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St. Paul District

# Crosscurrents

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 - Col. Roger Baldwin, U.S. Corps of Engineers



Drought '88: See pages 4 & 5 for a review of this summer's drought

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# Special emphasis programs reviewed; changes scheduled for next year

by Colonel Roger L. Baldwin,  
District Commander

In January of 1988 the district initiated a policy of observing EEO special emphasis events with mandatory training programs held outside the headquarters. At the time we initiated this policy, we built in an automatic time frame to review whether or not these programs were accomplishing their original objectives in the most effective manner.

So far, we have held five of these training programs with all, except one, held at locations outside the district office. The quality and content of the programs have been excellent and my congratulations are extended to all the individuals involved in making these programs happen. My thanks, also, to the many guest speakers and other participants who contributed to the success of these events.

In reviewing the success of the programs, I solicited comments from key staff officials on continuing the practice of observing EEO special emphasis events outside the district office. Their responses convinced me that while the programs have been a success, there are better ways of achieving our original objectives: to educate our employees in the ethnic and cultural diversity of minority groups in our society and to foster appreciation for such diversification among District employees.

While the content/quality of our programs have resulted in the partial completion of this goal, we think that mandatory attendance is not as effective in achieving our goal of "fostering appreciation" among our employees as voluntary attendance can be.

Consequently, for calendar year 1989, I have asked the EEO officer to develop an alternative means by which the St. Paul District will observe EEO special emphasis events. Her mandate will be to develop a program which not only takes into consideration the goal of the EEO special emphasis observances but should also involve a varied group of managers/employees in the planning and implementation of such programs. This is a dynamic district which is full of good ideas. I ask you to let these ideas come forward. I am confident of your support to her in this task.

I wish to assure all employees that I am fully committed to a successful EEO program which encompasses the elimination of stereotypical views and biases based on a lack of cultural awareness/knowledge.



*Two different types of special emphasis programs have been held in the district office in recent months. Hispanic Heritage Week activities included a program at the Actor's Theater in St. Paul. The program featured lively music by a St. Paul mariachi trio and a talk*

*by a 3M chemist born in El Salvador. Below: Earlier, Minnesota Heritage Month was observed with a week-long exhibit in the 12th floor conference rooms. Here Bill Venneman, RE, and Carl Stephan, PD-PF, look at one of the exhibits.*



# National Disability Employment Awareness Month

## DID YOU KNOW?

### A History of National Disability Employment Awareness Month

#### Changes do happen.

DID YOU KNOW that changes in a major campaign to promote the abilities of people with disabilities have occurred? The name has been changed and the length of time that we observe this effort has been changed.

National Employ the Handicapped Week is now called National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

DID YOU KNOW that National Employ the Handicapped Week came into existence before the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped?

DID YOU KNOW that it took four years of vigorous lobbying on Capitol Hill before Congress passed a Joint Resolution on August 11, 1945, designating the first week of October each year as

"National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week"? The Resolution also asked the President to issue a Proclamation each year to help solicit support for this week. In response to Congress' request, then-President Truman asked public "leaders in industry, education, religion, and every other aspect of our common life..." to support a "sustained program" to employ and develop the abilities of people with physical disabilities.

Over the years the word has spread and grown in intensity. The following dramatic examples show how this was done in the early years - In 1948, a blimp traveled up and down the East Coast blinking "HIRE THE HANDICAPPED. HIRE THE HANDICAPPED" and Eleanor Roosevelt's message before the United Nations was carried by every TV station in the country - all three of them!

DID YOU KNOW that the President's Committee was first called the President's Committee on National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week?

1947 saw the formal beginning of the President's Committee. Before that time, a

small group of dedicated persons worked primarily to implement NETH week. Since then the name of the Committee has been changed twice - the last time was in 1962 when the word "Physically" was dropped to broaden the Committee's goals to include persons with mental disabilities.

