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Tucson TRACON



Cover Story

Tucson Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) is a Level III radar facility which provides Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and Stage III service to Tucson International Airport, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the other airports in the surrounding area. Traffic has been increasing along with the population growth and all forecasts indicate a continual increase over the next ten years. The TRACON is located on Davis-Monthan AFB in Building 4816. The facility was originally located in Base Operations when it was commissioned in January 1958, but moved to its present location in July 1969.

Future plans include a move off the Base and on to the Tucson Airport.

Facility Chief is Patrick F.

O'Sullivan and his Deputy is

William F. Maloney. Team Super-

visors are: Jack Hamilton, Tom

McCort, Richard Polk, Erroll Porter

and Albert Stolsek. The rest of

the roster includes: Clayton

Boring, Programs Officer; Brian

Roberts, Planning and Procedures

Specialist; David Sherman, Evalua-

tion and Proficiency Development

Specialist; Betty Siler, Evaluation

and Proficiency Development Spec-

ialist; Data Systems Specialists

Albert Crosley, Jr., Paul Didjurgis

and Wayne MacKenzie; and Clerical

Assistant Cari Fasanella. The

Air Traffic Control Specialists

are: John Mitchell, Larry Morris,

Gary Munnell, Lee Nelson, Alan

Peterson, Steven Rivera, William

Schaefer, Andrew Guerrero, Larry

Hartman, Ross Hodges, Stephen

Hopkins, Robert Houk, Jr.,

Christopher Klevesahl, Joseph Lein

Leininger, Alex Lutgendorf, Lorne

McKenzie, William Taylor, Steven

Thomas, Stephen Walkosak, Chris

Block and Russell Woodman.

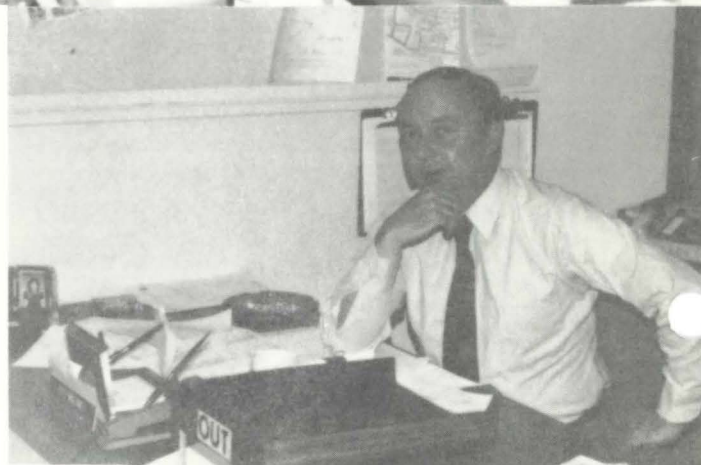
Featured on the cover is the Tucson

TRACON building and Air Traffic

Control Specialists Joe Leininger

(left) and John Mitchell. Photos

by Clay Boring.



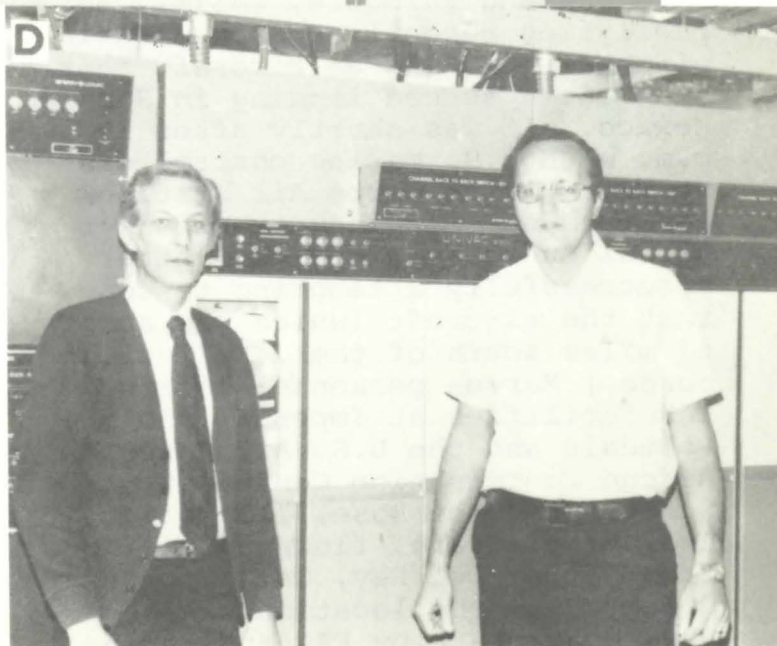
Top--Bruce Baker, Air Traffic Control Specialist.

