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MOJAVE FORKS DAM DEDICATED

Red, white and blue water was spewed from fire trucks onto the giant spillway as the Mojave Forks Dam was officially dedicated on Monday, May 3.

Some 300 persons attended the dedication ceremony of the majestic dam located on the Mojave River about eight miles southeast of Hesperia. A number of federal, state and San Bernardino County officials were on hand for the event. Colonel Robert J. Malley, District Engineer, in his remarks at the ceremony, stated "Those of you who have lived here in the desert have seen the violence of desert rainstorms and understand fully the great savings in damage, and discomfort, and anguish and even possible human life that Mojave Dam will afford in flood time....

those of us in the Corps of Engineers, will have the personal satisfaction of knowing that if nature does choose to deliver that lesson, we will have had a part in providing this Mojave Forks Dam - which will not quell nature but will tame her...and make the floodwaters useful instead of devastating."

Construction started in March 1968, with the main body of the Mojave River Forks Dam being completed this month by E.L. Yeager Constructors of Riverside, California.

The project is designed primarily for flood control purposes but recreational development is a secondary and important purpose of the project. The dam will afford not only flood protection to areas along the Mojave River downstream but will provide incidental conservation of flood waters by permitting sustained lower flows resulting in greater percolation of flows to underground storage.

About 1200 acres of land will be used for initial recreational development by the Corps. The recreational area will be located about one mile upstream of the damsite within the reservoir area and will consist of a combined camping and picnic area; trailer camp; equestrian area; administration building and nature interpretation area. The recreational area will be operated and maintained by the County of San Bernardino under lease arrangement with the Corps. The County will have the added responsibility for ultimate recreational development as required.

Engineer Day 1971

The 196th anniversary of the Corps of Engineers will be celebrated by the Los Angeles District on Friday, June 18, with a family picnic at Legg Lake, Whittier Narrows Dam. Les Hall, Engineering Division, is Chairman of this year's Engineer Day Committee. Watch for details.

S.A.M.E. 51st ANNUAL MEETING SET

Members of the Society of American Military Engineers are invited to attend the 51st Annual Meeting of SAME scheduled to be held in San Francisco on May 20 through 22. The theme of this year's meeting is "Transportation Facilities for National Defense." A variety of meeting are on the agenda with the ladies programmed to tour many points of interest in the Bay area.

Q U O T A B L E Q U O T E S

"The field we are dealing with - natural resources - is fundamental to all aspects of human life, and all their incredibly complex interrelationships. We are reopening no less than one of the two main fields of human thought - the relationship of man to nature."
LTC Frederick J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers

C O R P S A N D T H E E N V I R O N M E N T

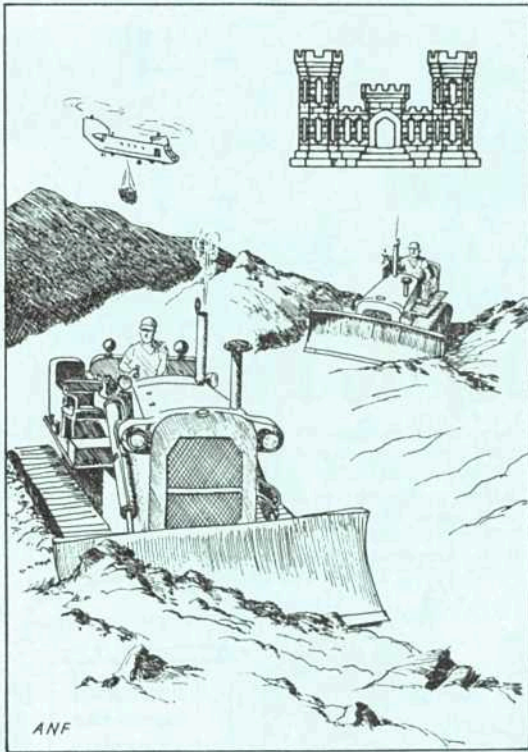
Robert Joe, Environmental Section, recently spoke to a group of 300 students at Pasadena City College on "The Corps and the Environment" while 1Lt Steven Torok traveled to Huntington Beach's Marina High School where he spoke to a group of 100 seniors on the same subject.

A Day To Remember

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in the service or defense of our Nation and way of life since 1861.

First proclaimed as Decoration Day in 1868 by General John A. Logan, it was to honor the men who had fallen in the Civil War. After World War I it became known as Memorial Day and commemorated those Americans who died in all wars.





