeting, but Joe Tadlock, from Clarksville, and his charming guest Betty Dorlague, who were first timers in November, were again present. Joe had a couple of stories to tell. We also had a number of not so regular attendees present and it was a pleasure to see them and to have the opportunity to talk with them. We were also fortunate to have a retired District Engineer, Col. Jim Meanor and his lovely wife Jean, present. Please, all of you, put the third Thursday of each month on your calendar as a regular date to attend the retirees luncheon.

I am not sure who was the longest retired and/or the oldest present, but believe the honors go to Bill Haynes and Cliff Forderhase.

Our first meeting of 1992 was a delightful meeting even though there were only 25 attendees. Possibly the cold weather contributed to the low turn out. Most of the attendees were regulars, such as the Huizengas, Schuremanns, Puricellis, Webers, Maxwells, Williams, Ray Rinel and his lovely guest Sarah Wysocki, Kate Stiles, Charlie Denzel, Laurel Nelson, Arnold Gihring, Homer Duff, L. Kugler, and the longest retired present was Howard Beinke. Also one retired couple that were once regulars, Loren and Dorothy Ligon, were present. We all hope they will again become regulars. I guess we will have to stretch things a little and give the District Office credit for having a representative present - Jim Butery. This was Jim's first time and since he is not, at this writing, retired, we will give the District Office credit for being represented. HOWEVER, Jim is retiring on February 3, 1992, and will become one of the "Old Fuds." Glad to have you with us, Jim, and please keep on coming to our lunch meetings.

Elmer performed his usual role as the unofficial official Chairman of the Board. Elmer passed around a letter he received from Clyde Wilkes. It appears that Clyde and Ruth are still survivors somewhere out in the Arizona wilderness. We had the usual golfing jokes and just a heck of a lot of good conversation and friendly banter. Now all you retirees, please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the monthly retirees luncheon on the third Thursday each month at the Salad Bowl on Lindell Blvd. We start gathering about 11 a.m., lunch about 11:45 a.m. and a short meeting after lunch. Usually there is a representative from the District Office that gives us a short update on District happenings. Everything is over between 1 and 1:30 p.m.

We extend a cordial invitation to all District personnel to visit us at any or all of our luncheons.