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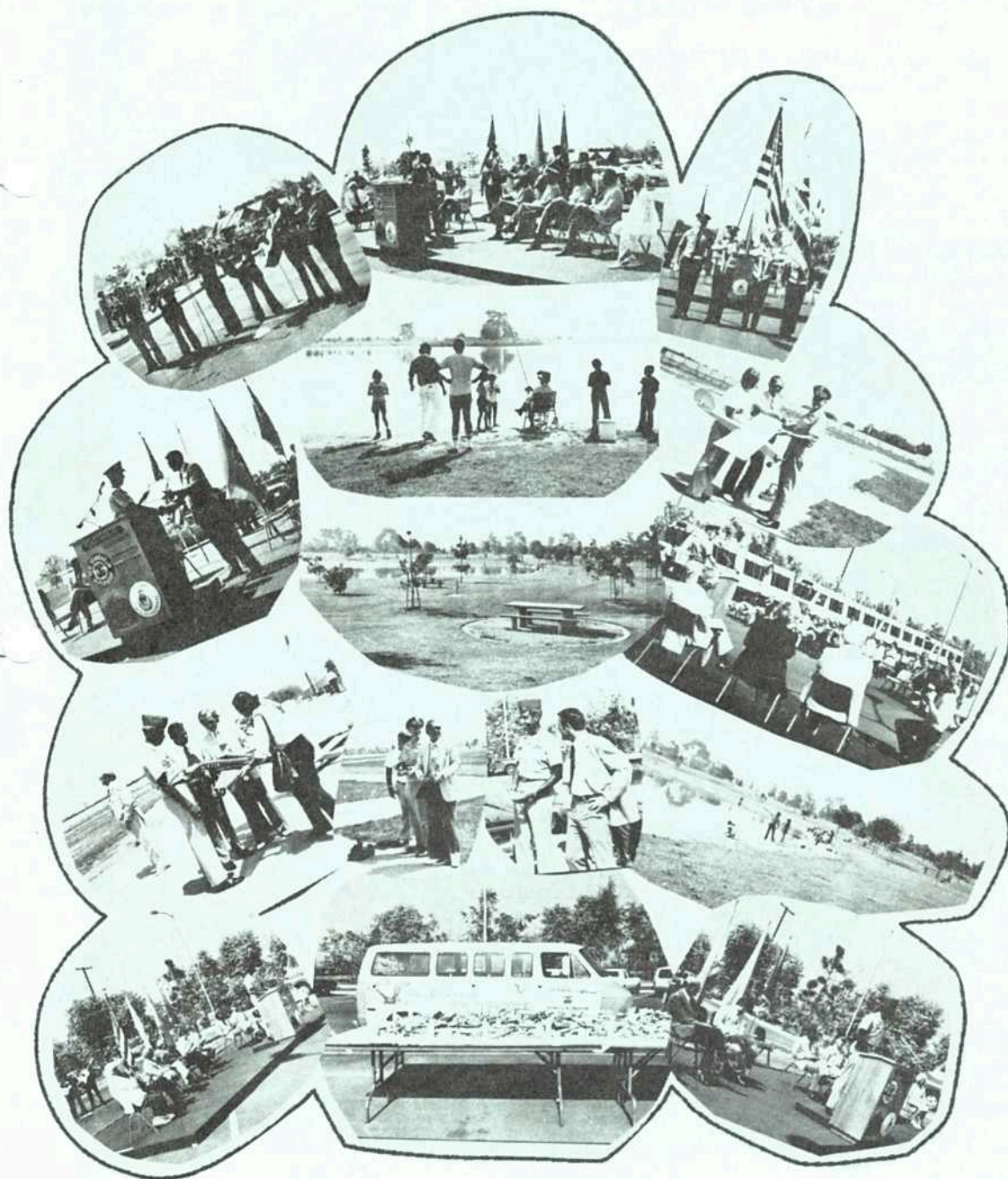


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August 15, 1977



Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Dedication
August 5, 1977

Incentive Awards

PERSONNEL OFFICE

Kay Sentlinger

Adopted Suggestion - \$25

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Georgina Samartin

Sustained Superior Performance and
Outstanding Performance Rating

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Thelma Choto

Adopted Suggestion - \$50

Sylvester Williams

Sustained Superior Performance

Cecilia Crothers

Letter of Commendation -
REDI DISTRICT VOLUNTEER

Virginia Collins

Adopted Suggestion - \$160

Satsuki Carrington

Adopted Suggestion, Certificate
Recognition

Gerald Sine

Special Act - \$130

END OF AN ERA

The Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur is being assigned to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, with August 15, 1977 set as the date for the ceremonies for the official transfer of the property to the City of Los Angeles.