This grassroots effort, which started this year on October 1, impacts on large and small - urban and rural - communities. While the emphasis concentrates on a one-month period, we stress the importance of a year-round effort.

This Month is used as a time to recognize employers and other organizations who have consistently and outstandingly provided employment opportunities for people who are disabled. It is also a time to salute the achievement of people with disabilities who are contributing to their communities and to society through their jobs. And a time to set up awareness building programs to help the public understand that disabilities are not the primary factor keeping people from leading productive lives, negative attitudes often are.

## President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped

**Overview:** Founded in 1947 by President Harry S. Truman, the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped has been supported by each succeeding President. The Chairman and four Vice Chairs are Presidential Appointees. The Cabinet Members are Associate Members of the President's Committee. The Committee advocates job opportunities for all Americans, veteran and civilian, with disabilities. The Committee works through a network of governors' committees in each state, mayors' committees in hundreds of cities, and with the private sector through cooperative projects and programs.

**The Problem:** 8.5 percent of all working age adults, 12 million people, are limited

in their ability to work. Two-thirds of these adults are out of the job market, dependent on the Federal government's \$62 billion annual expenditures for subsidies, medical care and other support programs. The reasons for the high unemployment stated by both employers and people with disabilities include: a lack of urgency in hiring people with disabilities; job discrimination; lack of training and education; health and transportation problems; fear of rejection and of high costs.

**The Promise:** As America's labor force shrinks, employers in labor-intensive fields (fast foods, hotel & motel, etc.) are developing their own outreach and training programs to attract and keep workers with disabilities. Other favorable labor market

trends include: by the mid-1990's, over 10 percent of all salaried employees will be working at home and an additional 10 percent will be telecommuting. The number of young people entering the labor force will decline. The un-and-under-employed disabled workforce can fill these anticipated crucial labor shortages. Employers experienced with employees with disabilities rate them as "good" or "excellent" and report that in over 50 percent of the hires, there are no additional costs. Young people who are disabled are better prepared today for a competitive job market because of educational advances legislated in the 1970's. These developments and job market forces may overcome the "lack of urgency" prevalent today.

# The drought of 1988: a chronology

The drought of 1988 made news all along the Mississippi River and Minnesota and the St. Paul District were no exception.

However, the problems facing the St. Paul District were different than those facing districts along the lower Mississippi where water levels dropped 25-30 feet, disrupting navigation and making requiring continuous emergency dredging.

Along the Upper Mississippi, the system of locks and dams which make up the 9-foot Channel Navigation Project continued to work as they have for the past 50 years, despite record low flows all along the river. In a fitting tribute to those who designed and built the locks and dams 50 years ago, the locks and dams along the Upper river kept barges and recreation craft moving normally, easily overcoming the unique obstacle to navigation that drought presents.

That was June and July. But with the rains of August, came the seemingly end to the drought. The focus of the news media switched to other more pressing events on the local, regional and national scene.

To help put the Drought of '88 in perspective, the following chronology of drought events has been prepared:

**June 1:** The Mississippi River's flow at the Anoka gauge just upstream of the Twin Cities is 2,080 cubic feet per second (cfs). That is down significantly from the long-term monthly average for June of approximately 10,000 cfs.

**June 10:** Ed Eaton, chief of water control (ED-GH), attends first of series of technical drought meetings with Minnesota DNR and other agency representatives.

**June 13:** Emergency Management holds first in-house drought meeting at St. Paul District. Such meetings would continue to be held as needed throughout until the drought broke.

**June 15:** Mississippi flow at Anoka is 1,520 cfs, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. EM prepares first Situation Report (Sitrep) for OCE on drought conditions in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.



*The drought of 1988 affected more than just the Mississippi River and its headwaters. This photo of the Souris*

*River near Minot shows how North Dakota was faring with the drought.*

**June 21:** With Mississippi flows continuing to fall, the governor of Minnesota asks Minnesotans to conserve water, indicating that he will ask Minneapolis and St. Paul to implement lawn watering restrictions.

