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# Member Spotlight

## New Affiliate Member

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## Awards

Earlier this year the International Slurry Surfacing Association presented its *President's Award for Excellence* and the California Chip Seal Association awarded its *Award of Excellence* to **VSS International, Inc.** of West Sacramento, Calif., for work in **San Diego County** during 2014.

San Diego County is one of the most diverse, and geographically sprawling counties in all of California, including desert, mountain ranges, valleys, rivers and approximately 120 miles of ocean front property.

The work which generated the awards included both urban and rural arterial and residential roadways, and consisted of both Type II and Type III Slurry Seal applications on approximately 60 roadway locations scattered over 12 geographical areas throughout the county.

The work also included pre-treatment of areas that required repairs of various pavement deficiencies in the existing pavements prior to the application of the slurry seals.

San Diego County has a long history of utilizing preservation techniques, and it has very high expectations, combined with the demands of the local,

and sometimes vocal traveling public, which at times created an incredibly challenging work environment.

Both the County and the residents set the bar very high for the contracting team, VSS International, which came through with great success as evidenced by the awards that were handed out to them.

## Travel

Pattie McNamee and Marlene Demery, while traveling in Peru this spring, visited Machu Pichu in search of some Inca history. They learned that the Incas believed in three worlds, with the sky represented by the condor, the earth by the puma and the underworld by snakes. In the photo, bottom right, the semi-circular rock at the bottom is the collar of the condor, the pointed head behind it, and the wing rocks to the side. The condor represented the sky and after the Incas made an offering to the gods, the condor would swoop down and take the offering up into the sky.

Did the CLODS know all this when they chose the condor as their symbol?





## Member Spotlight

Tom Hunter, Honorable CLOD, and retired Public Works Director, Plumas County, advised that another successful Bedroll Conference took place in July at Lake Almanor with 60 in attendance. Although this was over the maximum allowable attendance of 50, no one was kicked out.

The presentations were really good and these were supplemented by great meals from great cooks....the cooks being Tom Hunter, Terry Abbott, Tom Mlcoch, Mort August, Gerry Shaul, and Max Bridges. President-Elect, Matt Machado, Stanislaus County, was given kudos for his contributions to the conference. (One "Atta-boy" for Matt).



At the National Association of County Engineers' Annual Meeting during April in Daytona Beach, Florida, **Julie Buren, Director of Public Works for Contra Costa County** and Honorable CLOD was elected and sworn in as the NACE Western Region Vice-President for 2015. Julie follows a long line of CEAC members who have served on the NACE Board of Directors.

## Member Spotlight

In February, a delegation from CEAC and CSAC trekked to Washington D.C. and met with senate and congressional representatives in support of re-authorization of a federal highway funding.



During National Public Works Week at the end of May, **Imperial County**, which has been putting on an open house for several years for local school children, decided to do things a little different. This time they expanded to the outdoors to give the students a viewing and touching experience of equipment that is used to perform public works activities.

The students enjoyed themselves as they looked and touched the pieces of equipment, both small and big, while public works employees stood by to answer questions and make presentations. Below one of the students is seen looking through a survey instrument.



William Brunet, Public Works Director, stated “We have an open house in an attempt to show the public all the different things we do. Public Works is like a black box. Money goes in, people hear about it, and out the other side roads are finished, construction happens, but nobody knows exactly what happens inside the box.”

In the photo below, Martin Valadez, Equipment Operator II explains the purpose and workings of a striping truck to amazed students.





# Public Works Secretarial Seminar

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RE: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar

Dear Members of CEAC:

On May 27-29, 2015, Mendocino County (with a partnership from Lake County) hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar (PWSS). We would like to thank you for the sponsorship for this wonderful event. This seminar has provided PWSS members with such great knowledge and networking opportunities over the last 30 years.

I have received such amazing feedback from those who attended the seminar. Many enjoyed the trainings, earth quake safety, fire safety and social media being part of those topics. Members also enjoyed the wonderful dinner to kick off the event. The lovely Testa Vineyards held our dinner. It was an amazing turn out overall. We had 22 counties represented with 62 registered attendees.