Both the Osgood-Farley gun battery and the Korean Bell site are included in the 59 acres which GSA is assigning to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. Worth an estimated \$4 million, the parcel also contains a swimming pool and 51 buildings. The parcel is earmarked for transfer to the City of Los Angeles for use as a park.

The 51-acre section of upper reservation land being assigned to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is to be transferred to the Los Angeles Unified School District. The land, worth an estimated \$2.4 million, is expected to be used for a community adult training center and senior high school.

FOR RETIREES ONLY

Do you ever wonder what your old friends are doing...sometimes feel out of touch? If there is enough interest, we are thinking of starting a sort of "alumni association". Suggestions have included a regular column in the NEWSCASTLE; a separate newsletter (reproducing news and letters from retirees); lunch or dinner get-togethers for retirees, District employees, and friends; periodic distribution of updated addresses and telephone numbers, a senior Olympics, a night at Disneyland...you name it. Naturally, we would need volunteers to make arrangements, etc. So we're taking a poll. Mail your responses to the Public Affairs Office, Room 6120.

I would approve of:

- ☐ A column in the NEWSCASTLE
- ☐ A separate newsletter
- ☐ Sending out a mailing list of addresses
- ☐ Sending out a mailing list of addresses and telephone numbers
- ☐ I would volunteer to help.

Name (Please print)

Address

City

Zip Code

REMEMBER - The Corps CARES!

FLEXTIME = PRO and CON

Results of the recent voting by employees on a flextime program for LADO are as follows:

	For	Against
Supervisors	44	6
Non-supervisors	223	8

By an overwhelming majority of those employees voting, there appears to be considerable interest in pursuing flextime in the District. Several steps must be taken before flextime can be enacted. Some of these are:

1. Appoint a flextime committee to develop a plan of action.
2. Determine which and how long particular organizations will be tested.
3. Have our plan of action reviewed and approved by SPD and OCE.

Since all this will take a little time - about three months - please be patient. A number of people have asked what started the idea of flextime here at LADO. The idea to try flextime came from top management and from some written responses on the recent employee survey conducted by the Personnel Office.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Captain Michael Thuss, assigned to the Urban Studies Section at Tucson, and his wife, Patti, on the birth of Daniel Michael on July 19.

Doris McSweeney

Funeral services were held on August 2 at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, for Mrs. Doris McSweeney, Realty Specialist, Real Estate Division, who passed away on July 29 after a lengthy illness. Doris was responsible for administering, managing, and executing the Homeowners Assistance Program. She is survived by her husband, John, son, Stanley, and four grandchildren. Doris had 29 years of Federal service, 18 of which were with the Los Angeles District. She will be greatly missed by her many friends in the Real Estate Division and in the District.

How's Your Know-How?

1. What is a salute to the Union?
2. Which state is the Sooner State?
3. What was the first American book printed? When?
4. Have U.S. Senators always been elected by the people?
5. What is aelurophobia?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. The national salute: one gun for each state in the Union, commemoration of the Declaration of Independence and fired only at noon on the Fourth of July.
2. Oklahoma.
3. The Bay Psalm Book, in 1639.
4. No; they were elected by the state legislatures until adoption of the Seventeenth Amendment on May 31, 1913.
5. Morbid fear of cats.

Federal Women's Program

On Wednesday, August 10, Charles French, Chief, Recruitment and Placement Branch, Personnel Office, discussed the "new" Merit Promotion and Internal Placement Plan which has been developed to comply with the Merit Placement requirements of the U.S. Civil Service Commission. The plan sets forth the basic principles and procedures in filling positions in the Los Angeles District. A question and answer period followed.

These monthly meetings are open to all employees and everyone is urged to attend.

The next month's meeting will be on Education/Career development.

Incidentally, Ida Simms, Office of Counsel, was named Acting EEO Officer effective August 1.

Water Resources Discussed

Dr. Charles Pyke, LADO's meteorologist, participated in a public lecture on the condition of the State's water resources held on July 27 at the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. Chuck discussed fluctuations in the patterns of Pacific storms which affect precipitation in the county and in areas from which our water is imported.

Memorial Fund

Opal L. James, Corps Ranger at Blue Mountain Lake, Arkansas, recently was kidnapped from the project and murdered by his abductors.

Sympathy and concern have been expressed throughout the Corps for Mr. James' family and many Corps personnel have indicated a desire to commemorate Mr. James' name through a memorial. Therefore, the Little Rock District Engineer has established a special memorial fund to be known as the "Opal L. James Memorial Fund." Anyone wishing to contribute should make checks payable to the "Opal L. James Memorial Fund" and mail them to the Little Rock District Office.