**June 23:** District issues news release advising recreational boaters that the drought may cause locking delays or restrictions at the three locks in the metro area.

**June 24:** Temperature hits 100.7 degrees in the Twin Cities, setting a new record high for this date. Stan Kumpula, assistant chief of engineering, attends first inter-agency drought meeting with officials of federal, state and local agencies. State officials discuss the possibility of releasing water from the six Corps-operated headwaters reservoirs to aid the Twin Cities. Tribal governments, northern Minnesota resort operators, and other

organizations publicly oppose any release of additional water from the headwaters.

**June 27:** Minneapolis, which draws all of its municipal water supply from the Mississippi, adopts an odd-even watering ban. The ban applies to seven suburbs which rely on Minneapolis for their water supplies. Flow at Anoka drops to 1,310 cfs.

**June 28:** DNR officials recommend that water not be released from the headwaters unless Minneapolis and St. Paul ban all lawn sprinkling and other non-essential water usage.

**June 30:** Minneapolis officials agree to a complete sprinkling ban if the flows drop to 1,000 cfs. St. Paul, which relies on the Mississippi for only a portion of its water supply, agrees to an odd-even watering ban if the flows hit 1,000 cfs. An announcement by the State climatologist reports that June has been the driest June on

record and the second warmest. The flow at Anoka dips to 1,280 cfs.

**July 6:** DNR holds third interagency drought meeting. DNR announces that flows below 1,000 cfs for three consecutive days will trigger recommendation to the governor that he request additional releases from the headwaters.

**July 14:** Ed Eaton, chief of Water Control (ED-GH), testifies on drought situation before Congressional subcommittee oversight hearings. Jim Ruyak, Headwaters Area manager at Remer, Stan Kumpula, Dennis Cin (CO-PO), and Kelsey Willis, water control, join state legislators and DNR officials at a public meeting at Walker, Minn., to discuss the drought and the possible release of additional water from the headwaters.

**July 15:** A second public meeting is held at Grand Rapids. The flow at Anoka is 1,040 cfs.

**July 25:** 24-hour average flow at the Anoka gauge drops below the 1,000 cfs mark for

the first time, triggering odd-even watering bans in St. Paul and eight suburbs. Flow is 960 cfs.

**July 26:** Minneapolis and seven suburbs implement a complete ban on all non-essential uses of water.

**July 28:** Mississippi flows at Anoka stay below the 1,000 cfs level for three consecutive days. Governor Perpich makes formal request to the St. Paul District to release an additional 300 cfs from Winnibigoshish Reservoir. Meanwhile, Colonel Baldwin and other district staff meet with representatives of Leech Lake Reservation tribal government and representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss the impacts of any release of additional water from the headwaters. St. Paul bans non-essential water use.

**July 30:** Flows at Anoka bottom out at 842 cfs.

**August 2:** Rainfall brings flow level back up slightly to 919 cfs at Anoka gauge.

**August 3:** Colonel Baldwin notifies Congressional delegations, Governor's office, tribal governments and other interest groups that he has decided not to release additional water from the headwaters. He cites recent rainfall in northern Minnesota and extended weather forecasts, which call for more rain over the upper basin, and projected higher river flows. Flow at Anoka is 1,270 cfs.

**August 4:** Largest rainfall in nearly a year falls in the Twin Cities area dropping 1.5 to 4 inches of rain. River at 1,510 cfs.

**August 12-13:** Heavy rains cover headwaters area with 2 to 12 inches of rain.

**August 15:** Mississippi flow reaches 2,650 cfs, the highest flow since May.

**August 16:** Minneapolis, St. Paul, and 15 suburbs cancel watering restrictions. River flow at 2,690 cfs.

## Project lands help farmers cope with cattle feed shortage

With cattle feed in short supply because of the drought, some 550 acres of Corps-managed project lands were made available for hay harvesting or grazing this summer.

