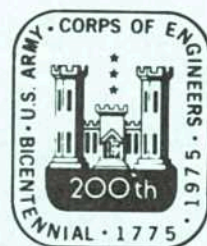




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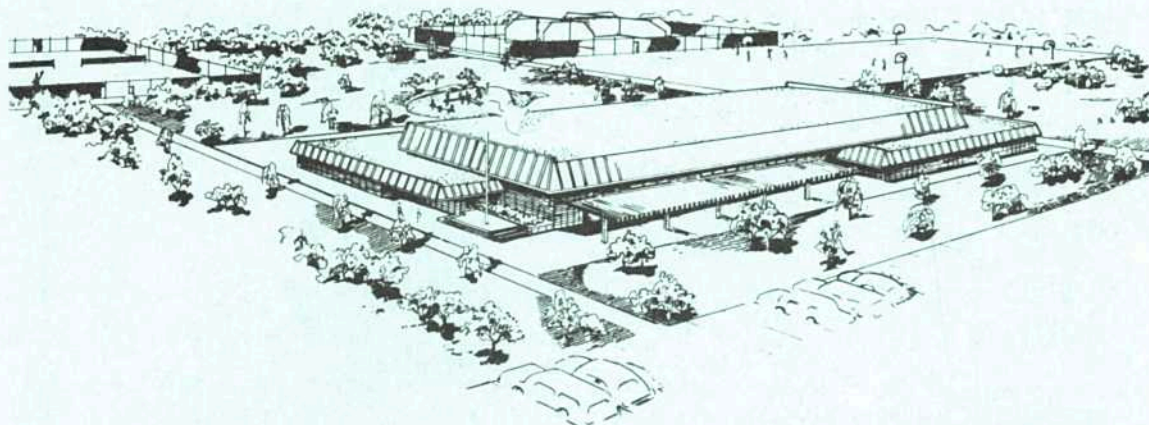


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DOORS OPEN AT NEW FACILITY

Dedication of the new public recreation facility at Hansen Dam Recreation Area in north an Fernando Valley is scheduled for Saturday, October 23. The 10:00 A.M. ceremony will be held in the new Lake View Terrace Center auditorium, 11075 Foothill Boulevard.

The Center, a combination visitors center and recreation building, is a joint effort of the Corps of Engineers and the City of Los Angeles. Costs for the 11,000 square foot structure, amounting to over \$700,000, were shared equally between the Corps and the City. Also cooperating was the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association.

The facility will be officially open to the public following the ceremony. The focal point of the structure is an open auditorium area which also can be used for exhibits and athletic events.

Included in the building floor plan are display areas, group meeting rooms and offices for administrative personnel.

Hansen Dam was originally built by the Corps in 1940 for flood control but since that time the reservoir has been leased in sections to the City parks department for recreational development as well. A recent Federal program allows the Corps to cost-share in that development.

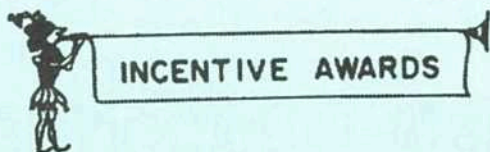
S.A.M.E. Schedules Tour

The November meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers, in place of the usual luncheon, will feature a field trip to the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant.

The guided tour, lasting about an hour, will cover the entire facility and will begin at 4:45 P.M., Tuesday, November 9. Car pools are being arranged and interested members and spouses should call Natalee Johnson at 381-5731 for reservations.

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EEO Awareness Week

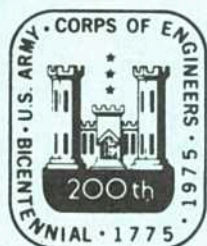
The District is sponsoring an EEO Awareness Week October 18-22 in Conference Room 7412. The schedule listed below gives every employee an opportunity to become knowledgeable and a participant in LADO's Plan of Action objectives:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Monday - October 18 8:00 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.	EEO Training for Managers and Supervisors	Lou Perez USCSC
Tuesday - October 19 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	EEO Film Festival (Re: Minorities, Women, Upward Mobility, etc.)	Sandra East EEO Officer
Wednesday - October 20 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	2d Annual Federal Women's Day Speaker: Ms. Sally Martinez EO Officer Southern California Edison Co. Panel and Play: ADAM AND EVEN	Ida Simms FWP Coordinator
Thursday - October 21 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Upward Mobility Training for Managers and Supervisors	Charles French UMP Coordinator
Friday - October 22 8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	1st Annual Hispanic Day Speaker: Mrs. Grace H. Davis Deputy Mayor, Los Angeles Mr. Robert Zuniga, EO Officer East Los Angeles College	Carmina Saggau SSP Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to LTC Terry Kirkpatrick and his wife, Jeannie, on the birth of Kathleen Nell who weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 ozs. on October 2 in Phoenix, Arizona.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS



BICENTENNIAL



COMMEMORATIVE PLATES

Anyone wishing to buy Bicentennial Commemorative plates should order them as soon as possible. After December 31, they will not be available. These attractive, metal plates are available through NFFE, Local 777. Prices are as follows:

Members of Local 777	
Large Plate (12-inch diameter)	\$ 13.50
Tax	.80
Total	\$ 14.30
Small Plate (10-inch diameter)	\$ 11.89
Tax	.71
Total	\$ 12.60
Non-Members	
Large Plate (12-inch diameter)	\$ 14.54
Tax	.86
Total	\$ 15.40
Small Plate (10-inch diameter)	\$ 12.46
Tax	.74
Total	\$ 13.20

NOTE: Add \$1.50 for postage and handling.

ORDER FORM

NAME (Please Print) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MEMBER: _____ NON-MEMBER: _____ LARGE PLATE: _____ SMALL PLATE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NFFE, LOCAL 777,
P. O. BOX 787, LOS ANGELES, CA 90053,
300 N. LOS ANGELES ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90053

DETACH AND MAIL

Ready When You Are, DW!

Some interesting sidelights on Whittier Narrows Flood Control Basin are found in the "Historic Resources Survey" of the project prepared by David Lindsey and Martin Schiesl of California State University, Los Angeles.

Motion picture making in the United States began in the 1890's after the technological breakthroughs in cameras, lenses, film, developing and projecting had been achieved. Virtually all early films were made in New York and vicinity. By 1908-1909, California - with its advantages of frequent sunshine, varied scenery and freedom from lawsuits that plagued the industry in New York - began attracting some movie makers. Most early motion pictures were one reelers (running 10-12 minutes), put together as cheaply as possible to screen in the nickelodeons spreading rapidly across the nation.

Among early film makers, director David W. Griffith became an outstanding pioneer developing many innovations of technique that improved the story telling and generated dramatic suspense. In 1915 in Southern California, Griffith directed what today would be labeled a "blockbuster" - "The Birth of a Nation" - employing a cast of thousands, sparing no expense to achieve dramatic realism. When completed, this epic ran for almost three hours, spellbound entranced audiences with its emotional impact, and grossed more revenue at the box office than any other film (until overtaken by "Gone With the Wind" a quarter century later).

In the making of "The Birth of a Nation" Whittier Narrows played a part by providing some of the outdoor natural scenery. Director Griffith chose to shoot some of the outdoor sequences in the wash of the San Gabriel River. The exact points of filming are difficult to determine, but they appear to have been in the present equestrian and nature areas on the south-east section of the Whittier Narrows basin.

VISION TESTS SOON

The Health Unit, Room 5008, will soon be offering vision tests for all employees in the Federal Building. The tests are designed to measure near and far vision; depth perception; color perception; and muscle balance and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

An additional test for glaucoma will be offered to employees 40 years of age and over.

Call Rosemarie Sandoval, OAS, Ext.5310, if you're interested in setting up an appointment.

WATCH IT!

The National Safety Council urges all motorists to take special heed on Halloween night. Keep a light foot on the accelerator and your eyes peeled for children. Watch for children dashing out between parked cars and take care backing out of driveways.

Map Presentation

LTC Robert H. Reinen, Deputy District Engineer, presented a set of historic maps of the Western frontier and the United States, reproduced specially from government archives for the Bicentennial, to the director of the Southwest Museum of Los Angeles on October 7.

Of particular significance to the Museum were John C. Fremont's maps which point out the great agricultural potential of California. It is interesting to note that Elizabeth Benton Fremont, the "Great Pathfinder's" daughter, turned the first spadeful of earth at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Museum held on November 16, 1912. And, as part of that ceremony, the flag which Captain Fremont first placed on the crest of the Rocky Mountains in 1846 was raised over the construction site by Miss Fremont and Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, the first Museum president.

All in the family.



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SALUTE!

Now Louis Rodrigo, Environmental Resources Branch, can scoff at the name of Paul Revere. Almost anyone can ride a horse for free, but how many can pedal a bike 58 miles and collect \$780.00 for it?

That's what Louie did when he took part in the American Diabetes Association Bike Ride sponsored by McDonald's on Sunday, October 3. District employees pledged so much a mile for every mile Louie pedaled and the result was a jackpot. Congratulations, Louie!