Happy News

The District extends best wishes to Beverly Hague and Douglas Glass, Chief of the Real Estate Division, on their August 4 wedding. The following day they left for a week's visit in Hawaii.

**BUILDING
TOMORROW
TODAY**



Promotions - June

Congratulations to the following who received promotions in June:

Carol Baca	Position Classification Spec - Personnel Office
Carrie Johnson	Clerk Environmental Resources Br. Engineering Division
Theodore Masigat	Civil Engr Technician Construction-Opns Div.
Edgar Miller	Supv Realty Specialist Real Estate Division
Judy Morales	Clerk-Typist Personnel Office
Bernard Morris	Voucher Examiner Examination Section Office of Comptroller
Carol Ortiz	Clerk-Typist Water Resources Branch Engineering Division
Alfonso Quintero	Student Trainee (Civ Engr) CO-OP Education Program Engineering Division

Tips For Drivers



Most drivers have never experienced brake failure, so if the problem develops, it's important to know what

action to take. Without a plan, the loss of brakes can lead to panic. Keep in mind these brake-failure car stoppers: pump, park, shift, swipe.

Pump the brake pedal. If the problem is loss of pressure, this may bring the pressure back.

Park means use the parking brake, but do so judiciously. Using the parking brake on a curve could create a spin or skid.

Shift into a lower gear (or lower range on an automatic), using the engine drag to slow down.

Sideswipe something as a last resort - a guardrail, curb, bank, or even parked cars. This will probably not be necessary unless going down grade, but if all else fails, this is better than a head-on collision or going over a cliff.

These techniques will not stop a car as fast as brakes in good order. But if the driver uses his head, doesn't panic, loss of brakes does not necessarily have to end in disaster.

RETIREMENT

Calling it a day after 34 years of Government service, Cora (Green) Allison was honored at a retirement luncheon on July 25 at Taix restaurant. Cora came to work in the District in 1963 as secretary for the Management & Disposal Branch, Real Estate Division, and continued in this position until her retirement. One of those rare ones, she had previously worked for both the Navy and Air Force.

After four years with the District's Real Estate Division as an appraiser, Don Allison is transferring to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Allisons plan to spend their time between their home in Redondo Beach and their new week-end home at Silver Lakes near Apple Valley.

Best of retirements, Cora, and good luck in your new assignment, Don.

CHANGES

The following organizational changes have been made in the Construction-Operations Division:

As of July 24, the name of the Phoenix Resident Office has been changed to the Arizona Resident Office.

As of the same date, the following project offices have been moved from under the Chief, Construction-Operations Division to the jurisdiction of the Arizona Resident Office:

Tucson Project
Fort Huachuca Project
Tri-Tac Project

Vacation Notes

Fred Lessing, Graphic Arts, just returned from a month's swing through the Northwest and Canada; drove 5,000 miles mostly in the rain. Small world item: Fred met Hugh Converse, formerly of Coastal Resources Branch, while waiting in line for the car ferry to Victoria, B.C. Hugh is now with the San Francisco District.

GET WELL WISHES

We have learned that Joseph Phipps, who retired some years ago as Chief of Cadastal Section, Real Estate Division, is recuperating at home following surgery. His old friends may drop him a card at 321 S. San Jose Avenue, Covina, California 91723.

IT'S A BOY !

Joseph Millman, Environmental Resources Branch, and his wife, Sheila, welcomed their first child, Aaron Benjamin, on June 14. Aaron weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

HAIL & FAREWELL

A farewell luncheon for Lt Col William (Terry) Kirkpatrick was held on August 3 at General Lee's Restaurant in Chinatown with a large group of District members present to give him a rousing send-off.

After a three year tour of duty in the Los Angeles District's Phoenix, Arizona, office, Terry has been assigned as Commander of the 299th Combat Engineer Battalion (Non-Div) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, effective in January 1978. Prior to reporting for his new assignment, he will attend the Command Management Course at Fort Knox.

Best of luck in your new assignment, Terry, and happy landings.

Lt Col Verne Doyle

Replacing Lt Col Kirkpatrick as Special Assistant to the Los Angeles District Engineer in Phoenix is Lt Col Verne L. Doyle who will take over his new duties on August 17. He comes to this assignment from Seoul, Korea, where he was Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Facility Engineer Activity.

Lt Col Doyle obtained a direct commission into the Army in 1954. He holds a bachelor's degree in combined science, a master's degree in counseling, and was recipient of a National Science Foundation grant for advance study in biology. He has completed studies at the Army Command and Staff College.

He has held responsible CE command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. After duty as a company commander with the 27th Engineer Combat Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, he served as a supply and construction officer in the 39th Construction Group in Europe. He also served as a Plans Officer in the U.S. Army Vietnam Engineer's Office, Army Advisor to Reserve Forces, Advisor to the South Vietnam Engineers in Saigon, and Executive Officer, 4th AIT Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Capt Peter Glycer

A recent addition to the Engineering Division, Water Resources Branch, is Captain Peter C. Glycer, a native of Syracuse, New York.

