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WELCOMING TWO NEW STAFFERS



Major Draper



Major McKee

Two staffers joined the St. Paul District recently. Maj. Stephen Draper is the new Deputy District Engineer and Maj. Arthur McKee is the new Executive Officer.

Before arriving in the St. Paul District, Maj. Draper was stationed in Germany and Maj. McKee in Alaska. Maj. Draper, a native of Georgia, obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy, a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Business Administration from Long Island University.

Maj. McKee holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming and a Master of Science degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Previous tours of duty by Maj. Draper include Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, West Point as a professor of physics, the South Atlantic Engineering Division, and Vietnam. Maj. McKee was previously stationed in Greenland, Vietnam, Korea, Arlington Hall Station, Virginia, University of Wyoming ROTC faculty, and Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

"I heard it was real cold up here in Minnesota and I don't enjoy the cold," commented Maj. Draper. But if he had any doubts about coming here, they were quickly put aside when he arrived. "I am impressed by the people of the Twin Cities. They are down-to-earth, friendly, pleasing people to be around. The District has a highly professional group of people; they are willing to exceed their responsibilities," he added.

Maj. McKee seemed at home in Minnesota as he commented, "I enjoy the cold weather; the south is too hot for me." He continued, "The people of the St. Paul District have a professional attitude; the District has a very fine reputation."

Frank Yule Interviewed

In November 1979, Frank Yule, Equipment Mechanic at Lock and Dam #3, accepted an invitation from Farmington Middle School to present a program on alcoholism to three health education classes of eighth grade students. Approximately 90 students and their teacher, Mrs. Nancy Ridge, heard Frank's presentation. The students responded with a wide variety of interesting and intelligent questions concerning the disease of alcoholism. Because Frank has personally experienced the problems and sorrows of alcoholism, and experienced the recovery program of a treatment center, Frank was able to answer questions with firsthand information.

Frank commented, "It's very hard for me to get up in front of a group to speak, but knowing that maybe I helped someone by sharing my experiences made it all worthwhile. The students and their teacher were very appreciative of my effort, and it turned out to be a very rewarding experience for me."

EEO Achieves Milestones

The St. Paul District achieved several milestones in its Equal Employment Opportunity program in 1979. The following were some of the achievements:

- * The first woman donned a hard hat to become a Lock and Dam Operator at the Upper and Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam.
- * 11 women (the most ever) were employed in the Engineering and Scientist field.
- * 94 students were employed under the Cooperative Education program.
- * 50 students were employed under the Summer Employment of Youth/Stay-In-School programs.
- * 132 Vietnam Era Veterans were employed.
- * 13 persons were employed under the Handicapped program.

Your continued support is needed. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions, contact the EEO Office at 725-5838.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The District Office is handling logistical details for the first public meeting nationwide of the National Hydroelectric Power Study. North Central Division and the Missouri River Division are jointly sponsoring the public forum, which will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 45 South Seventh Street in Minneapolis on March 4, beginning at 10 a.m. Representatives of industry and government, as well as educators and concerned citizens from more than a dozen States, are being invited to the information meeting.

Members of the public are also invited to attend the meeting and to express their views on the role of hydroelectric power in the attainment of our Nation's future energy goals.

A Mention of Thanks

*by Rich Laddusire and Bob Oganovic,
co-chairmen of 1979 Holiday Party.*

The 1979 Holiday Party held December 21 was a smashing success with approximately 370 people attending. Aside from problems with the movement through the food lines and the cash bar (caused by the overwhelmingly large turnout) everyone appeared to have had a good time at the festivities.

The co-chairmen give thanks to each and every person who contributed to the party through ticket sales and taking, bartending, decorating, clean-up, and other kinds of help.

If you attended the party and would like to offer comments which could be useful in future planning, contact Rich Laddusire or Bob Oganovic, EP-E at 725-7514.