According to Tim Bertschi, Western Flood Control Area manager in Fargo, project lands at Lake Ashtabula, Lake Traverse, and at the Bigstone Project were made available to local farmers for hay harvesting and grazing on a competitive bid basis. "In most cases, adjacent landowners were the low bidders," Tim said. The special leases were coordinated through the Management and Disposal Branch of Real Estate.

Lake Ashtabula had the largest acreage put out for bid. More than 400 acres were leased in six different tracts for cattle grazing. At Lake Traverse, approximately 100 acres were made available for

hay under competitive bids. At the Bigstone Project, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administered haying agreements on some 40 acres of Corps project lands under current Corps and Service agreements.

Haying on project lands was delayed until after mid-July to insure that nesting cover would not be disturbed during critical nesting periods. In addition, grazing leases restricted the number of cattle which could be grazed and limited the length of grazing to prevent damage to project lands by overuse, Tim said.

## Death Reported

Retiree Robert G. Anderson died on September 27 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He was 84. Anderson started with the district in 1934 and worked in the concrete lab during construction of the locks and dams. He also worked in the survey section and later was chief of the Foundations Branch.

He retired in 1964.

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# Retirees gather in St. Paul for 13th reunion



Photos by

Ken  
Gardner

Seventy-nine people gathered on September 14 for the 13th reunion of St. Paul District retirees held at the Holiday Inn in St. Paul.

The annual luncheon gave members of the retiree family a chance to renew acquaintances and to meet Colonel Roger L. Baldwin, the new district engineer.

Above: One of the highlights of the luncheon was the opportunity to look at photos taken at previous lunch-

reunions. Upper right: Colonel Baldwin is welcomed to the luncheon by retirees Harry Bock (center) and Roger Fast (right). Right: Ed Sandelin served as the master of ceremonies. Lower right: Bill and Kathryn Darling traveled the farthest from home to attend the luncheon. They live in Kailua, Hawaii. Below: Jim Johnson (back to camera), Anatole Popov, Jim Adams and his wife, and John De Ford were just a few of the retirees attending the reunion.



## District completes first emergency water supply project

The St. Paul District installed a temporary waterline for the City of Pembina, N.D., in late September making St. Paul the first district in the Corps to complete an emergency municipal water supply project because of drought conditions.

While the Pembina project was the first such project to be completed by the Corps, the project was not the first project to be authorized. An emergency municipal water supply project proposed by Chicago District was approved by the Chief of Engineers Office and by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works only days before St. Paul's Pembina project was approved.

Once approval was received, the contracting and construction time was reduced to a matter of days. The contract was awarded on Wednesday, September 21. Water was flowing through the new 1,100 foot pipeline by noon on Saturday, September 24.

The \$12,900 contract to an Oslo, Minn., firm covered the installation of a 6-inch pipeline to temporarily connect the city's water system to a new intake at the Red River of the North. Normally, the city draws its water supply from the Pembina River. However, continuing drought conditions over eastern North Dakota have reduced water flows on the Pembina River to nearly zero. Any further flow reductions would have severely impact the city's water supply.

In addition to funding the installation of the 1,100-foot pipeline, the district provided a 4-inch submersible pump on a temporary loan basis. The pump will be used to pump water from the Red River through the temporary pipeline to the municipal water treatment plant. The pump and pipeline system will provide 50 gallons per minutes (gpm) to the city water treatment plant. "The 50 gpm should be sufficient to meet the minimum emergency needs of the city based on their normal winter usage rate. This will insure that the people of Pembina will not run out of water before the city completes a permanent water intake at the Red River," David Christenson, chief of Emergency Management for the St. Paul District, said.