Middle--Bill Maloney, Deputy Chief, Tucson Terminal Radar Approach Control.

Bottom--Tom McCort, Team Supervisor at Tucson TRACON.

Photos by Clay Boring

Terminal
Radar
Approach
Control



A--Patrick O'Sullivan, Tucson TRACON Chief.
B--Betty Siler, Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist.
C--Brian Roberts, Plans and Procedures Specialists.
D--Al Crosley (left) and Paul Didjurgis, Data Systems Specialists.
Photos by Clay Boring.

Paycheck System Begins

FAA and the rest of DOT will be included in the Treasury's new Direct Deposit Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EET) system for transmitting salary payments to financial institutions, beginning with the salary checks distributed the week of July 20. With the new system, the likelihood of a financial institution failing to receive the required payment in a timely manner will be essentially nonexistent. Currently, checks are being mailed from the Disbursing Center in Kansas City, Kan., or from the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City.

FAA/U.S. Marines Help Rescue Pilot/Passengers After Crash in Mexico

FAA and U.S. Marine Corps Air Traffic Controllers at Yuma, Ariz., Imperial and Palmdale, Calif., facilities recently combined their efforts in aiding an aircraft that had made a forced landing in Sonora, Mexico. It was shortly after 1 p.m. when U.S. Marine controllers at Yuma Marine Corps Air Station observed an emergency transponder signal on radar displays. After unsuccessfully attempting to contact the aircraft (which was about 50 miles south of the U.S./Mexican border) Marine personnel alerted FAA facilities at Imperial and Palmdale and the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Another aircraft, flown by a pilot from Marina Del Rey, Calif., was directed to the location of the downed aircraft by FAA and Marine

Airlines Set Safety Mark

The unofficial rule in baseball is that nobody talks about a no-hitter when the game's in progress. And maybe the same rule should apply in aviation. Yet, INTERCOM would be remiss if it failed to mention that the U.S. airlines set a new Jet Age safety record on April 23. The record was for the longest period without a fatal crash of a passenger jet--17 months and 23 days. The last fatal accident involving a U.S. passenger jet occurred on October 31, 1979, at Mexico City when a Western Air Lines DC-10 landed on the wrong runway, hit a truck and took 71 lives. The Air Wisconsin crash last June 12 that killed 13 persons didn't break the skein because the aircraft involved was a twin-turboprop Swearingen Metroliner. The old record was 17 months and 22 days set between February 25, 1964, and August 16, 1965, when the airline fleet was still predominately propeller-driven.

controllers. The pilot reported via radio to the Yuma Controllers that he had sighted the aircraft and that the pilot and passengers appeared uninjured. After diplomatic clearance to fly in Mexican airspace was received from Mexico City and Washington, D.C., a U.S. Marine Corps Bell UH-1 Rescue Helicopter was dispatched to the site and airlifted the pilot and four passengers to Yuma where they departed for their home in Los Angeles. The downed aircraft has since been repaired and has been returned to the United States. A happy ending thanks to the efforts and cooperation of all concerned in this rescue.

Las Vegas Airway Facilities Sector News

Congratulations to Ardis Rogers who received a Quality Within-Grade Increase and to Carsten "Smokey" Reese on completion of 25 years of civil service employment. Verle Helmick received a letter of appreciation from the Chief, North Las Vegas Tower for the excellent service he provided while assigned to that facility. Condolences to Ralph Hawley on the recent death of his mother. Watch for more information on the retirement dinner for Bob Cook--yes, Bob is retiring on June 26 with over 42 years of combined federal service and we're helping him celebrate on June 19 at the Maxim Hotel, 160 E. Flamingo. Get well wishes go to Harry King, recently retired Technician-in-Depth, who just had a pacemaker installed. That should be no problem for a good technician like Harry!