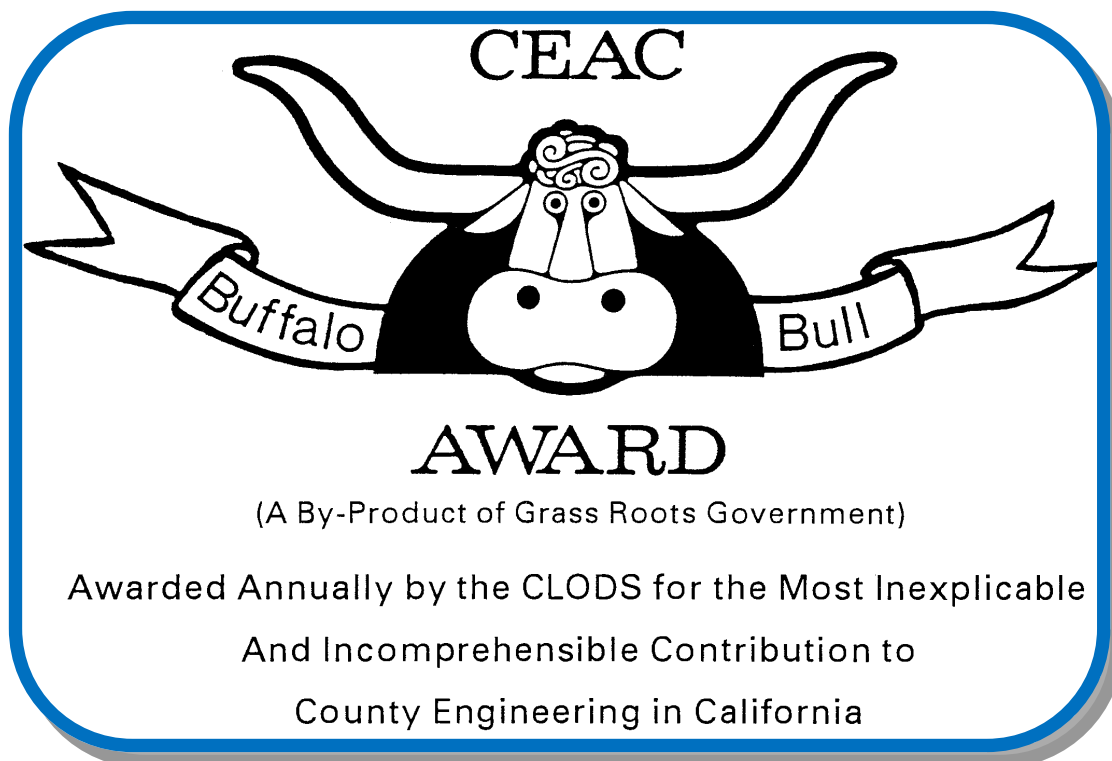
On behalf of the members of PWSS, I would like to thank you for being a sponsor of the 2015 Public Works Secretarial Seminar. This seminar was extremely successful thanks to your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rachel Ingwell".

Rachel Ingwell  
Administrative Assistant

## Buffalo Bull Award



The Buffalo Bull Awardee for 2015  
**Matt Machado**, Stanislaus County  
for  
*"Creating a Muddy Mess in the Community"*



CEAC President Mike Penrose ( 2014 BB Winner) Presenting the 2015 Award to Matt

# CEAC 100 Years

Over the last few years, as Newsletter Editor, I have spent many hours combing through archival information on the internet as well as pleading with the membership for photographs and biographical information in an effort to provide a little bit about CEAC's first 100 years.

While this effort began with an attempt to locate photographs of all of our CEAC Presidents since the inception of the organization in 1914, it has gradually expanded to locating and summarizing biographical information as well. By the way, photos of all but six of these Past Presidents have been located through your assistance, although some that have been located are not of the greatest quality. Still looking for photographs of the following: (The dates shown are when they served as CEAC President)

- Arthur E. Cowell, Merced County, 1921-22
- H.F. Cozzens, Monterey County, 1933-34
- Marshall Wallace, Sonoma County, 1950-51
- Joseph H. Mack, San Diego County, 1953-54
- Carl L. Lind, Fresno County, 1957
- Clinton D. Beery, Fresno County 1972-73

As I have been able to locate biographical information about our predecessors in CEAC, I am truly amazed not only by the public works they were able to accomplish, but also the wide variety of achievements and activities outside of their day to day jobs in the public works arena. While my focus has been on Past Presidents of CEAC, I know that there are many thousands of others including Directors of Public Works, Road Commissioners, County Surveyors, engineers, technicians, clerical, fiscal, and administrative staff, equipment operators, laborers, etc. that have worked together to create strong and lasting county infrastructure throughout the state.