Incentive Awards

COMMANDER'S AWARD FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE

Awarded to John K. Kochendorfer and Ronald L. Krisik for saving the life of a fellow employee while disregarding their personal safety and at great risk to their own lives.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING AND QUALITY STEP INCREASE

Eunice Beran, EM
Michael H. Ferring, OC
William L. Goetz, CO
Linda F. Hallman, CO-GR
Larry L. LaPoint, Mankato-North Mankato Project
Richard C. Lindberg, SP-P
Dale S. Mazar, ED-D
Mary Rivett, DE
Georgene K. Savolainen, Headwaters Reservoirs, Remer
Delores D. Sudeith, AS
Charles E. Workman, ED-PB

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING AND SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Donald A. Benson, HE&FM
Marilyn Kruchten, ED-PB
Larry Larrivy, DC-FR
Harold E. Taggatz, CO-C

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Maurice M. Bowers, ED-F
A. Joanne Catherman, SP-P
Lynn E. Cuyler, EM
Roger G. Fast, ED
Timothy J. Fell, CO-GR

QUALITY STEP INCREASE

Edward G. Eaton, HE&FM
Steven P. Larson, ED-D

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

James P. Copper, Maintenance Branch
Wallace W. Farrand, L/D 5A
Marvin L. Pedretti, L/D 10
Joan B. Quitter, EP-R
Luke W. Smith, L/D 10
Waldemar A. Thiele, L/D 5A
Robert L. Whartman, HE&FM

SPECIAL ACT

William W. Spychalla, ED-PB
Janice A. Wallace, EP-R

INVENTION AWARD

James Ramer, CO-CT, Milwaukee, for his invention titled "Solar Heating for Home Use."

SUGGESTION AWARD

Chester G. Hallmark, HE & FM, was granted an award of \$30.00 for an adopted suggestion which proposed that certain office supplies be maintained at the locks and dams to be used in emergency situations.

Glenn F. Kress, Lake Traverse Project, was granted an award of \$150.00 for an adopted suggestion which resulted in fabrication of a stop log lifting device for removing the stop logs at Reservation Highway Dam.

William L. McDonald, Lock and Dam #7, was granted an award of \$25.00 for an adopted suggestion which proposed that eye wash equipment be provided at repeater sites maintained by locks and dams 3, 4, 7, and 9. He also received an award of \$35.00 for an adopted suggestion which proposed that lighting be installed at the wheelchair ramp at lock and dam 7.

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SUGGESTION AWARD

Carl D. Noel, Lock and Dam #9, was granted an award of \$60.00 for an adopted suggestion to install permanent covers on tainter valve pits.

Lyle E. Snyder, Lock and Dam #4, was granted an award of \$70.00 for an adopted suggestion which resulted in the installation of a vise at the tow haulage unit to be used when the cable breaks and must be repaired.

Sheldon D. Edd, LD1-C, was granted an award of \$25.00 for an adopted suggestion which eliminated some of the heat and noise discomfort suffered by employees in portions of the District Office buildings.

Anthony E. Helmueller, Lock and Dam #7, was granted an award of \$40.00 for an adopted suggestion which proposed that warning signs be posted for the central control switch-board, to prevent diving accidents.

Burton F. Morris, Lock and Dam #7, was granted an award of \$160 for an adopted suggestion which proposed the insulation of the central control station resulting in reduced fuel consumption and a general upgrading of the structure.

Special Lectures Offered

by J. Petersen, CO-RF

Between Jan. 15 and March 11 the University of Minnesota will be offering \$1 Sampler Lectures on a variety of subjects, such as the life of a binary star, Minnesota Valley Recreation Refuge, cross country skiing tips, new plays, winter photography, prehistory of Mammoth Cave, and effective writing. Offered on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., 140 Nolte Center. For more information, call 376-7500.

Also, informal classes are offered spring quarter, ranging from two to ten sessions, and will meet on Saturdays or weekday evenings. Tuition is from \$13 to \$50, and may include field trips. Some of the subjects are identifying birds, vegetable gardens, alternative energy sources, geology, part-time farming, ancient culture, resume writing, creative job hunting, interviewing techniques, stress and time management, assertiveness, overcoming stage fright, career options for women, absentee landowning, and psychic phenomena. All of these and more are described in the Extension Classes Bulletin. There's a bulletin available in every branch, and of course it includes courses for credit as well. For a bulletin of your own, call 376-3000.

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From the Comptroller's Office

Should travel advances have been made and portions of the advance not used, you may find you next paycheck a little short. Congress passed legislation in an effort to recover delinquent travel advance accounts. If you don't return the unused travel advance to the government under the conditions specified, a deduction will be made from your paycheck. For more information, contact Fred Vogeles, DC-F, at 725-7528.