BRIDGE CONTEST SET

According to an announcement received from OCE, The Corps is vitally interested in the two Bridge Design Contests being conducted by the Society of American Military Engineers for the Army Materiel Command. Corps employees are encouraged to participate in these contests. Even though a number of Corps engineers in November 1969 contributed to an OCE sponsored program to develop futuristic concepts and ideas for military bridging, that should not preclude them from entering the current contest.

The January-February issue of *The Military Engineer* contains a general outline of the contests. A total of \$20,000 is available for prizes for the best fixed bridge and floating bridge concepts for the 1980s. First prize in each category is \$5,000. A brochure giving contest rules, information on preparation of concepts, the current Army bridge program, and desired characteristics of future bridging may be obtained from SAME by mailing a request plus an entry fee of \$2.00. An entrance certificate will be mailed with the brochure. All entries must be postmarked no later than 15 June 1971. Entry fee, name and address should be sent to: Bridge Design Contests, Society of American Military Engineers, 800 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

New Assignment

Lieutenant Colonel John V. Foley, will become Public Affairs Officer in the Office of the Chief of Engineers effective in July. He succeeds Colonel Richard L. Hunt who is being reassigned as New Orleans District Engineer.

Corps 1876 Paper Unearthed

According to a UPI dispatch datelined Truckee, California, a snowmobiler reported that he found a small Army Corps of Engineers paper dated 1876 in a metal canister under a rock atop 9,500 foot Rifle Peak.

Bill Byrne, a property manager, said he found the canister while snowmobiling with two friends. The slip of paper is 2x5 inches in size.

It reads: "Explorations and surveys west of 100th meridian. Station No. 12, Party No. 2, California Division, Executive Officer Lt. M. Macomb, topographical assistant Frank Carpenter, meteorological assistant, Alfred Dubois. Enroute from around Lake Tahoe, No. 7, 1876. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army."

LAD COMMENDED

In a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, the Los Angeles District was commended for the assistance it gave following the disasterous watershed burns of 1970. At this time, the mountainous watersheds of San Bernardino County experienced the most devastating watershed burns in history amounting to more than 110,000 acres. At the request of the Board of Supervisors, LAD immediately provided emergency flood control debris removal and other assistance.

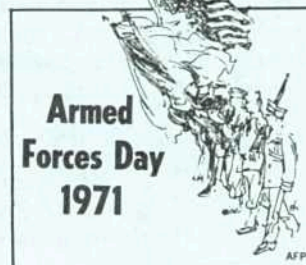
The resolution reads in part: "This Board of Supervisors expresses the deepest appreciation for the urgently needed service afforded to San Bernardino County and particularly express gratitude for the very special assistance and cooperation extended by Colonel Robert J. Malley, District Engineer, Los Angeles District, and to his staff, particularly including Edward Koehm, Fred Cline, Richard Young, Kingsley Benham, and Kenneth Hultberg."

Kudos to LAD's New Engineers

LAD is proud of its eight new registered professional engineers: Phil Agostini, Paul Berger, John Fox, Bob Hall, Ray Shiroma, Jack Wong, Tim Yeh, and Walter Boyle. By going through the registration process, the group gains two important benefits: authority to practice engineering before the public and establishing professional standing on the basis of legal requirements.

In preparation for the examination, the group attended a review course for the "Professional" examination.

Among the instructors for the course were Lee Anderson, on Structural Design, Joe Sciandrone, Foundations - Soils, Alfonso Robles and Charles Ruiz, Hydraulic Design and Simon Light, Engineering Economics. John Hale, Los Angeles County Department of Engineering, conducted a class on Surveying.



Selected For Advanced Study

Two young District employees have been selected to attend universities for one year beginning in September 1971 under programs sponsored by the Corps of Engineers. Robert Joe, Landscape Architect, assigned to the Environmental Planning Unit, has been chosen to attend UCLA under the Corps program for Advanced Study for Professional Employees, while Robert Koplin, Hydraulic Engineer, of the Hydraulics Section, is slated for Georgia Institute of Technology under the Corps' Planning Fellowship Program.

The Advanced Study Program for Professional Employees under which Bob Joe will attend UCLA, is designed to provide an opportunity for advanced study for a select group of Corps professional employees. In Bob's case, he will take graduate courses related to the environment and the influence of water resource development on the environment.

Bob Koplin will receive graduate-level academic training planned for development of potential planning generalists.

These courses are designed to meet the needs of the Corps and the needs of the employee consistent with career development plans, with the best candidates for advanced study being selected annually by each Division Engineer from among eligible candidates throughout the Division. Generally, each District Engineer furnishes his one best nominee from his District to the Division Engineer who then makes the final choice.