The city is working on plans for a



**Joe Yanta, CO-RF, and John Boller, St. Anthony Falls (right), talk to visitors during this year's Minnesota State Fair. The district's booth, located in the Edu-**

**cation Building, focused on the 50th anniversary of the completion of the locks and dams.**

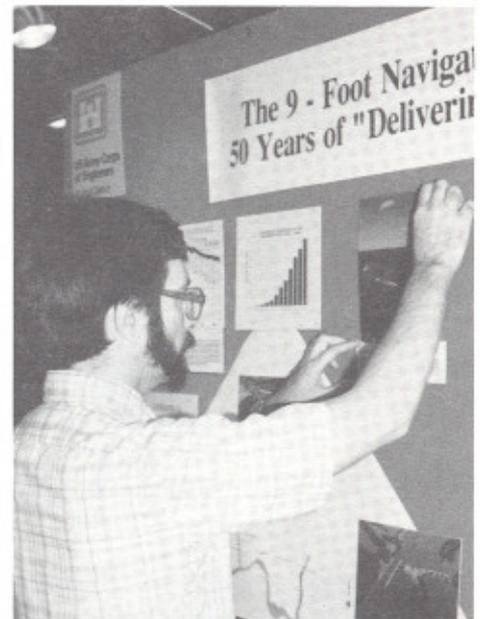
new water intake from the Red River which should be in place this fall.

The pipeline and the loan of the Corps-owned pump to the city of Pembina are part of federal drought assistance available to local communities under the Corps emergency response programs. These programs were authorized by Congress under Public Law 95-51 and Public Law 84-99, which authorize the Corps of Engineers to provide emergency assistance to states and local communities during natural disasters and other emergency situations.

## Con-Ops renews field/district office golf tourney

Rekindling an old tradition that has lain dormant for several years, the Annual Field Sites/District Office Handicap Challenge golf match was held on September 9 at the Mississippi Valley Golf Links south of Red Wing.

The 15-member Field Sites team shot an average handicapped score of 64.53, winning a narrow victory over the 16-member District office team which averaged 65.18. The gross average score (without handicap) was in the Field's favor, 105.53 to 110.81. The medalist, with a low score of 90, was Gerry Enger, ED-D, edging out Randy Piel, CO-M, who was one stroke back at 91. The low handicap score was shot by Chuck Workman, PD-ER, with



**Joe Yanta, CO-RF, makes a final adjustment to the district's state fair exhibit on opening morning of the fair.**

a 51.

Other individual winners included: Windy Stephan, closest to the pin on No. 8; Keith Traynor, closest to the pin on No. 14; Al Stoskopf, longest putt on No. 3; Mark Edlund, longest putt on No. 17; Tom Oksness, longest drive on No. 5; Dean Peterson, longest drive on No. 15.

The event was arranged by Ken Tschida, CO-PO.

## WHY?

As an active, retired or former Corps employee, how many times have you been asked to explain what you do for a living, only to receive a puzzled look in return. Or perhaps you find that, when in uniform, you are repeatedly taken for a Park Service or DNR employee or even a policeman or woman. Do you feel that public understanding of your agency sometimes falls short of the mark? If so, then you are already a supporter, in spirit, of the Corps of Engineers Historical Foundation, because they are seeking to change all that. What we are asking you to do is become a supporter in substance, as well.

## WHAT?

The Corps of Engineers Historical Foundation is seeking funds to build a permanent Historical Museum and Center that will tell the complete story of the unique and vital role played by Army and civilian engineers in the development of our country. Through exhibits, audio-visual programs and the display of significant historical artifacts, the public will have the opportunity to learn about the numerous contributions made by the Corps of Engineers, from the Panama Canal to Bunker Hill, from the western frontier to the midwestern drought, from the 18th century on into the 21st century.

Upon completion of the Museum structure, the Historical Foundation will turn its attention to funding research projects and public education programs for radio, television and the schools. These will further enhance the Museum's ability to reach out to the public to accomplish its mission. The time is right for the preservation of our heritage and the celebration of our heroes. Please become a part of this effort by contributing to the Foundation Fund.