Air Traffic Operations Branch News

Congratulations to Charlie "Brent" Aalfs and Don Alford on their promotions. Chairlie will be going to the Deputy Chief position at Los Angeles Tower and Don will be the new Deputy Chief at San Francisco Tower. They will be missed. Congratulations also to Bob Smith on a well-deserved Special Achievement Award. Welcome aboard to Operations Specialists Lewis Perry from Coast TRACON and Henry M. Van Sant from Bakersfield Tower. Congratulations to Debbie Kidman and Pam Burger on their successful completion of the course on Administrative Leadership and Behavior, taken outside regular duty hours. Mt. San Antonio College has been selected for the Federal Agency Cooperative Program Award. The award was presented to the College on May 6 by the Southern California College Federal Council at the Apple Valley Inn. Congratulations to Mt. San Antonio College for an Outstanding Cooperative Education Program.

Bob Frehse Receives 35-Year Pin

Bob Frehse (right), recently retired Airway Facilities Division Chief, is "pinned" by his wife, Dorothy, after being presented with his 35-year Federal Career Service pin by Regional Director John D. Mattson (middle). Photo by Alex Garvis.





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ICAO Jobs Open

The International Civil Aviation Organization has three two-year jobs open in Montreal. Two of the jobs are section chiefs--Chief of the Meteorology Section and Chief of the Field Operations Section--Europe and Middle East--which pay \$48,661 with a tax-free net of \$30,776 to \$33,318. The third job is for a Language Officer (Translator) and has a salary of \$30,518 with a tax-free net of \$24,298 to \$29,299. There also is a two-year opening in Cairo for a Technical Officer (MET), salary \$29,940 with a tax-free net of \$20,209 to \$21,756 a tax-free net of \$20,209 to \$21,756. Applications for the first and last jobs listed are due in Washington headquarters, API-19, by June 5. For the other two, applications are due June 20.

National Review Board Meets

Some 66 candidates for air traffic facility chief and deputy chief positions were in Washington recently for interviews with AT's National Review Board. The NRB is the fourth hurdle for candidates on their way to GS-15 positions. Steps one and two involve extensive examinations of the candidates' credentials. In the third step, the candidates are interviewed at the regional level on managerial skills, knowledge of national programs and technical knowledge. Those who survive this grilling then move on to Washington for final interviews by the NRB on their ability to handle personnel problems. Within a week, the candidates will know if they are in line for a GS-15 position. Within a month, they will know exactly how they did on the interview.

Chicago Still Busiest

Despite an 8.8 percent drop in traffic, Chicago's O'Hare International Airport was still the world's busiest airline airport in 1980, according to the Airport Operators Council International. O'Hare handled 43.7 million passengers compared to 40.2 million passengers at the second-ranked airport, Atlanta's Hartsfield International. The remainder of the top ten in order were: Los Angeles International, London Heathrow, New York's JFK, San Francisco International, Denver's Stapleton International, Miami International and New York's LaGuardia. The council also reported that U.S. passenger traffic was down about 4.3 percent in 1980, while worldwide passengers were down almost 5 percent--from 936 million in 1979 to 890 million in 1980.

Los Angeles AFS
 Provides Facilities
 For Flight Aircraft
 Display at LAX Hangar



Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector recently provided the facilities for a public viewing of the F/A-18A fighter aircraft. This was a joint effort involving the FAA; Hughes Aircraft, Northrop and McDonnell Douglas Companies; U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy. Louise Stiles, Los Angeles Airway Facilities Sector Hangar Manager, and her assistant, Evelyn Mosquera, were instrumental in the exhibit's smooth operation. Their efforts were recognized in a Letter of Appreciation from the Hughes Aircraft Company. Marine Major Don Beaufait, Operations Officer of a fighter attack squadron, and Bill Lowe, Test Pilot for McDonnell Douglas, flew the airplane in from Lemoore Naval Air Station. The display was viewed by over

15,000 participants, including Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley taking his turn in the cockpit. The Marine Corps Marching Band entertained the viewers with its precision drills. The aircraft was built by McDonnell Douglas and the electronic equipment by Hughes Aircraft. A--From left: Marine Major Don Beaufait, Louise Stiles and Evelyn Mosquera in oversized flight suits, and Test Pilot Bill Lowe. B--Part of the crowd of 15,000 waiting their turn to observe the cockpit of the fighter aircraft. C--FAA personnel who viewed the aircraft. From left: Logistics Specialist Bailey Brooks, and Electronic Technicians Brad Tracy, Sam Randler and Louis Moore. Photos by Yukio Mochizuki.