To be eligible candidates must be academically qualified to meet the entrance requirements for admission to a recognized school of advanced study; and maintained a high quality work performance. In addition, they must have demonstrated an interest in self-development; and have strong potential for development and advancement to appropriate high level positions throughout the Corps.

Refuse Act Permit Program Under Way

The Corps Refuse Act Permit Program recently has been established within the Operations Branch under Ron Searls' Waterways Control Section. Walter Boyle will handle this new assignment as Chief of the Refuse Act Permit Unit. The unit will be responsible for administering the nation-wide Federal Permit Program to regulate discharges in navigable waters and their tributaries, within the Los Angeles District.

The Refuse Act -- Section 13 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 -- prohibits discharges (except from streets and sewers in liquid form) into any navigable waters of the United States or their tributaries without a permit issued by the Corps of Engineers. Violators are subject to criminal prosecution and civil injunctive proceedings. Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have construed the Act as being directed at pollution as well as obstructions to navigation. The program will implement President Nixon's executive order of December 23, 1970, to "enhance the ability of the Federal Government to enforce water quality standards and provide a major strengthening of our efforts to clean up our Nation's water." Rules and regulations governing the Act appeared in the Federal Register on April 7, 1971, and represents the coordinated efforts of the Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Council on Environmental Quality, and the Departments of the Interior, Commerce and Justice.

Under the new regulations, permit applications must be filed by July 1, 1971 for existing discharges, and 120 days before new discharges can be started. The permit program will include issuing public notices for all applications; obtaining State certification on water quality standards; conducting public hearings when necessary in the general public's interest; establishing abatement practices and effluent guidelines for industry; enforcing Refuse Act requirements and violations; and coordinating various Federal, State, and local agency actions on permit applications. The decision as to whether a permit will or will not be issued will be based on an evaluation of the impact of the discharge on anchorage and navigation, water quality standards, and on fish and wildlife resources.

Concerned individuals in the District Office will have an opportunity to ask questions and clarify items concerning the Refuse Act at a briefing to be scheduled at a later date. However, implementation of the program is under way in the District; and should provide a systematic and orderly means for states and industries to obtain compliance with water quality standards.

Toastmistress

Winfred Hislar, Project Planning Branch, is to be congratulated on her article "90 Golden Minutes" recently published in the Toastmistress magazine which is distributed to 20,000 members of the International Toastmistress Clubs.

Incidentally, Thelma Choto won the Club and Area level Speech Contests held last March.

And, Of Course, Toastmasters

Essays Toastmasters Club invites any one interested in becoming a member to contact either Bob Hall or Dennis Majors, Ext. 5528. Regular meetings are held on alternate Thursdays, at 11:30 A.M., in Room 7604.



Experts ZERO IN on anything they want to achieve. They set a goal and then concentrate on reaching that goal - To be an expert driver and prevent accidents, ZERO IN on it. Keep improving to keep pace with traffic.

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Annuity Increase

The Civil Service Commission has announced that the Consumer Price Index increased in March and will result in a 4.5% retirement annuity increase June 1, 1971.

Present Federal employees who retire on or before May 31, 1971 will receive this increase in their annuity; those retiring after May 31, 1971 will not. Therefore, employees who are thinking of retiring soon should consider seriously whether it would be to their advantage to retire before June 1, 1971 and receive the annuity increase.

Persons who wish to retire before June 1, 1971 should immediately discuss the matter with their supervisor. The use of your excess annual leave, if any, before retirement requires careful planning to avoid forfeiture. Specifically, your lump sum annual leave payment may not exceed 240 hours unless you are authorized to carry forward into each new leave year an amount greater than 240 hours.

If you are eligible to retire and desire further information, you may call Lloyd Borud of the Personnel Office, extension 5340, Room 6536.

TAKE STOCK IN AMERICA

Get on the bandwagon! Apply by May 28 to purchase US Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan with a bi-weekly deduction of as little as \$1.25; or apply to increase the amount of your present deduction, and become eligible for a \$25.00 savings bond prize. Drawing will be held June 2 at 9:00 A.M. in the Executive Office. Col. Malley will present the prize to the winner.

Award For Safety

E. L. Yeager Construction Company recently was awarded the Corps' Certificate of Merit for Safety for its 913 accident-free work days on the \$10,000,000 Mojave Forks Dam project located in San Bernardino County. In recognition of the company's achieving more than 400,000 man-hours without injury, Major General C. H. Dunn, Deputy Chief of Engineers, presented the award on behalf of the Corps of Engineers at a ceremony held at the project site.