Many of our predecessors have completed their entire careers within one County. Others have worked for other organizations before coming into County government. Many of our early CEAC Presidents, for example, performed survey and engineering work for the railway companies in the early part of the 20th century. Others have worked in several counties as stepping stones to personal advancement and finding appropriate living arrangements for their

families. Still others have moved on from counties to other endeavors. Numerous Past Presidents and Public Works officials have moved up to positions of County Administrative Officers and City Managers. Some have sought public office and have become city councilmembers and mayors. There have been college, professional and Olympic athletes within our organization. Our members have been and are still involved in a great array of civic or community endeavors. An uncounted number of our members have served their county in World Wars I and II, the Korean War and of course the more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

What a hard working and giving group of individuals, both past and present, that not only provide much needed public works infrastructure, but also support their communities, state and nation in so many other ways!



In Newsletters over the last two years, some of the CEAC Presidents of the early years have been highlighted. For this issue, the spotlight is on two members that contributed significantly to CEAC for many years in the second 50 years. They are Ed Hanna and William "Bill" McIntosh.

Following these bio-sketches is a reprint of an article that appeared in a CEAC Newsletter in 1972 regarding Claude T. Faw, which according to the article, was CEAC's first honorary member and is credited with getting CSAC and CEAC together for their joint annual meetings.

Also included is a paper written by Al Koch, Orange County, and CEAC President in 1962-63, titled "Random Thoughts Upon Retirement", which provides some thoughts that seem quite relevant today, some forty plus years after his retirement.



## CEAC 100 Years (cont.)

**Ed Hanna - San Benito County**  
**CEAC President 1956-57**  
**"Bull Condor"**



How do you adequately describe the man .....Ed Hanna?

He was born in Gilroy on January 14, 1914. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served aboard the Battleships Maryland and Pennsylvania. He attended San Jose State College and became a City Policeman in Palo Alto, then went into private engineering practice with his father. In 1946 he became County Surveyor of San Benito County, and was their first Road Commissioner when the Collier-Burns Act became law in 1948. He left San Benito County in 1964, served as City Councilman and Mayor of Hollister; City Manager of Los Altos Hills; worked for Santa Cruz County in Flood Control, and became full-time Executive Officer of LAFCO in Santa Cruz County until his retirement in 1976. He has been a leading member of the County Engineers Association of California, contributing immeasurably to the growth and excellence of the organization.

He was Editor of the CEAC Newsletter for almost 20 years and made that publication famous all over the United States. He was President of CEAC in 1956-57. He created the Buffalo Bull Award; was the co-founder of the CLODS in 1965/66; and was the first and only "Bull Condor." He wrote the CLODS by-laws and instituted the now famous CLODS Barbecue at Squaw Valley in 1969. He attended every CSAC conference without a miss for 44 years.

Over the years, he wrote literally hundreds of poems, stories, sonnets, etc. Some of the most notable include "The History of the Buffalo Hide Satchel," "The Inverted Thermo-Dynamic System of Waste

Disposal" (better known as the Overhead Sewer System), "The Mating Habits of the California Condor," "Where's the Shovel?," "When You're Sixty," and many more. For the CLODS Barbecue in Redding in 1975 he created the legendary "Don't Put All That Wine in the Stew" (to the tune of "Abdul El Bulbul Ameer").

Simply put, Ed contributed more to the County Engineers Association of California than all the rest of us put together.

[This biography was taken from the CEAC Fall 1990 Newsletter prepared by Verne Davis.](#)

**William D. McIntosh - Lassen County**  
**CEAC President 1963-64**  
**NACE President 1967**  
**CEAC Treasurer Emeritus**  
**"Old Crow"**



**William David McIntosh** died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on August 11, 2010. Known affectionately as Bill and Mac, he was born to William and Maud McIntosh in Portola, CA, March 24, 1924. "Still waters run deep," describes Bill. As a father, husband, companion, family man, boss, and friend, he loved unconditionally. He was a good man, honest and loyal, with a dry sense of humor, great warmth, a kind heart and gentle spirit.

After graduating from Lassen Union High School in Susanville, Bill joined the U.S. Navy stationed aboard the USS St. Paul, proudly serving during both WWII and the Korean Conflict. At the end of WWII he married Dorothy "Dixie" Morgan from Scranton, PA. They settled in Susanville and raised two daughters. Bill began his career as a surveyor

## CEAC 100 Years (cont.)

with the Lassen County Road Department in 1946. In 1955, he was appointed Lassen County Road Commissioner, and in 1960, was named the first Director of Public Works for Lassen County. During his distinguished 41-year career, Mr. McIntosh's work not only drew attention to the needs of small rural counties like Lassen, it demonstrated the unique vision that this high school educated, rural Public Works Director brought to the breadth of state and national public works. He headed development of the County Route Marker Program adopted nationally in 1967. Because of his leadership, Lassen County received the first number, "A-1", for the Eagle Lake Road, a national award winner for its design and the only County road selected for the 1984 Olympic Torch relay. In 2000, this route was officially proclaimed the "William D. McIntosh Highway."