Pete Fischer  
Foundation Representative



Artist's rendition of Corps of Engineers Historical Museum and Center

## WHERE?

The Museum will be located at the Humphreys Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir, the future home of the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Encompassing two phases of design and construction, the Museum will feature a two story skylit atrium with surrounding balcony, a reflecting pool at the base of a raised plaza near the entryway, formal lawn and outdoor exhibit area and flanking courtyards with landscaping, additional display space and donor memorial plaques. The interior of the buildings will include 25,000 square feet of exhibit space, auditorium, gift shop, administrative and curatorial offices, a storage/receiving area as well as space for operations and support. Upon completion of both phases, funded completely through the non-profit Corps of Engineers Historical Foundation, the Museum will be staffed and operated by Army personnel. Official designation as part of the U.S. Army Museum system has already been granted. Ground breaking is scheduled for April 1989, only 6 months away!

**Stop by the 12th floor Public Affairs display to see the artist's rendition of the Museum.**

## HOW?

Making a donation is quite simple: Just complete the form below, attach your check and mail! In return you will receive the first edition of the quarterly newsletter "Engineer Heritage" and a letter of thanks from the Historical Foundation, plus your name listed in the Book of Donors (should you wish it), on display in the Museum foyer. Of course, the greatest return will be the knowledge that you have contributed to the proper telling of the Corps story.

Become a Friend of the Museum at any donation under \$25, on up to the \$250,000 Leadership Patron level. A minimum contribution of \$250 as a Participating Donor means that your name or the name of your organization will be engraved in wall plaques gracing the Museum stairwell.

At the \$5000 Sustaining Patron level, a full 12" by 12" engraved plaque will be placed in the Museum wing walls. This honor has already been achieved by the Rock Island District, through widespread participation at relatively low donation levels. The St. Paul District has set the same goal for itself, but to achieve that,

### WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP!

*Consider the following options:*

1. Join on an individual basis.
2. Start a fund drive within your branch, division or project.
3. Start a collection to donate in the name of a past or deceased fellow employee.

REMEMBER, for as little as \$250.00 the donor's name (or branch or division or memorial) will be permanently engraved on a plaque in the Museum .

*All contributions are tax-deductible.*

Thanks,



Pete Fischer

## Corps of Engineers Historical Foundation

Yes, I would like to make a contribution for the construction and programs of the Corps of Engineers Historical Museum and Center. Please credit my contribution toward the St. Paul District's goal of \$5000 at the Sustaining Patron Level.

I am enclosing/pledging the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be credited in the Book of Donors as follows:  
(name, branch, division, etc.)

My Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send to: Corps of Engineers Historical Foundation, Kingman Building CEHF, Fort Belvoir VA 22060  
Make checks payable to "Corps of Engineers Historical Foundation.      THANK YOU!

## *Around the district*

by Ken Gardner  
Public Affairs

An old adage allows that we learn (hopefully) from our mistakes. Unfortunately, I am the recipient of the lesson this time. And I pass along this lesson not to hold myself up to public ridicule (others will do that for me, anyway) but rather to share my learning with you; thereby helping you avoid the high-tech pitfalls that lurk along our paths.

Single-handedly, and without help, I learned that it is possible to combine "call forwarding" and "speed-dialing" and long distance into one high-tech maneuver. Imagine my surprise recently when my wife informed me that she had called my office and my phone was answered by NCD public affairs in Chicago. And imagine Ross Fredenburg's mystification—he is the NCD PAO—at getting my calls for a while one day.

I won't do into the details of how I accomplished this neat trick. But I will leave you with this reminder—be careful when you program your call forwarding. High technology is wonderful, but it is not PAO-proof!

Now let's move on to people news—the best kind.