He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in 1970 upon graduation from Cal State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, with a bachelor of science degree in city and regional planning. In addition, he received a Masters of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California. He attended the University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden.

As Special Project Officer, Plans Section, Plans and Projects Division, Facilities Directorate, U.S. Army Engineer Command, Europe, Captain Glycer worked on projects directly related to combat readiness of the covering force units in Europe, participating in planning sessions with the German Ministry of Defense.



"What do you want Helen—
color prints or slides?"

Capt George Gipe

A native Californian, Captain George W. Gipe recently reported for duty at LADO where he is assigned to the Engineering Division, Water Resources Branch. Captain Gipe's last assignment was as ROTC instructor at the University of Akron, Ohio.

He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of California, Davis, and a master's degree in structural engineering from George Washington University.

After attending the Engineer Officers Basic Course, and Airborne School, he served one year with the 46th Engineer Battalion (Const) at Long Binh Vietnam. He was then stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as commander of the 575th Dump Truck Company followed by commander of B Company 339th Engineer Battalion (Const). From Fort Lewis, he attended Vietnamese language school and then went to Vietnam where he served as advisor to a Vietnamese District Engineer. Graduated on the Commandant's List in 1971 from the Engineer Officers Advance Course at Fort Belvoir; honor graduate of Prefix 5 course and then assigned as instructor in the Dept. of Applied Engineering, U. S. Army Engineer School, until 1973 when he was assigned to the 11th Engr Battalion (Combat); subsequently assigned as ROTC instructor, University of Akron, Ohio.

In 1973, Captain Glycer was assigned to the 23d Engineer Battalion in Hanau, Germany, as Platoon Leader, XO, and Company Commander of B Company. As Brigade Engineer for the 2d Brigade, 3d Armored Division, he was involved in barrier planning for the brigade. Captain Glycer was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his activities with B Company.

A memorable event occurred on July 29 when Captain Glycer and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed Megan Elizabeth Kincaid who joined her brother, Michael, in the Glycer family.

Named Division Deputy

Colonel Jerry L. Teague has been named Deputy Division Engineer for Military Construction in the South Pacific Division.

Colonel Teague will direct the military design and construction program for Army and Air Force installations in the eight Western states. Before coming to San Francisco, he served for three years as the Director of Facilities Engineering in Fort Polk, Louisiana.

A 1951 graduate of the University of Louisiana, he is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff School, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Industrial College of Armed Forces and holds a Master of Science degree from George Washington University.

Colonel Teague served with the 3rd Infantry Division in combat during the Korean War, completed his first tour of duty in Vietnam in 1965, and has held high level staff assignments with the Department of the Army General Staff in Washington, D. C. He returned to Vietnam in 1969 as a commander of the 14th Aviation Battalion of the Americal Division. He is a Master Aviator, qualified in both fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft, with over 4,000 hours of flying experience.

DEDICATION SET

Dedication of the lower Indian Bend Wash flood control project (outlet) will be held on August 17 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The outlet of the Indian Bend Wash project consists of a flood control channel from north of McKellips Road to the Salt River. The channel contains recreational facilities throughout its entire 11,300 ft. length. Local sponsor of the project was the Maricopa County Flood Control District, with the cities of Scottsdale and Tempe also participating.

Other features of the project, to be completed at a later date, are a greenbelt, from MacDonald Drive south to the outlet channel, and an inlet from Indian Bend Road south to MacDonald Drive.

Credit Union

CURRENT BOX SCORES

31 July 1977

MEMBERS.....	810
ASSETS.....	\$ 1,538,436
LOANS.....	\$ 960,536

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Society Of American Military Engineers

Kicking of the 1977-78 schedule of events of the Los Angeles Post of S.A.M.E. will be a September 14, Wednesday night dinner meeting featuring Air Force Major Raymond Rodgers, Space Transportation Systems Project Officer for SAMSO, as guest speaker. The meeting will be held at the Officers Club, Los Angeles Air Force Station (SAMSO), 2400 E. El Segundo Blvd., El Segundo, with cocktails at 6:30 P.M., followed by dinner at 7:30 P.M.

Major Rodgers will talk on the Space Shuttle project, currently the hottest item brewing on the front burner of America's space program. The Space Shuttle prototype vehicle, christened "The Enterprise", is now undergoing flight testing at Edwards Air Force Base. This promises to be an outstanding event to launch the year's Post activities, one that all members and guests should make special plans to attend.

Call (213) 688-5334 for reservations.

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