Japanese Visit Mojave Dam

In March, the latest of three groups of Japanese engineers visited LAD and were shown progress of work on Mojave River Forks Dam. It appears that this project is on the itinerary of visiting engineers from Japan who recognize the expertise of the Corps in earth and rockfill dam design and construction.

The visitors were accompanied by Albert Honda, Structural Engineer, Dams Section, and were met at the project site by Al Madinger, Resident Engineer, who escorted the group and briefed them on construction details.

An interesting sidelight of the visit was the distribution of copies of Jake Kuzmich's project information pamphlet which included a data sheet in Japanese prepared by Al Honda.

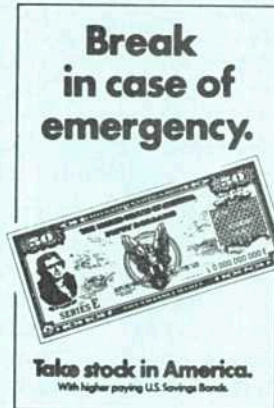
ESTHER NOLAN RETIRES

Esther Nolan, Comptroller secretary, retired on March 31 after 26 years of government service, 11 years of which were with the Los Angeles District. Esther began her Federal service in Washington, D. C. and also worked in Boston, Massachusetts before moving to the West Coast. In 1959, she transferred to LAD and served as secretary in Engineering and Real Estate Divisions before her assignment to the Comptroller office. Esther received recognition by awards and commendations for her performance of secretarial assignments. Best wishes, Esther, for health and happiness in your new residence in Oceanside.

SAVING YOUR SICK LEAVE MEANS:

1 - MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

- Time off for real sickness need not cost one cent...
- if sick leave is saved for emergency.
- Saved sick leave means FULL PAY CHECKS....
- coming to your door when sickness strikes.
- The sick leave privilege....
- is YOURS TO SAVE and CASH IN - NOT TO WASTE



Another Good One 'Godwin' Got Away

Say what you will about SPD - they do have an uncanny ability to recognize talent. Most recent case in point - Bill Godwin - who recently transferred to SPD's Engineering Division-Construction Operations Branch. We are really going to miss this one. Bill started in the District in 1957 in the Channels Section, Design Branch, where he worked on many important units of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project. In 1964, he transferred to the Coastal Engineering Branch, and was Project Manager for such major projects as Dana Point Harbor and Ventura Marina. For the past year, Bill was Assistant Chief of the Coastal Engineering Branch. Good luck, Bill!

CREDIT UNION NEWS

Newly elected OFFICERS of the US ENGINEERS L.A. FEDERAL CREDIT UNION are:

Curtis Le Blanc	President
William Curran, Jr.	1st Vice President
Jack W. Carnahan	2nd Vice President
Sidney Chriqui	3rd Vice President
William Franklin	4th Vice President
Mel Irwin	Treasurer
Joseph Loomis	Asst. Treasurer
Fred Kidwell	Asst. Treasurer
Lillian Johnson	Secretary
Eleanor McCarthy	Publicity Chairman

Fred Kidwell, new Assistant Treasurer, is understudying Mel Irwin, Credit Union Treasurer for the past nine years, who plans on retiring in September. As a reminder, membership in the Credit Union is open to all employees of LADO and members of their immediate families and did you know that individual borrowers are insured against death and total disability without extra cost? This loan protection insurance means that "the debt dies with the debtor." It is group insurance paid for by the Credit Union. Members do not have to pay fees, premiums or take a medical examination. When a borrower dies before age 70, or is totally and permanently disabled before age 70, his loan may be marked "Paid in Full."

Corps-Wide Photo Contest Winners

OCE advises that only five Divisions plus OCE, USATOP-OCOM and WES participated in the recent Corps-wide Photo Contest. The limited participation made it impractical to conduct the final competition along original guidelines. For example, there were very few final entries in the military construction category, either color or black and white, amateur or professional. Therefore, it was necessary to dispense with the idea of first place monetary award in each of the 20 categories.

It was felt the most equitable solution was to group all entries, color, color slides, black and white, amateur and professional, into one single group and award five prizes on this basis: First prize was \$150; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50 and fifth, \$15.

Pitting amateurs against professionals was not what was originally intended, but under the circumstances there was no other choice. Following is a list of contest winners.

- First prize: \$150 - Jack Bond, Nashville District. Lone Fisherman, Percy Priest Reservoir.
- Second prize: \$100 - Fred Dietz, Seattle District. Drilling at Libby Dam.
- Third prize: \$75 - Wayne Buchanan, Portland District. John Day Dam.
- Fourth prize: \$50 - Robert Hale, San Francisco District. Hydrographic Survey, Humboldt Bay, Eureka, California.
- Fifth prize: \$15 - Cal Harbert, Walla Walla District. Children drinking water at McNary Dam.