Oct. 20 - Big Day

To mark the beginning of International Women's Decade, the Federal Women's Program Committee has scheduled the 2nd Annual Federal Women's Program Day on October 20 in Conference Room 7412. There will be two identical sessions to allow every employee an opportunity to participate. The first program will begin at 8:00 A.M; the second program at 1:00 P.M. All employees are urged to participate.

CHANGE

As of September 26, Larry Nishihara was temporarily promoted to Chief of the Engineering Division.



JUMP ON YOUR BROOMSTICK AND JOIN THE FUN HALLOWEEN PARTY TOP OF THE CROCK

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 22

MISTELÉ'S RESTAURANT
40TH FLOOR ATOP THE
DOWNTOWN CROCKER BANK
PLAZA \$ 7.50/PERSON



NO HOST COCKTAILS - 7PM
DINNER - 8PM
DANCING TILL ?

LIVE MUSIC BY STEVE PAIETTA & HIS GROUP

GRADE	RATES AND STEPS										STEP INCREMENTS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
GS-1	5559	5744	5929	6114	6299	6484	6669	6854	7039	7224	194
	5810	6004	6198	6392	6586	6780	6974	7168	7362	7556	
GS-2	6296	6506	6716	6926	7136	7346	7556	7766	7976	8186	219
	6572	6791	7010	7229	7448	7667	7886	8105	8324	8543	
GS-3	7102	7339	7576	7813	8050	8287	8524	8761	8998	9235	247
	7408	7655	7902	8149	8396	8643	8890	9137	9384	9631	
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	8316	8593	8870	9147	9424	9701	9978	10255	10532	10809	
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	24308	25118	25928	26738	27548	28358	29168	29978	30788	31598	
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*The rate of basic pay for employees at these rates is limited by section 5308. of title 5 of the United States Code to the rate for level V of the Executive Schedule (as of the effective date of this salary adjustment, \$39,600).

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After the purchase price has been agreed upon, discuss your trade-in. Remember, if your dealer has already come down on the purchase price, he may offer you less for your trade-in. But, another reminder, it's the "price difference" - the net price you pay - that is the really important figure. And, a final reminder, the location and convenience of your dealer can be factors that may over-ride small price differences.

To those of you who have made your new car purchases, your Credit Union hopes you are enjoying them to the fullest.

Fuquay Transfers

A large group of District members gathered at a farewell coffee and cake for Garth Fuquay, Chief, Engineering Division, on September 17. Ending a four year tour of duty in LADO, he reported to his new assignment as Chief of the Engineering Division in the North Central Division located in Chicago, Illinois, on September 27. Best of luck, GF!


HAPPY NOTE

Following a three week trip to Ireland, Theresa LaMori, who retired from the Engineering Division in 1972, became Mrs. Leonard Walker at a wedding ceremony held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on September 25. Alice Leonard accompanied Theresa on the trip and served as bridesmaid at the ceremony.

NEWSCASTLE

An information exchange bulletin published by the Public Affairs Office, Los Angeles District.

Perry Hume Davis II	Chief
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HUGH G. ROBINSON
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District Engineer

The District extends sincere sympathy to Leola McEntee, Baseyard, on the death of her father; to Ellen Udin, Office of Comptroller, on the recent death of her father; and to Ethel Bowser, Engineering Division, on the death of her mother.



KUDOS - LAD Drivers

All LADO drivers are to be congratulated once again for establishing a fine driving record. Our safe driving efforts have resulted in a second place finish in the Annual Fleet Safety Contest of the National Safety Council. This is the sixth straight year that we have finished first, second, or third in the contest. We compete with other Federal agencies which drive more than 100,000 miles/month in the Southern California area.

TRY A SUGGESTION

If you have any doubts about whether or not it's worth your time and effort to submit a suggestion, take the case of Virginia Collins of the Reports Center. In just this year, Virginia has earned an extra \$1,100 as the result of the adoption of two suggestions. One suggestion simplified the procedure for typing the many appendices which accompany most reports. Her idea was to eliminate time-consuming practices of type-justifying each appendix. The suggestion was adopted Districtwide and is expected to save the government more than \$11,000 annually. It earned \$505.00 for Virginia.

Another suggestion, earmarked for national use, was to eliminate the need for backing sheets in setting precise margins for certain reports. Instead, Virginia proposed to use paper with margins already outlined in "fade-out blue" ink. Savings in time and money through wide use of this new procedure are expected to be substantial. This netted a \$600.00 cash award for Virginia.

Why don't you give it a try?

VETERANS DAY

OCTOBER 25th