Top Fisherman of 1979

by Wilbur Walleye

Dave Haumersen, ED-PB, repeated as winner of the St. Paul District Fishing Contest in 1979, narrowly topped Robbin Blackman, ED-ER. Dave finished with 48 points while Robbin had 47. Bill Spychalla ED-PB, took third place with 37 points. Robbin did win the Environmental Resources Branch contest for 1979.

The 1980 St. Paul District Fishing Contest is underway. The contest will be managed by Dave Ballman, CO-RF; Stan Kum-pula, ED-HF; Ed McNally, ED-ER; and Bill Spychalla, ED-PB. This group is currently developing the rules for the 1980 contest. They also promise to promote the Fishing Contest throughout the District Office to stimulate more participation by District Office employees.

If you catch a fish in the interim before the rules are finalized and would like to enter it, please weigh it, measure it and take a picture of it.

Watch the next issue of the Crosscurrents for complete standings of the 1979 contest along with a list of the largest fish caught.



Dave Haumersen accepts his Fisherman of the Year trophy from Ed McNally and Gary Palesh

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

A new 15 minute slide show on the Rehabilitation Project at Lock and Dam #1 will be shown on Feb. 12 at 12:30 p.m. in room 1033. Everyone is invited to see the presentation. Bring a bag lunch.

**Need help?
Call us.
Want to help?
Call us.**

 **Red Cross is
counting on you.**

Volunteers Accepted

by Richard Laddusire

The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, Public Law 95-454, authorized Federal departments and agencies to establish programs designed to provide educationally related work assignments for students in nonpay status, effective January 11, 1979. For the first time, most agencies will be able to accept the services of student volunteers without pay. The act provides that heads of agencies may accept volunteer service for the United States if the service (1) is performed by a student, with the permission of the institution at which the student is enrolled, as part of an agency's program established for the purpose of providing educational experiences for students; (2) is to be uncompensated; and (3) will not displace any employee. For most purposes, students in such programs will not be considered Federal employees.

Any individuals knowing of anyone interested in this program should call CPO/R&P Branch, Rich Laddusire, at 725-7514.



Cold weather

WHEN you get that tingling sensation in your ears or toes you know it's time to go someplace where you can warm up and maybe put on some more or some warmer clothes.

Or else!

Overexposure to cold can cause extreme pain, disabling injuries and even the loss of parts of the body like fingers and toes.

Most people recognize frostbite as a result of exposure time and temperature, but some don't realize that wind also plays an important part.

Since wind tends to drive heat out of the body quicker than if the air were quiet, frostbite can occur at temperatures normally not considered hazardous, and it can do it in a relatively short time. As wind speed increases, frostbite can occur at increasingly higher temperatures.

Be sure to wear warm clothing when you're scheduled for outside work on cold days. Be aware of the wind and wary when it starts to pick up.

Snow blindness

Blue sky, white snow, and a bright sun make a beautiful winter scene, says Edgar T. Britton, executive director of the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness, but, he points out, "it's a touch of beauty tough on the eyes."

For one thing, he explains, there's the danger of snowblindness if the exposure is overly severe. For another hazard, it can cause temporary nightblindness. A single day spent outdoors in the combined glare of snow and sunshine could temporarily rob you of as much as 50 percent of your ability to see at night.

And, according to Britton, it may take as long as a week for a person to recover normal night vision after long sunny days in the snow.

How does an outdoors person avoid these visual problems? The answer is simple, Britton says: a good pair of sunglasses.

"Wear sunglasses whenever you step outside on a bright, sunny day," he says, "and you'll protect yourself against the hazard of snowblindness and the dangers of nightblindness."

MILES PER GALLON CALCULATOR

TO USE:

Calculate miles per gallon between fillups. Start with a full tank and record mileage. At time of next fillup, record gallons used and miles driven since the previous fillup.

Using any straight edge, line up the gallons used (left scale) with the miles driven (center scale) to figure the miles per gallon obtained (right scale).

Example (dotted line) shows 10 gallons were used to drive 140 miles, or 14 miles per gallon.