Bill rose through the ranks of professional organizations to become president of the County Engineers Association of California and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE). Among his many honors, CEAC created the perpetual "William D. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award" naming him its first recipient. NACE named him "Rural County Engineer of the Year" in 1971. Bill, along with Ed Hanna, created the CLODS (California's Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants) in 1966, the NFL (NACE's Former Leaders), and the ASOBGHAPES (The American Society of Big Game Hunters and Pelican Egg Stompers), ensuring perpetual connectivity of public works leaders. In addition to the above achievements, Bill also garnered the coveted "Buffalo Bull Award" in 1978, which he was instrumental in establishing several years earlier.

Bill became an early leader shortly after the founding of NACE in 1956. He served on many NACE committees, including the Research Committee, which at that time was the heart and soul of NACE. Bill became Western Region Vice President in 1965 and President in 1967. Bill, working with NACo Executive Director, Bernie Hillenbrand, was instrumental in getting the Automotive Safety Foundation to fund the distribution of the first NACE Directory and NACE Newsletter in 1968. Later as member of the NACE History Committee, he helped to write the Forty Year History of NACE in 1996. He continued to be a strong supporter of NACE through the NFL.

In 2002, Bill and Dixie moved to the Bay Area to be closer to family. After 58 years of marriage, his beloved Dixie passed away in 2004. Bill's last residence was in Rossmore, CA where he built more friendships, enjoyed movies, live music and theater, art class and excursions to San Francisco and Oakland for cultural and sports events with his dear friend Betty. He remained an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers. Bill stayed in contact with his many friends around the country through e-mail, luncheons and visits.

Bill is survived by two daughters Lenore and Donna, four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Bill was a great public servant, a person of integrity and character, a great sport, a wonderful friend and filled with love and caring for others.

[This information was taken from the CEAC Newsletter of August 2010 and the NACE News of August 2010.](#)



Ed Hanna and Bill McIntosh  
"The Early Years"

## CEAC 100 Years (cont.)

**Claude Thomas Faw**, CEAC's first honorary member, passed away on May 3, 1972, at his home in Carmel at the age of 83. (Claude was born on September 28, 1889). Claude a native of Gonzales in Monterey County, was the Godfather of the County Engineers Association, being instrumental in founding the group back in 1914.

He had the "know-how," for he had also been instrumental in reviving the County Supervisors in 1910 when that organization had been in the doldrums and nearly defunct for several years.

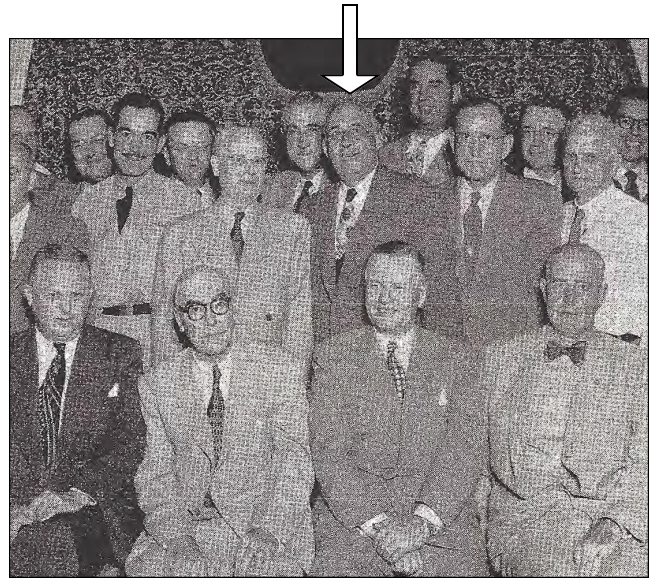
Claude was the Sales Manager and an executive for CALCO, the California Corrugated Culvert Company, which in later years merged with Armco. Claude carried on in a similar capacity for Armco in California until his retirement. One of CSAC's and CEAC's finest hours was the grand retirement party honoring Claude upon his retirement.

For many years, beginning in 1911, Claude Faw acted as the "staff" of CSAC and organized and planned the annual meetings of the two organizations. It was Claude's genius that was responsible for CSAC and CEAC getting together for their joint annual meeting - a tradition that is still carried on.

