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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The editors of the Newsletter have made special efforts to get this issue in the mails early so those of you who are interested in a pre- or post-reunion cruise next November will have time to make the necessary arrangements. See "Cruise News" item in this Newsletter.

It has been a long time since the charter and by-laws of our organization have been reviewed. Some parts may need revision. For example, the manner in which retirees of other Survey divisions or the Director's Office are handled may need to be spelled out. Also, the matter of dues needs to be rethought. To accomplish this review, I have recently asked the past presidents of our organization to serve on a committee chaired by Bob Beall. I requested that they complete their review and make recommendations for any needed changes by July 1, 1990. The existing version of our charter and bylaws is reproduced in the 1990 issue of the WRD Retirees Directory. Members views on this matter are welcome, and should be sent directly to Bob Beall at the address on the masthead.

If the committee makes any recommendations for change in the Charter and Bylaws, I plan to bring them to the attention of the full membership by means of a future newsletter.

Now that summer and vacation time are rapidly approaching, I trust that many of you are getting ready for some "fun and games" or other such highjinks. Please keep the newsletter in mind, and after the dust settles drop the editor a line about the goings on and, if possible, enclose a snapshot or two of "retirees in action". The editors are trying their best to respond to your overwhelming suggestion that we include more photographs of retirees (N.L. 64); we need your help on this one.

Hal Langford

"CRUISE NEWS" FOR THE REUNION

Those of you who responded with an interest in a cruise either before or after the reunion have by now received more information from Dick Heath. Those of you who may be thinking about a cruise need to decide rather quickly. Since cruise bookings should be made with your local travel agent six months in advance to guarantee reservations, you will need to act early in May. The following information should be helpful to you. Three-night cruises aboard the S.S. Atlantic leave on November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; four-night cruises on November 5, 19, and 26. Three-night cruises leave every Friday and four-night cruises every Monday. All cruises are to Nassau from Port Canaveral.

Disney resorts now offers a combination Premier Cruise - Disney World package deal. To plan your 7-night Cruise and Disney Week, first choose a 3 or 4-night cruise. Then remember your Disney vacation makes up the rest of your week and you may take it before or after the cruise. So the sailing dates are your starting point; you simply add on your Disney days before or after your cruise, and have your full week's dates. Prices vary upward from about \$630 per person double occupancy for the cruise to about \$1,800 per person double occupancy for the package deal (less 10% senior discount).

Further information may be obtained by mail from Premier Cruise Lines, P.O. Box 573, Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920, or your local travel agent may call 1-800-843-7844 for customer service. For the cruise, a \$150 deposit per cabin is required to secure accommodations, and final payment is due 60 days in advance of sailing date. A six-page leaflet containing more detailed information may also be obtained from Dick Heath, 1021 S.E. 11th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 32671.

Remember -- to guarantee cruise bookings, you need to act now!!

AND NOW NEWS FOR THE DUFFERS

Eight golfers have indicated interest on the preliminary questionnaire. Those of you who have not yet responded, but are interested in golf should contact Clyde Conover, 411 Vinnedge Ride, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 (phone 904-385-3422), who is coordinating the golfing interests. Clyde proposes that "T-TIMES" be scheduled for Monday, November 12, the "Free day" in our schedule, no earlier than November 5. You can contact Clyde directly for additional information.

OTHER REUNION ACTIVITIES

Just a note to inform you that Dick Heath needs your reservations by October 10, if you are planning on going to the mixer, the breakfast, and/or the field trip.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT AVAILABLE

WRD has just published a most interesting report on the Loma Prieta, California, earthquake of October 17, 1989. The report is well written and profusely illustrated. It is published as USGS Circular 1045 and is available at no cost from the U.S. Geological Survey, Books and Open-File Reports, Federal Center, Box 25425, Denver, Colorado, 80225, or over-the-counter from any of the Public Inquiries Offices of the USGS.

A RUSSIAN SAGA - PART TWO

Following is Harry and Clova Hulsing's "explanation" of Howard and Barbara Matthai's rescue of the former's Russian guests at the San Francisco Airport (see NL 65, page 3):

In his usual modest way, Howard downplays the very kind and compassionate role that he and Barbara played in this little real-life drama. The Russians (Klava's cousin, his wife, and a close friend) were very dispirited and discouraged when the Matthai's picked them up at the airport. Cold nights and wearisome days in the inhospitable totally-foreign confines of the San Francisco airport had convinced them that Americans were the most unfriendly, coldest, uncaring people that they had ever encountered. The only person who had helped them at the airport was a taxi driver with a knowledge of Russian who spent quite a bit of time helping them get food, bathrooms and most importantly how to use a pay telephone -- the final link in eventually contacting us.