PACIFIC PALISADES HEARING

Presided over by Colonel Robert J. Malley, District Engineer, a public hearing was held at Pacific Palisades on April 30 to obtain information concerning landslide and associated problems of the area and suggestions regarding solutions to these problems.

Congress instructed the Corps to study the palisades problem in Public Law 89-789 dated Nov. 7, 1966. Under this law, the Corps is charged with studying "landslides, soil erosion, surface and subsurface drainage conditions, flood control and seismic disturbances...in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey..."

While the Corps is charged with studying landslides and associated problems, its study will also consider environmental factors having a direct impact on landslides, soil erosion and associated matters under study.

District Engineer Appears On T V

On the evening of May 6, Colonel Robert J. Malley, District Engineer, appeared on a 30-minute live color television program hosted by Don Wilson on station KMIR in Palm Springs. The general topic under discussion was the Corps' role in protecting the environment and its general attitudes and responsibilities in this connection. Col. Malley also discussed in some detail our planning efforts including environmental impact studies pointing out that in all project planning we are charged with an effort to improve the environment. Upcoming flood control projects in the area, Chino Canyon and Tahquitz Creek were also discussed.



IDEAS

One good suggestion is worth ten thousand gripes.



Congratulations to the employees of the Reproduction Branch who were presented this award by the Officer in Charge of the Los Angeles Post Office in recognition of their outstanding service to the Postmaster's office.

RETIREE NEWS

Adelbert Newman, who retired in 1954 as Chief of the Contract Administration Branch, writes that Lyle B. Croxton, retired Supply Division inspector, died on February 2. As for Mr. Newman, he is busy working in his cactus garden and enjoying good health.

OLÉ LAS ARTISTAS!

Alice Leonard became an active member in Women Painters of the West with the acceptance of her transparent water color painting "Somnolence" in the Women Painters' exhibit currently showing through May 12 at the Los Angeles City Hall fourth floor rotunda. Therese LaMori also achieved active membership with the acceptance in the same exhibit of two mixed media paintings, "Seated Figure" and "Conversation Piece." Therese's painting "Seated Figure" received the Pearl Gunenther Award of \$25.

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REAL ESTATE NOTES:

As a result of the earthquake, since mid-February we have had two full-time employees on duty at the San Fernando City Hall assisting the City of San Fernando and the City of Los Angeles in processing applications for debris removal. On behalf of the City of San Fernando, we have accepted 600 applications, including 46 for removal of commercial structures, 108 for total removal of dwellings, 208 for partial removal of residential property and 227 for removal of debris placed on city parkways. For the City of Los Angeles, we only review the permits obtained by the City from its citizens for debris removal prior to placing the work under contract. To date, we have reviewed permits to remove 15 commercial structures plus 27 permits to remove unsafe dwellings in the Sylmar area.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cora Green whose husband, Ed, passed away on April 18 after a long illness.

Welcome to our new employees Dorothy Finken, Management Section, Ofelia Esparza and Michael Spitt, Acquisition Branch.

"ANGIE" RETIRES

A retirement luncheon was held for Angela Melandry at Taix Restaurant on May 5, attended by 90 of her District and CEBMCO friends. Fred Tatum was Master of Ceremonies, with Dick Young, Al Smart, and Les Hall each saying a few words of appreciation to Angie for her years of good service.

Angie started her career in 1942 with the North Atlantic Division at the Brooklyn Army Base, New York. After a break in service from 1944 to 1949, she went to work at the Air Force Depot in Maywood where she was a Property and Supply Supervisor. In 1960, she went to CEBMCO, and finally, in 1963, came to LADO where she was best known as our very cooperative and cheerful imprest fund cashier. For the past year District contacts with Angie have been by telephone calls to and from the Base Yard where she now ends her career. Good luck, dear Angie, we won't forget you!

POT POURRI....

Get Well Wishes to Marie Walcott.....who drove all the way home to San Pedro with a Washington, D.C. license plate on the front of his car and a California plate on the back.....it wasn't WHO was higher than a kite, but how high was the kite that caused the trouble when a Costa Mesa police helicopter noticed a flying object which turned out to be a kite sailing 700 feet in the air. And warned the red-faced "youngsters" responsible that rules limit unmanned aircraft to a maximum altitude of 150 feet to avoid creating a hazard to other aircraft -- such as a helicopter....Anyone interested in a Corps of Engineers bowling league???? Lillian Kazarian Johnson is - Ext. 5661. Call and let's see what can be done.