Administrative Travel Cut

As part of the agency's continuing program to cut costs, official travel has been limited to the absolute minimum. All administrative travel not directly related to the agency's mission and/or specifically approved by the Administrator, the DOT Secretary or Deputy Secretary will be eliminated. Travel necessary for essential technical training is considered directly related to the agency's mission and does not require the high level approval. Also considered essential is travel to and from the agency's Management Training School in Lawton, Okla., as well as travel in conjunction with most long-term training programs.

Santa Barbara FSS News

Congratulations to Kim Cathcart, Norine Kusumoto and Sheila Power on their recent promotions to full journey person status. Welcome aboard to Rose Gadd from San Jose Tower, who is now at Oklahoma City, and to Mike Taylor, our most recent arrival from Los Angeles FSS. Congratulations also to Jim Mawhar on his promotion and reassignment to Las Vegas FSS and to Facility Chief Bob Kingery, who will soon depart for his new assignment as Chief of Honolulu FSS. We bid farewell to our amiable stay-in-school secretary, Terri Evens, who will leave us after graduation from UCSB to work for Hallmark Card company in Kansas City. Good luck, Terri! Our public relations team has been busy with Carl Maddox speaking to 45 members of Vandenberg Aero Club about FSS services, and Jim Mawhar, who presented a career opportunities program at Lompoc Middle School. A good time was had by all at the farewell/aloha dinner party for Bob and Melinda Kingery.

Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center News

Congratulations to: Jay Maag, promoted from Team Supervisor to Data Systems Officer; to Nida DeBenning, who assumes the duties of the Data Systems Department secretary; and to Nancy Osborne, promoted to Training Department secretary. May has been a busy month as Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center entertained 70 members of the Lockheed Management Association, who were observing operations and management techniques firsthand. Our thoughts and best wishes go to long-time Administrative Assistant Hazel Aleshire, recuperating from surgery at Stanford Medical Center. The facility honored Personnel Specialist Earl Portlock with a farewell luncheon as he moves to assume a new position as Classification Specialist at Regional headquarters. Welcome to Controller Darryl Sevilla, who has come aboard from Honolulu Center. Last, but not least, congratulations to Facility Chief Erwin Buschauer who was accepted for membership in the Fremont Dawn Breakers Lion's Club.

Pat Davis Installed As President Of Fresno Women's Club

Pat Davis, Aviation Safety Assistant, Fresno General Aviation District Office, was installed recently as 1981-82 president of the Fresno Business and Professional Women's Club. The installing officer was Mildred Seims, Bakersfield, formerly General Supply Specialist, Fresno Airway Facilities Sector, now retired.

Ellsworth Chan Leaves Agency For Private Industry

Ellsworth Chan, Senior Program Engineer with the Regional Airports Division, has been selected as Deputy Director for Sacramento County Airport Planning and Development. Ellsworth reported to his new position on May 11. While with the FAA, Ellsworth served with the Airports Division, Northern California Airports Field Office and Southern California Airports Field Office. Photo by Barbara Abels.



Phocus On Phoenix Airway Facilities Sector

Congratulations to: Angela Solis, Electronic Technician, on her promotion to GS-856-7 and reassignment to Safford, Ariz. Service award pins and letters were presented to: Andy Reveles, Mt. Humboldt Air Route Surveillance Radar, for 25 years; and Bob Burke, Prescott Sector Field Office, 15 years. Kudos to the following Letters of Appreciation recipients: Nick Zidis, Phoenix Field Office Chief, for his assistance while on detail to AAF-400 and AAF-1000 for resolution of a number of maintenance problems in various regions and for view of specifications for the Voice Switching and Control System; Marc Anderson, Phoenix Field Office, from the Phoenix FSS for his excellent maintenance on the CCTV system and his efforts on commissioning an additional channel for the flight watch positions; Russell O'Mara, Phoenix Field Office, from