The obvious question is how come we were not at the airport to meet them.

Actually we spent most of 1988 filling out forms and corresponding with local State and Federal agencies in the USA and with the USSR embassy in arranging their visit. Late in 1988 we finally sent to our invitees the necessary documents for them to proceed with the USSR officials and USA consular office in Moscow.

All seemed to be going well because in late February 1988 our Russian guests-to-be wrote and said it "appeared they might be coming by late May 1989." We heard no more so we left Arizona (our winter home) on April 26 (a fateful day) so as to be home long before they were to arrive.

It is not clear to us just what happened but apparently on April 24 they got their USA visas in Moscow and either the USA or the USSR insisted that they proceed on the trip immediately or wait a year or more because of some "quota" restrictions. They chose to come and had only one day to go home (1,000 km) and be back in Moscow to leave on the 26th. They sent us a telegram on the 26th that came through in good time -- but we were on the road and out of touch. They spent three weeks with us and that is another story. One of their fondest memories was when Howard and Barbara picked them up, took them into their home and their hearts. They insisted that when we took them back to San Francisco for the flight home, that we stop and say goodbye to such "wonderful friends."

A final ironic note. Aeroflot (the USSR airline) fouled up their "confirmed" flight home and they spent another miserable 2 nights and 3 days in JFK airport in New York, but their luggage went through, although it took them several days to locate it when they did get to Moscow.

PROPOSED USGS RETIREES FOUNDATION

The issue of a Retirees Foundation was first raised by Joe Cragwall at the Bellevue Reunion. It received a generally positive response by WRD retirees at their meeting. Since then the issue was floated to the Geologic and Topographic Division Retirees organizations. It was also brought before the WRD Retirees by means of N.L. 61 (Nov. 1988). Response in all three instances has been lukewarm at best. Therefore, the proposal has been shelved for the time being. Perhaps at a future time it will receive more positive support.

NOSTALGIA -- 1918 VINTAGE

Your newsletter staff, fascinated by many of the items of historical interest in early official newsletters of the Division, believe that the following summary of selected topics from the 1918 issues may be noteworthy. Still earlier newsletters (carbon copies) date back to 1913 but, beginning in January 1918, they were "---- photolithographed and the cost divided among the different districts" (of which there were about 17, all SW, including one at National Headquarters).

The greatest barriers to progress during 1918 seemed to be the diversion of manpower and experience to fighting World War I and the concurrent flu epidemic. Nearly 60 men, a quarter of the personnel, were listed as in military service as of October 1, including Lt. Albert G. Fiedler. ("Al", who may well be the only surviving member of that group, turned an active 93 on January 4).

The military became quickly aware of the value of Survey hydrologists in developing and increasing water supplies--not only in the arid US training areas but also in France. The talents of one particular hydrologist did not go undetected. In the fall of 1918 a cablegram came from General Pershing requesting two water-supply hydrologists and suggesting that Mr. Meinzer be selected for the senior position. "Mr. Meinzer will go to France with a commission as Captain of engineers." By year end, with the armistice signed, the men in military service were rapidly returning to the USGS--including Meinzer whose assignment to France ended at the port of embarkation awaiting sailing orders. The Division made every effort to maintain current addresses of and forward copies of the newsletters to those in service whether in US training camps or in the European theater of operations--a formidable task indeed.

The deadly flu virus played havoc with work schedules in most districts and led to the death of Texas district engineer, Glenn A. Gray. Heroic efforts to obtain streamflow measurements during high water at the risk of life and limb were acknowledged in several issues. Example: "One bright Sunday afternoon last February while Mr. H. C. Beckman of the Chicago office was making a flood measurement of St. Francis River at Marked Tree, Arkansas, he came to a --- pier over which there was a gap of several feet in the hand railing." In his efforts to "swing the meter around the pier"--- he lost his balance and started, head first, toward the water." Enroute, "--- he calmly grasped the lower chord of the bridge --- and hung there by one arm" until assistance came from two young bystanders" --- they thought that this performance was part of the regular work of measuring stream ---."