He worked hard with Harmer Davis and Bob Glenn in organizing activities for the first of our Annual Transportation and Public Works Conferences when I.T.T.E. was first formed. With the able staff for which he was always noted, he handled registration duties for CSAC, CEAC and ITTE for a number of years prior to his retirement.

Claude Faw was one of the finest men it was ever our pleasure to know - a man to whom both the County Engineers and County Supervisors owe a great deal for the strong organizational position we enjoy today.

[Note: This article appeared in the July 1972 CEAC Newsletter prepared by Ed Hanna.](#)



Claude T. Faw at a joint meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce, the State-wide Highway Committee and the California Highway Commission on July 19, 1951.





## CEAC 100 Years (cont.)

### RANDOM THOUGHTS UPON RETIREMENT

Prepared by Al Koch, Orange County  
CEAC President 1962-63

*When I was just a little feller, I had a baseball mitt but that did not necessarily entitle me to play ball with the "big boys." However, one day when they needed a ninth, I was privileged to be stuck away in right field. As luck would have it, a long, high fly come at me in the sun and some way or another, I hung on to it. While running in at the end of the inning, the leader of the gang said "that was a great catch, Al" and as I was beginning to swell with pride, he put me in my place when he said "but it would have been awful if you missed it!"*

*It doesn't appear to me that in the past decade the public works engineers in the State of California have dropped the ball at all, but wouldn't it have been awful if they had. I think the County Engineers Association and all its members should be extremely proud of the accomplishments and contributions that they have made to the State of California. We have not "dropped the ball" and no apologies are due anyone regardless of the opinions of our severest critics and the nuttiest environmentalists.*

*All of the accomplishments for which we can be justly proud have been accomplished with an open mind responsive to the innovations of our generation. I like to think that our ideas have drawn nourishment in conservative soil and although as mortals we are forced to bend wit the winds of time, we have always been responsive to overcoming social inertia.*

*So now comes a new generation. Do we dare give them the baton of responsibility.....don't worry, you've done your job and those coming on will do theirs! Maybe some of their ideas will frighten us but when the race is on, there's only one way to go.....and that's forward! After all, didn't we think that the old fogeys that we used to work for should be replaced sooner? I don't think that the people who will lead us in the future will over-react because they will find that planning can be over-extended and good progress can be planned, coordinated, analyzed and perfected to death.*

*The fear of progress is the greatest deterrent that the new generation has.....the fear of making a mistake. And when they realize that no progress is made without mistakes, things will move as they always have. M greatest fear has always been that the public works engineer will not realize his own responsibility in the planning picture and thus abdicate his responsibility to those who are less capable of practical and intelligent solutions to community problems.*

*I think all of us should realize how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to operate under the practical laws of the State of California, which have permitted us to be "builders" instead of only "planners." My guess is that the public will protect this privilege for us. Our job is to justify their confidence for the future as we have been able to do in the past.*

*Your Pal,  
Al Koch*

Note: Al Koch passed away March 20, 1990.

# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



## CEAC Board of Directors

CEAC Spring Conference/Public Works Officers Institute

Friday, March 27, 2015 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

1107 Jamboree Road

Newport Beach, Orange County, CA

1.

**Call to Order** (Penrose) Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. on March 27, 2015.

### Meeting Roster:

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>County</b>
Mike Penrose	President	Sacramento
Matt Machado	President Elect	Stanislaus
John Presleigh	Secretary	Santa Cruz
Scott McGolpin	Past President	Santa Barbara
Mike Crump	Treasurer	Butte
Mehdi Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
<b>Regional Directors</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>County</b>
Steve Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Mother Lode	Yolo
David Leamon	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
Tom Fayram	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Vincent Gin	Southern California	Orange
<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>County</b>
Susan Klassen	Transportation	Sonoma
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Chris Stone	Flood Control/Water Resources	Los Angeles
Brian Balbas	Land Use	Contra Costa
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
Steve Kowalewski	Scholarship	Contra Costa
Pat Proano	Solid Waste	Los Angeles
Steven Steinhoff	Surveyor	Los Angeles
<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
DeAnn Baker	Director of Legislative Affairs	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
<b>Others</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
Julie Bueren	Western Regional Vice President	NACE

All Officers, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and Staff are listed. Those shown shaded were not in attendance.



# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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- 1a. Pat DeChellis was acknowledged by the CEAC Board of Directors for his award due to his longstanding commitment to CEAC/CSAC. Pat showed off his very nice award from CSAC and received an ovation from all (well deserved).
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of Minutes, January 28, 2015 (Presleigh) – Attachment One. A motion was made by John Presleigh to approve the minutes with a second by Pat DeChellis. The minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.
3. **Correspondence** – (Penrose)  
Mike Penrose reported that the annual report to NACE was completed. Mike also reported that a number of welcome letters went out to new Directors.
4. **CLODS Report** – Ken Miller reported that the CLODS did a very nice presentation last night at the President's Reception and Banquet. Ken requested that the President send a letter requesting the CLODS participation at the fall conference. Julie Bueren reported that the CLODS are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that there could be a kickoff at the 2015 CLODS BBQ. There should be a real effort to get as many CLODS there as possible. Julie would coordinate this item. The fall conference is in Monterey, and there is \$10,000 in the budget.
5. **NACE Report** – Pat DeChellis reported that the annual NACE Conference is next month in Florida. A show of hands was given to those attending to set some plans for the first couple of nights. Pat also reported that NACE would be having a regional conference in the fall. No exact determination as to where it will be held as yet. Pat also reported that the Western Regional Conference is in Laughlin, Nevada on November 4-6, 2015, and is inexpensive to attend at around \$100. Most meals are included, and the rooms run around \$30 to \$40 per night. Julie Bueren reported that NACE is looking at updating their strategic plan, and NACE representatives will try to have something available at the NACO Conference in North Carolina. Pat DeChellis reported that with retirement he will have to give up the Bridge Committee, COOP Committee, and the NACO Steering Committee and that it will be necessary to find future transitional replacements for these committees.
6. **CSAC Report** - DeAnn Baker reported that April 9<sup>th</sup> is the next Executive Committee Meeting in Los Angeles and will be going forward with recommendations on the new Transportation funding measures. DeAnn also recommended that the CEAC Executive Board talk to their Executive Committees members in support of Transportation measures.  
Karen Keene thanked CEAC for stepping up on the three water issues that are going on. Karen also reported that Matt Machado volunteered to represent CEAC on the California Water Commission Storage Investment Advisory Committee. CEAC has a water working group that Matt and Scott also agreed to be on. Lastly, there is a Sustainable Groundwater Joint Work Group that is working with RCRC and several public works staff have volunteered to work on this program.  
Other: Merrin Gerety reported that there was a joint leadership committee between CEAC and the League and that there was agreement that the spring 2016 conference would be held in Sacramento in early March. Additionally, the bids went out for the spring conference for 2017. Merrin requested assistance from staff of the host counties to assist in setting up future conferences. Merrin requested approval to redo their website by going out to get some bids, etc., with a new host and platform (as a goal by the end of the year). This item will be brought



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to the Oversight Committee for consideration. Merrin also requested to have the ability to explore the use of credit card payments for sponsorships and dues. Mike Penrose suggested that this be coordinated with the CEAC Treasurer.

7. **Regional Directors Reports - Bay Area** - Steve Kowalewski reported that they had their regional meeting on January 29, 2015, and several items were discussed including the storm water initiative, the National Highway System on bridge and pavement performance measures (including the international roughness index vs PCI and related issues), NPDES permits in the Bay Area (MRP), groundwater sustainability, federal and state transportation issues, truck restrictions on public roads, and social media. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015. Mike Penrose was asked to attend the next meeting.  
*Northern California* – Scott Deleon reported that they had their regional meeting on February 18, 2015, and 9 of 14 counties attended. Mike Penrose attended the meeting. A number of issues were discussed. There was an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual snowplow rodeo, and the event will be held in Plumas County this year (provides safety training and some competition amongst the crews). There was also an award called the Golden Grader that goes to the County with the fewest accidents (Plumas County won). Scott also reported that the Bedroll conference is coming up in July 29-31, 2015.  
*Sacramento Mother Lode* – Panos Kokkas reported that their regional meeting was held on January 21, 2015, and included an appearance by Karen Keene who gave an update on the water issues. There were also discussions on the HSIP program and solid waste issues. The next meeting will be held sometime in May.  
*San Joaquin Valley* – Dave Leamon reported that their regional meetings were held on January 16, and February 20, 2015 (scheduled to meet again in April). Dave also reported that they try to meet eight times a year and rotate between Counties for meeting locations.  
*Central Coast* – Scott McGolpin (for Tom Fayram) reported that the Central Coast meeting was preempted by the Sacramento lobbying trip so the Central Coast meeting will have to be rescheduled in the near future.  
*Southern California* – Vincent Gin reported that there wasn't a regional meeting during this last period, but Los Angeles County did organize a successful one day meeting regarding a pavement preservation workshop. Vincent also reported that on April 30, 2015, that there will be a levee maintenance workshop.  
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi reported that there appears to be a lot of activity at the regional meetings, and it would be a good time to introduce staff to CEAC activities.
8. **Treasurers Report** – Mike Crump reported that 1<sup>st</sup> quarter revenues are coming in, with the exception of three counties. There are only a few counties that are late in submitting their dues. Mike also reported that expenditures are just beginning, including NACE and CSAC dues, and at this time things are going along fine, and he is open to any questions. Mike Penrose requested a clarification of those counties on the ability to pay. Mike reported that the Counties ability to pay dues is related to the usage of Road Funds. Matt Machado reported that the Washington DC trip on federal authorization went very well and consideration should be given to authorize another trip next February 2016 (consider re-budgeting under officer's travel and expense) at the fall conference.
9. **Committee Reports**
  - a) **Flood Control and Water Resources**  
Karen Keene reported that they had a good meeting, and items discussed included the