Airway Facilities Sector Oakland Center (Fremont)

Welcome aboard to Robert Pierce, Electronics Technician trainee, from Air Traffic at Oakland Center; and to Bobbie Jones, the Sector's new secretary. Bobbie also transferred to the Sector from Air Traffic at the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center.

the Arizona State University, for work with the college student groups. Jackie Lyons, Phoenix Unit Chief, is the proud father of one of our nation's highest scorers on the women's Junior College Basketball Circuit. Kelly Lyons, a 1979 Safford, Ariz. high school graduate, was recently selected to the All-American Junior College Girls Basketball First Team. She stands in at 6 ft. 3 in. for the Howard College Queens (Big Springs, TX) and broke the season's previous scoring record (620) with 703 points for 37 games.

Brakes Caused Crash

The failure of the flight crew to release parking brakes before take off was the probable cause of the fatal crash of a corporate jet into Lake Michigan on January 30, 1980, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. A metallurgical examination of the crashed plane indicated that the brakes had been on throughout the takeoff roll. The resulting drag prevented the plane from accelerating and lifting off in a normal manner. A contributing cause of the crash was the lack of an adequate company checklist. As a result of the crash investigation, NTSB has asked FAA to issue an airworthiness directive moving the emergency/park brake light on the Falcon 10 to a more conspicuous location on the panel.

PCS Travel Vouchers

In order to avoid delay in the processing and payment of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Travel Vouchers, approving officials and employees (claimants) are reminded that the following supporting documents must be submitted with the travel voucher:

1. Weight certificate showing weight of household goods moved.
2. Receipt for storage of household goods.
3. Receipt for move of mobile home.
4. Receipt for lodging and laundry by other than coin-operated machine, when claiming temporary quarters and subsistence expense.
5. Real Estate
 - a. Sale and/or purchase agreement signed by both buyer and seller.
 - b. Property settlement document on both sale and purchase.
 - c. Evidence of payment (i.e., receipt, etc.) for allowable charges.

Sick Leave Equals Dollars At Retirement

In addition to providing pay when employees are sick, those unused sick leave hours can be worth considerable money after retirement. Generally speaking, employees receive additional retirement annuity credit of one day's service for each eight hours of unused sick leave. This means that an employee with 30 years service and 2,080 unused sick leave hours could receive two percent of a "high three" average income of, say \$30,000, equalling \$600 per year. Since employees retiring at age 55 are expected to draw their annuities for at least 20 years, $20 \times \$600 = \$12,000$; a valuable benefit indeed!

Civilair News

Civilair would like to find out how many FAA employees would be interested in attending a dance--possibly in November. Please call Lilli Tom, x6281, or Jan Taber, 679-1174.

Civilair needs someone to chair the FAA Picnic coming up in July, and also needs someone to assist the chairman for the See's Candy Sales for 1981. Please contact Lilli Tom on extension 6281.

d. U.S. Department HUD Settlement Statement (HUD-1 Form).

e. Truth and Lending Statement on a Purchase.

Refer to the Travel Manual, DOT 1500.6 (FAA Order 1500.14) and Regional Supplements thereto for assistance and to insure that claim is properly submitted in accordance with existing regulations.

Computer-Based Instruction Ready For Fall

Those who have been following the INTERCOM series on computer-based instruction (CBI) should be aware that next fall a limited number of Airway Facilities courses will become available on CBI equipment. The equipment will be located in 40 Airway Facilities Sector offices and at the FAA Academy. Employees in line for training will take it at a nearby sector or at the Academy, depending on travel and per diem costs. In the sector training centers, students may start at the sector's convenience. Normally, they will train on a full-time basis, until they complete their course. Those not enrolled in a formal course may use the CBI equipment as scheduled by the sector for refresher and update training. At the Academy, starting times will be less frequent and will be scheduled well in advance. The Office of Personnel and Training will continue to keep employees posted as start-up time approaches.