Other less dangerous but more onerous aspects of stream gaging were also reported. A January measurement on an 1,100 foot-wide section of the Wisconsin River at Muscoda, Wisconsin, required the removal (by hand; the power auger came years later) of an estimated seven tons of ice!

The introduction of the smaller and less costly Model T Ford into the fleets of cars used by the districts brought forth strong opinions (some poetic), pro and con, and comparative operating cost statistics. Poor tire mileage and frequent punctures and blow-outs also were common subjects in district statements.

LEOPOLD DELIVERS INAUGURAL WOLMAN LECTURE

Dr. Luna Leopold, our Chief Hydrologist from 1957 to 1965, was chosen to present the inaugural lecture in the newly-established Abel Wolman Distinguished Lecture Series under the auspices of the National Research Council. The lecture, titled "Ethos, Equity, and the Water Resource", was presented on February 15 in the auditorium of the National Academy of Sciences building in Washington, D.C. It is the first in an annual series sponsored by the Water Science and Technology Board of the National Research Council in memory of Dr. Abel Wolman, the recently-deceased eminent engineer and scientist in the field of public health and sanitation.

In his lecture, Dr. Leopold discussed the relationship of the concept of ethos -- "the unwritten gut feeling that the resources of the planet and the nation are worthy of husbandry" -- and the concept of equity -- "a dedication to fairness, a desire to consider various interests and treat all with some measure of equality". After citing numerous examples of a lack of both ethos and equity in public policy and administration of water resources, he then discussed the role of the National Research Council, and the Water Science and Technology Board in particular, in the field of water resources. In conclusion, he offered guidance on a new sense of direction for the Board which serves as an independent advisor to the Federal government on scientific and technical questions of National importance. On three separate occasions during the lecture, Dr. Leopold cited excerpts from a recently-published book titled "Congress in its Wisdom" by Doris Dawdy which documents activities of the Bureau of Reclamation. Her husband, David, retired from WRD in 1976.

The lecture was well-attended by several hundred people, including about forty active professionals and retirees of the Division. Single copies of the lecture can be obtained on request to Dr. Leopold, 400 Vermont Avenue, Berkeley, California 94707.

RECENT RETIREMENTS

National Headquarters: Joel Kimrey, Supervisory Hydrologist, Abu Dhabi, March 29, 1990 **** Eugene Patten, Chief, OGW, April 27, 1990.

Northeastern Region: Paul E. Felsheim, Hydrologic Technician, St. Paul, MN, January 27, 1990 **** Edward B. Rodgers, Physical Science Aid, Trenton, NJ, January 20, 1990.

Southeastern Region: Rene M. Dansen, Cartographic Technician, Miami, FL, January 3, 1990 **** Braxtel L. Neely, Hydrologist, Little Rock, AR, February 28, 1990 **** William J. Cogger, Hydrologist, Miami, FL, March 12, 1990 **** Theodore H. Miller, Hydrologic Technician, Miami, FL, March 12, 1990 **** Ezra J. Tharpe, Supervisory Hydrologist, Jackson, MS, March 30, 1990.

Central Region: Donald R. Albin, Hydrologist, Lakewood, CO, February 2, 1990 **** George W. Sandberg, Supervisory Hydrologist, Cedar City, UT, March 30, 1990 **** Verlyn J. Wipf, Computer Assistant, Huron, SD, December 30, 1989.