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Proposition 218 storm water funding issue, a good discussion on sea level rise (and the group requested that this become a regular agenda item), and Vincent Gin provided an update on flood risk management standards being proposed (Vincent and Chris Stone volunteered to draft a comment letter on this item for CSAC).

## b) Resource Recovery and Waste Management

Cara Martinson reported that they had a good meeting, and a good portion of the meeting was a discussion on AB45. There was a presentation on this item from Los Angeles County, and they will be coming to Sacramento to meet with CSAC staff for further discussions.

## c) Surveyor

Karen Keene reported that there are some legislative issues related to the use of drones and prohibiting usage by a public agency, with the exception of law enforcement agencies. Chris Lee reported that there are seven legislative bills on the drone issue, and Chris and Kiana were going to reassess this issue after the 1<sup>st</sup> policy committee meeting.

## d) Land Use

Brian Balbas reported that they had a good meeting, although there was a light agenda. Rule 20A was discussed and how agencies are working with PG&E. Brian also reported that Kiana Buss would be trying to set up some meetings with PG&E for purposes of finding resolutions to the continuing problems with the implementation of Rule 20A. Additionally, Chris Lee gave a broad overview of legislative issues. Brian reported that they want to keep the liaison role with the California planners. There also were some roundtable discussions about long delayed development projects, clean water facilities in the public ROW, PG& E pipeline distribution assessments, and other miscellaneous items.

## e) Transportation

Chris Lee reported that they had a good agenda with a lot of topics, including the new transportation funding proposals that are being discussed in Sacramento, as well as CSAC's engagement with the various proposals. There will be a fairly robust transportation package coming out of the Senate in a couple of weeks, and it is expected the local streets and roads assessment will help advocate for an equal share of funding between the state and local agencies. There were discussions on other bills, including a public works contracting bill and another bill that would change the process of relinquishing state properties to local governments. Chris also reported that there were no action items, but the committee was briefed on the steps being looked at for purposes of smoothing out the volatility of the gas tax allocation (Prop. 42 replacement excise tax revenues). SB 321 is being amended this week, and the upshot of it includes the elimination of \$270 million of the gas tax reduction to local streets and roads. There was a report out on the climate change that addresses sea level rise impacts to public works facilities across the state. Lastly, there was an update from Caltrans and various committees. Pat DeChellis reported that he heard comments about sharing revenue from various cities, and he reminded that we all should stay on board with the current gas tax allocation formulas; otherwise we will all lose out. Pat mentioned that there were additional discussions regarding Kiana Buss's talk and that there is a real need to remain together regarding our current gas tax formulas. DeAnn Baker reported that RCRC member Counties have been questioning the validity of the existing allocation formula and she reminded all that we have always relied on CSAC in developing the formula for gas tax distribution. The RCRC has been aligning themselves with the regional Counties task force