There have been lots of changes around the St. Paul family. Dale Lynch, chief of Logistics (and formerly of OAS, drafting, and ADP) retired on September 2. Speaking of people leaving, Sheldon Edd, also picked September 2 as his last day. Sheldon, who has been working in the Treatment Works Section of Construction, has left the Corps after 12 years to take a turn at the formidable task of running a household. As he described it, he is going to try his hand at being "Mr. Mom" for the next 12 months or so.

In another "watchout for that first step" kind of move, Randy Urich, who worked in Natural Resources Management (CO-PO) as an outdoor recreation planner, has transferred to the front line or as a former DE used to say "Where the rubber meets the road." Randy is now the forester for the Mississippi River working out of the LaCrescent Office.

Not everyone moves so far away. Joe Yanta, public affairs assistant and

Crosscurrents editor, has taken a job in Regulatory Functions as an environmental protection specialist. Jan Chapman, I'm told by usually reliable sources, moved into Technical Services Branch of Personnel "some time ago."

And of course, we've gained some people also. Ed Bankston is the new district counsel, replacing Lee Toedter, who transferred to Turkey earlier this year. John Miller has joined the district as the supply and property disposal person in Logistics. John comes to the Corps from USDA.

Larry LaPoint, area engineer for the Southern Minnesota Area Office in Mankato and softball coach extraordinaire, coached his daughter's junior fastpitch team through several local, state and regional competitions to reach the National Tourney held in early August at Marietta,

Georgia. Larry's team won one game before they were eliminated from the 57-team double elimination tourney.

In the district office, Wayne Knott, normally chief of Plan Formulation Branch, has been named the next acting deputy district engineer for project management. Remember, that's the new position in the executive office created by Initiative '88, the new effort designed to improve the way we in the Corps manage projects. Wayne replaces Dale Mazar, who was the first acting DDE/PM and who goes back to his old job as chief of Project Management Branch. In the meantime, who is running Plan Form you say? How about Herb Nelson? Herb also gets his "acting" time in the records because of I-88.

And that is what's happening around the district this month.

## **Lock 10 hosts local ag industry reps**

Lock and Dam 10 at Guttenberg recently hosted nearly 350 visitors during a special tour of the lock and dam.

According to Lockmaster Marv Pedretti, the nearby Clayton (Iowa) Grain Elevator held an appreciation day for its customers in early August and had arranged with Marv for a tour of the lock. Two boat loads of 175 visitors—farmers, truckers, grain buyers and sellers and others connected to the Clayton Elevator—toured the lock and dam. In addition to seeing the facility, they also heard about the 9-foot channel, commercial navigation and dredging operations.

Following the first tour, Marv,

equipment repairman John Christenson, and clerk D.J. Moser joined the group aboard their boat for the return trip to the elevator. This gave them the opportunity to talk more about the Corps and river operations and to answer questions.

While the boat was preparing for its second trip to the lock, Marv, John, and D.J. had time to visit the Pattison Grain Terminal which has 15 acres of underground grain storage in Clayton's silica sand mines. Because of the "natural" air conditioning and heating found underground, the large storage rooms have a constant air temperature of 50 degrees year round.

## **Bowlers take honors in Corps contest**

St. Paul District had three bowling teams participate in the 1988 Corps of Engineers Worldwide Bowling Tournament. Thirty-seven teams from around the Corps participated by bowling at their local bowling alley and submitting their scores to Tournament Director Bob Hume, Norfolk District.

In the Class A league, The Saint Paul Strikers led by Bob Dempsey, took home the Class A Championship trophy finishing close behind the Omaha team which took the overall Tournament Cham-

pionship.

The Lucky Strikes, led by Mark Koenig, finished third out of the 13 teams in Class C, while the Blind Chickens, led by Liz Sackett, finished second in Class D.

In individual honors, Stan Kumpula took home the trophy for Men's High Scratch Series with a 641 while Liz Sackett captured the honors for the Women's High Handicap Game with a 231.