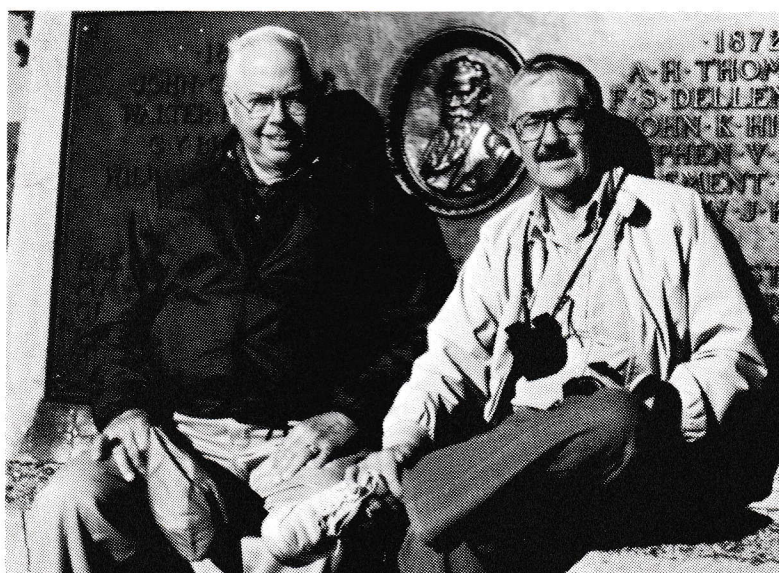
Western Region: Joseph B. Gonthier, Hydrologist, Portland, OR, January 31, 1990 **** Evelyn Johanson, Library Technician, Tacoma, WA, November 30, 1989 **** Eunice Cramer, Hydrologic Technician, Sandpoint, ID, February 28, 1990.



A GALA GATHERING--Palo Alto, CA, Summer, 1989. Back row (left to right): Wink Smith, Arvi Waananen, Hal Kinnison, Avery Rogers, Robert Busch, Evelyn Smith, Robert Smith, Jack Feth, Howard Matthai, Barbara Matthai, Renee Young, Elwood Leeson, Dorothy Leeson, Ben Jones. Front row (left to right): Patricia Kinnison, Mary Frances Feth, Loren Young, Lucille Page, Cathy Marvin.



A WHOPPER--Arlington Ash and the 22 lb. Chinook salmon he caught in Lake Michigan this summer.



IN GOOD COMPANY--Hal Langford and Porter Ward pose with former USGS Director John Wesley Powell, at the Powell memorial, Grand Canyon, AZ, October, 1989.

NEWS OF RETIREES

Don and Elsie Albin look forward to travel and visiting since his retirement on February 2, 1990. They've already been to Padre Island, Texas; Naples, Florida; on a cruise to the Panama Canal, Aruba, and Curacao. With Denver's Columbine Chorale, they will be singing 15 concerts in Germany and Austria during June and July. Later they will appear in Washington, Richmond, and Williamsburg.

Arlington Ash spent a number of weekends last summer fishing on Lake Michigan aboard his son's 32-foot twin-engine boat. Arlington says they had a good season and "never got skunked." Proof of the good season can be found on the photo page of this newsletter.

Harry and Nedra Carlson enjoyed a visit from their two daughters and their families from Ohio which included a trip to Yellowstone National Park. They also visited their son, Al, and his wife, Sharron, in California. Harry cites "two outstanding events" of the California trip were a visit to Sharron's folk's home on a private lake where he caught three nice catfish, and a trip to the orchards in the foothills where they were able to pick their own apples.

Frank and Grayson Clarke made two trips to North Dakota last year to visit Frank's mother who turned 99 in March 1990. They also toured a number of Major Russian cities. Frank reports many changes since his last visit in 1977. Incidentally, he has been elected to the board of the Historical Society of Carroll County, Maryland.

Alta Conrad and her two sisters joined a group that toured British Columbia and Alberta Provinces in Canada last summer. Highlights included a stop at Lake Louise, a snowmobile trip onto the glacier at the Columbia Ice Fields, and a trip to Minter Gardens near Harrison Hot Springs.

Milton Cook attended IRS tax school so that he could again help senior citizens with income tax preparation.

In December Bob Cushman noted that they were "lasting out" a very cold month in the northland (Vermont). Bob does research for the local museum and Correan volunteers at the local library. They visited her family in Great Falls, Montana, last July. For Christmas they visited daughter and family near Louisville, Kentucky.

Bill and Anna Dein visited daughter, Sue, and family at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia last fall. They then flew to Spain for a trip through the northern part of the country. The trip was sponsored by the Lladro Collectors Society and, among other cities, they visited Valencia where they toured the Lladro factory. This was their third trip to Spain. Returning, they stopped to see son, Bob, in Odessa, Texas.

Moe Deutsch says that despite poor health he managed to engage in a few interesting professional activities last year including a consultancy with the National Geographic Society. That one included a look at the Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

Bill and Marcine Drescher "rock along" at tree farming, foreign students, grandchildren, etc. Marcine also tends to the first great grandson. Bill notes that it has been so dry in SW Wisconsin that the wild turkeys have been fighting with the rainbows for the water in his trout ponds. He wonders about a certain colleague who stayed on the rolls for years after retiring.