No Mace Allowed

The chances of being mugged on an airliner are just about nil, so FAA is advising air travelers to leave their mace and similar incapacitating sprays at home. In fact, the agency says passengers face tough penalties for trying to bring these substances on board an airliner. Since mace and the like are classified as both dangerous weapons and hazardous materials, offenders are liable under the Federal Aviation Regulations, which prescribe a maximum civil penalty of \$1,000,

Catching Up With Red Bluff FSS

A warm welcome to: Facility Chief Gusse M. Myer, who came to us out of retirement and Missouri in Oct. 1980 when George D. Bockemuehl retired after eight years of service for the Red Bluff/Montague FSS's; to Beverly Clark, team supervisor, from Anchorage; to new journeymen Roy Blood, Dupage, Ill.; John Boyce, new hire; Orin Cooter, Omaha, Neb.; Steve Gill, Reno, Nev.; Tara Grant, Elko, Nev.; David Gray, new hire; James Kelley, Reno; James D. Meyers, new hire; Robert Schnell, Tonopah, Nev. Farewell to all departures. Now venturing in LAX are Ron Davey and Ronald Wenstrom; Loren Manges left for Sacramento FSS in March; and Robert Hughes trudged north to Redmond, Ore. in April. Congratulations to Robert Brown and Gary Olson for well-deserved Special Achievement Awards. We are proud of Beverly Clark who was selected as the 1981 Western Region representative at the Third Annual Convention for Professional Women Controllers recently held in Houston, Texas. "Get well 'cause we miss you" wishes to Alvin Stabe, who underwent surgery, and to John Boyce, who was in an automobile accident while vacationing in New York.

and/or the Hazardous Materials Regulations, where a fine of \$25,000 is possible along with or in lieu of a five-year prison sentence. FAA issued the warning because of a sharp increase in the number of mace and other spray containers being detected at airport screening points. There also was a recent in-flight "shoot out" between two parties armed with mace.

Spokane GADO Wins Flight Standards Award

The roads were covered with volcanic ash from the Mount St. Helens eruption and open to emergency traffic only, yet this year's Flight Standards Field Office Award winners were on the job. Wearing face masks to protect themselves from the ubiquitous ash, employees of the Spokane, Wash., General Aviation District Office were busy warning aircraft owners and pilots about the dangers of operating planes from ash-covered airfields or flying through volcanic clouds. Speaking of the job done by his staff during this period, Office Chief Robert A. Hill characterized it as "outstanding, just outstanding." But it was not just the exceptional job done under difficult conditions that won facility-of-the-year honors for the Northwest Region's GADO No. 5. The office also was cited for its strong accident prevention program, which led to a 20-percent decrease in the accident rate over the past three years. The "Facility of the Year" plaque will be presented during ceremonies at the GADO sometime next month.

Logistics Division News

Letters of Appreciation were received by: Robert Carter, Chief, Materiel Management Branch, from Chief, Bay TRACON for his fine support in resolving their critical office copier equipment problems; the Services Branch from Chief, Aircraft Evaluation Group, ANW-270L, for assistance provided by Chauncey Walker and Nita Koyama, during their transition from the Western Region to the Northwest Region and the subsequent relocation to Long Beach; Chauncey Walker from Chief, Burbank Tower for his

Color Radar Tested

Air Traffic "live and in living color"--that's the situation at the Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center where a test of color radar displays got underway May 12. Four modified plan-view displays (PVDs) are being used in the test to determine if the use of color makes the controller's job easier or more difficult. The PVDs show airways and navigational aids in orange, weather in red and aircraft targets and data blocks in green and yellow. Controllers using the displays will fill out evaluation forms and will be interviewed at regular intervals during the 120-day test to find out how they like the system. Their views will be a major factor in determining whether color is the wave of the future in air traffic control or just a passing fad.

special efforts in completing printing of pilot bulletins in a short time frame; Joan Zubarik, Real Estate & Utilities Branch, from San Francisco Sector Manager for her "efforts in expediting the acquisition of much needed additional training and lunchroom space for the Sector headquarters." A Letter of Commendation was presented to Betty Core, Procurement Branch, from her supervisor, Al Arnold, Chief, Construction Contracting Section, for "the professionalism, conscientious devotion to duty and 'Can Do' spirit you displayed during the 120-day detail" in the Purchasing Section. A letter was attached from the Chief of Purchasing Section expressing gratitude for Betty's immeasurable assistance to him and his section. Congratulations to all!