Doug and Shirley Edwards and their granddaughter, Gretchen, spent two weeks in Hawaii this past summer. Doug continues to enjoy his efforts as a senior consultant with Metaphor Computer Systems.

Vermillionville, a museum that features the Cajun and Creole culture of the past, opened at Lafayette, Louisiana, on April 2. David Floyd, Gen Floyd's son, is manager of this project. David will be remembered by retirees who attended the Baton Rouge reunion as the personable and knowledgeable young man who was a commentator on one of the bus tours.

Attendance of the WRD LeRetirees Breakfast Club* continues to be good. A quorum from this group met at the wedding and reception of Max and Joy Forbes' daughter on April 1 (no fooling).

* Meetings are at 8 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Shoney's Restaurant on College Drive in Baton Rouge.

Bill and Edna Forrest had a great trip to Alaska last September. They traveled by plane, ship, and bus. They got to see all of Mt. McKinley.

Bruce Foxworthy has formalized his hydrologic consulting as Earth Words. He specializes in presentations of earth science information, seminars, environmental impact statements and technical writing.

Wyatt Gambrell checked in with Survey friends on a recent trip to the Baton Rouge area.

Harold Gill is employed by Geo Services Consulting Engineers of Atlanta -- says he's "working harder than ever."

We are informed that Bill Griffin is "up and at 'em" again following a gall bladder operation.

Norma Grube sent a picture of a collection of Indian artifacts that had been found mostly in Arkansas -- a most interesting display. She has constructed a model narrow-gauge railroad duplicating the layout in her hometown in Iowa during the 20's and 30's.

Ed Harvey delivers Meals on Wheels twice a week. One one occasion he delivered meals to a couple who were celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. They were in good shape and adept at raising exotic iris and African violets. Ed says it's an educational experience.

Jim and Ada Hatchett ventured to New Hampshire last August to see first grandchild Jessica Hatchett. They drove to Albuquerque for the University of New Mexico's 100th Homecoming. Jim renewed fraternity friendships of 40 years ago. Along the way they visited Carl Kindsvater, George and Beth Geiser, and Bert Weir.

Ralph and Martha Heath spent 14 days cruising the Rhine River last summer and 4 days in London on the return trip. Ralph is a consulting hydrogeologist and he also is a lecturer at Duke University where he teaches courses in ground water hydrology.

Chuck and Margaret Hembree with daughter, Jane, and a friend tripped to Alaska by way of the Alcan Highway. They returned through western British Columbia with stops at Jasper, Banff, Waterton Lake, and Glacier. Chuck reports catching big salmon and halibut, and that all enjoyed the magnificent scenery, especially in the Yukon.

Retirees who recently received gold pins from AGU in recognition of 50-year membership are Ernest L. Hendricks, Garald G. Parker, and Arvi O. Waananen.

Herb Hopkins tells us that he and Gladys have been leading a relatively quiet life with "a few trips here and there." Gladys had her thyroid removed early last year, but apparently has recovered well.

Ed and Adah Jenkins plan to attend the Orlando reunion. They have a son and daughter-in-law there.

Ivan Johnson was awarded Association of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers' "Special Recognition Award." The award was presented at the 1989 National Convention of the National Water Well Association held October 31 in Houston, Texas. The award plaque stated "For his efforts in promoting the timely exchange of new ideas among the ground-water community." Ivan was also featured on the cover of the journal "Public Works" for December 1989.

Those of you who read "Outdoor Life", or "Sports Afield" may have noticed a familiar face in a Santa Claus suit -- none other than our Digger Jones. Digger says they enjoy living in Tucson. Monthly retiree breakfasts attract a dozen or so. They have seen or visited the Babcocks, Morgans, Cederstroms, and Neal McClymonds.

Scott Keys was awarded The Society of Professional Well Log Analysts Distinguished Technical Achievement Award which will be presented at the Awards Banquet at the SPWLA Annual Symposium in Lafayette, Louisiana, in June. He and Shirley have still had time for lengthy foreign trips the last two years.

Ray Kiser writes that he has about had it with travel, but that wife Charlotte took a 3-week tour of Russia and Poland during June-July 1989.

Local governments can't seem to get along without ex-Survey people. Al Lowe is the latest to join the retired working contingent bringing the number to six in the Baton Rouge area.

Luna Leopold was awarded the Ray K. Linsley Award for Excellence in Surface Water by the American Institute for Hydrology at its meeting in Las Vegas on March 15. The Chairman of the Awards Committee was David Dawdy, who, with the other committee members, presented the award. Luna also presented an invited lecture on

"Professionalism in Hydrology" at the meeting.

Jerry Meyer and Mac McGuinness (posthumously) received the Award for Distinguished Service in Hydrogeology from the Geological Society of America at the annual meeting in St. Louis last November.

In April of last year, Dee Molinaar continued his travels around the West, visiting the WRD office in Carson City and ghost towns, mountains, and deserts in western Nevada and eastern California. In November he completed a greenhouse for his wife, Colleen -- according to Dee, "to help increase the world's oxygen supply."

John E. Moore is the new President of the American Institute of Hydrology. John retired recently after 31 years and he is now Senior Hydrologist with the Environmental Strategies Corporation of Vienna, Virginia.

Jack and Ida Odell were heading for Richmond, Virginia, to spend Christmas 1989 with Ida's nephew and family. From there they plan to spend 4 months in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

We are pleased to note that Lucille Peterson has recovered from hip replacement surgery. Last October she attended an Elderhostel program at the high desert town of Lakeview, Oregon.

In January a former Menlo Park bridge group had a "reunion" in Las Hadas, Manzanillo, Mexico. In attendance were Pete and Lela Peterson, Loren and Renee Young, Bud and Joan Hoffard, and Hal and Pat Kinnison. Bridge occupied much of the time along with eating, swimming, sampling margaritas, shopping, eating, more sampling, etc. Obviously, a good time was had by all. Yes, the water was good!

Dale Pettengill is "doing fairly well" following hip replacement surgery last June. We wish you well, Dale.

Roger Pewe retired in Grand Forks, North Dakota, in December 1988 and married Margo Dugan one year later after a two-year telephone and letter-writing romance. They live in Loveland, Colorado, and both have grown children.

Jim Rabon reports a heart attack in Spring 1987 and cataract surgery in Fall 1988. Surgery on the other eye is pending.

Frank and Ferne Rainwater celebrated their 45th anniversary with a Hawaiian Islands cruise.

Recently retired Harry Rodis celebrated with a trip to Arizona to visit his son. He used the occasion to also visit Digger Jones and Ceedy Cederstrom.

Stan Sauer, Jim Blakey, and Don Vaupel were honored in March 1990 when they received the Department of the Interior Distinguished Service Award.

Francis Sessums checked in with relatives and friends in and around Baton Rouge before Christmas 1989. He returned to Oregon to spend the holidays with Genie.

Russ and Helen Sheehan had to limit their travel last year because of health problems. However, in November 1988 they spent their 40th wedding anniversary in Orlando, Florida, visiting Disney World, Epcot, and the Kennedy Space Center.

Leonard and Ann Snell are keeping as busy as ever. Their trips included a visit to the West Coast and a cruise down the Mexican Coast, a visit to relatives in Alabama, a second visit to California, two months during the summer in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin,

and a Caribbean cruise. Plans include a three-week trip to Scandinavian countries in June to visit relatives.

Eugene and Klyda Steele were among the 800 veterans and spouses who attended the Third Reunion of the Farragut Naval Training Station recruits (WWII vintage) at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho last September. In October, they left Lincoln on a 15-day Fall Foliage Tour of the Northeastern States and Canada, thoroughly enjoying the spectacular show of fall colors through the entire trip.

Sy Subitzky made his third trip to the Experimental Aircraft Association International "fly-in" at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, last fall. The attendees are "Homebuilders" of amateur-built aircraft and the trips are strictly solo.

Lois Swallow tells us that at long last she got to Europe, visiting England, Scotland, Paris, and Copenhagen. To top it off she stayed with friends in Stockholm.

Harold Thomas tell us he is walking more slowly, driving not at all, and rarely travelling these days. He says, however, that his time is still his own and he's able to relax and enjoy it. He also appreciates and enjoys joining Jack Feth and Loren Young who regularly pick him up for the WRD Retirees Luncheons in the Menlo Park area.

Last fall Joe and Bobbie Upson made a trip through parts of California to visit friends and also migratory bird refuges in the San Joaquin Valley, the Delta area and the Klamath Lakes Region. Joe reports fascination in seeing thousands of snow geese and Canada geese all in one place. While in Sacramento they visited Joe Poland.

IN MEMORIAM

Jessie Mae Carmen Briggs died on January 8, 1990, in Monterey, California, at the age of 98. She was the widow of Revoe Briggs, who was the District Engineer of the Surface Water Branch in California prior to his retirement in 1956. They met in 1918 when his troop train stopped at a restaurant where she was working, and were married in June, 1919. Survivors include two sons, thirteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

John F. Ficke died on February 5, 1990, in Los Angeles, California, at the age of 56 following a long illness with cancer. John was a hydrologist with the Water Resources Division from 1958-79, having served in the WRD District offices in Colorado and Indiana as well as the Water Quality Branch and the research program at Headquarters. He also held positions with the Council for Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, and several consulting firms. He is survived by his wife, Eleanore, and two daughters, Kathryn and Jeanne. His son, John, preceded him in death in 1984.

David W. Greenman died on November 27, 1989, at his home near Spring Green, Wisconsin, at the age of 65. He entered on duty as a Geologist with the Ground Water Division in Bismark, North Dakota, in 1949 and from 1958 to 1962 he served in Lahore, Pakistan. In 1963, he entered private industry and worked on assignments in numerous foreign countries until his retirement in 1985. Survivors include his wife, Caryl; three sons -- Bill, Ed, and Dave; one daughter, Susan; and eight grandchildren.

Florence M. Heindl died on October 26, 1989, in Naples, Florida. Mrs. Heindl, the widow of Leopold A. Heindl, was a clinical social worker whose career focused on emotionally-disturbed children and "hotline" counseling. After retirement, she was active in conservation issues in southwestern Florida. Survivors include a daughter, Ruthanne Taylor, and two sons, Michael and Alex.

In our last Newsletter (NL66, p. 9), we erroneously reported that Ureil Singleton died on December 30, 1989. The correct date is December 30, 1987.

Berdene M. Veach, died on December 11, 1989, in Gig Harbor, Washington, at the age of 72 after a long illness. She was an accomplished landscape and still-life artist. Our sympathy goes to her husband, Fred, served as District Engineer (SW) of the Washington District from 1940 to 1964.

Word has been received that Ronald Reichenbaugh died in February, 1989. He entered on duty in December, 1963, with the Quality of Water Branch in Worland, Wyoming, and resigned in March, 1978, to enter private industry. No other information is available.

**ANNUAL DENVER PICNIC SCHEDULED
AUGUST 17, 1990**

WRD Retirees who expect to be in the Denver area on August 17, 1990, are cordially invited to attend the annual WRD picnic, to be held at the Pioneer Pavilion, 9101 Ralston Road, Arvada (58th and Garrison) from 4 to 10 p.m. First notices will be mailed to Denver-area retirees in May, and additional information can be obtained from Al Clebsch, who represents the retirees on the picnic planning committee.

Last year more than 250 WRD personnel and their families (including about 20 retirees) attended. The annual picnic is the social highlight of the year for WRD in the Denver area, and it affords an excellent opportunity for retirees to gather, reminisce, and renew acquaintances, and to get to know current "actives" from the Research Program, Central Lab, Colorado District, and the Regional office. It is particularly stimulating to meet the "'new crop", our worthy successors who are doing interesting and excellent work.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For the period December 15, 1989, through April 1, 1990, the Treasurer received a total of \$640 in contributions from 68 members. Contributions as large as \$100 were received and we want to thank the following who made extra contributions in excess of \$5 each: Frederick Trauger, Tom Hanly, Edward Jenkins, William Robinson, Ken MacKichan, Al Sinnott, James Snyder, Les Petri, Al Clebsch, Elizabeth Geiser, Charles McDonald, Elliot Cushing, Robert Fish, William Drescher, Hal Hall, Ray Sundstrom, Joy Anderson, Warren Teasdale, Jack Feth, Arvi Waanaanen, Harry Koester, Oscar Lara, Millicent Jackson, Theodore Sieger, Margaret Woods, Sol Lang, Robert Longfield, Edward Burke, Walt Durum, Mary Grisak, Rose Kelley, Ada Rich, Billie Wasson, and Earl Williams.

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