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(includes the regional transportation planning agencies) which could be very problematic. DeAnn also reported that this is being brought to the legislative attention, and there is a real need to strategically educate the RCRC Counties regarding the potential loss of funds if the formula is changed. Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi reminded the Board that in the past we use to have a meeting with the RCRC at least once a year and there is a need to get back to these meetings on issues like this. DeAnn reported that CEAC members need to talk to their RCRC Supervisor members to educate them, and that it is CSAC's job to recommend the gas tax allocation formula. DeAnn also requested that if Counties feel that there is an inequity issues that they need to bring this forward through CSAC and not through the RCRC or by other means. Scott Deleon reported that one of his Supervisors was involved with the RCRC position and that he was going to engage him on how the funding works. Mike Penrose reported that a number of the CEAC members did not know that the a RCRC letter went out regarding the allocation formula and at this time we should be discussing this with our Board members (RCRC members) in educating them of the consequences of changing the allocation formula. Mike Penrose believes that the Counties need to come together to have a bigger commitment to keep the formula in place (possibly a conference call follow up or other). Mike requested that we find out a way to focus some education aspects regarding the formula out to both the rural counties and other counties. DeAnn reported that Kiana Buss will be scheduling a meeting with RCRC, and DeAnn said that she would join in, to discuss this item further. DeAnn said there will be a workshop on this at the Legislative Conference in May.

f) Oversight Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG)

Jim Porter gave a brief recap on items discussed including outgoing communications at the County level including the need for Twitter training, etc.

## 10. Other Committee Reports –

### a) Fellowship

Pattie McNamee reported on the hospitality suite and how it was very different in not having Mort and others behind the bar. It was also reported that the alcohol was not up to the usual standards, etc. The hotel and staff, however, were very attentive, etc., so overall it worked.

### b) Scholarship

Steve Kowalewski reported that a new cycle is starting and the forms are online for the scholarship program. Steve asked that we contact the local schools to let them know that cycle is starting. John Presleigh reminded all that you can make a contribution to the scholarship program (send checks to the Treasurer). Pat DeChellis requested that the Treasurer or Treasurer-Emeritus set up a 501C for charitable donations to the scholarship program, for use through a County payroll donation. Mike Crump requested that CEAC members consider making a monetary contribution at the end of the year.

### c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG)

Mike Penrose stated that most of this was heard at the Transportation Committee meeting and that we would move along.

Pattie McNamee reported for the Fellowship Committee that at the upcoming conference they will not be allowed to serve alcohol. Instead the hotel will provide a bartender, and a corking



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fee will be in effect. Pattie also reported that they are looking at the cost differential; in all cases, the Hospitality Suite will be more expensive. Mike reported that this item came up in the November 21, 2015, conference and that it was expected that the hotel would provide a bartender at the Spring Conference. Having the hotel supply a bartender will also address some of the legal concerns expressed by a number of the CEAC members. The subcommittee that was to look at this item has not yet met, and Mike requested that they try to meet prior to the Spring Conference.

11. **Life Membership** – Mike Penrose reported on a nominee regarding a life membership and new information that was submitted by a nominating County. Due to a lot of discussion on this matter, this item was put on hold until the next Board meeting for further discussions for determination on meeting a threshold criteria number the life membership.
12. **Unfinished Business** - CEAC Bylaws are still being worked on. Also other items were discussed including the hospitality suite program at the next conference. Scott McGolpin will be reporting back on this item.
13. **New Business** - Mike Penrose reported that the Washington DC trip was very productive, and that the attendees (Mike, Matt, John, Scott, Pat, Julie, Kiana, and Merrin) all participated in supporting the Map 21 federal authorization. There were 11 meetings with T & I California delegation legislative staff, etc., over a two day period. The message of dedicated funding for on-system and off NHS bridges, environmental streamlining, and overall need for an extended authorization was well presented by the attendees. There was also some discussion about safety money and the need for these funds to go where it is most needed in California (local agencies have a higher level of need for safety funding due to accidents, etc.). Julie Bueren reported CSAC's Washington lobbyist gave some positive feedback to California's engagement on the bridge issue.
14. **Scheduled Conferences**
  - a) NACE Annual Conference, Daytona Beach, Florida, April 19-23, 2015
  - b) Public Works Secretarial Seminar (PWSS), Mendocino/Lake Counties, May 27-29, 2015
  - c) CEAC 10<sup>th</sup> Policy Conference, Sacramento, Sacramento County, September 16-17, 2015
  - d) CSAC 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Monterey, Monterey County, December 1-4, 2015
15. **CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**
  - a) September 17, 2015, TBD (Policy Conference)
  - b) December 4, 2015, 11:00 AM (Annual Meeting)

Mike Penrose adjourned the meeting at 1:04 pm

# Droppings



By

**Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp**

CEAC Historian

## **"CEAC History 1939-40"**

I was elected CEAC Historian at our 78th Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, December 1992. To the best of my knowledge I was the first, and for that matter, the only CEAC Historian.

My first "Droppings" appeared in Verne Davis' Spring 1994 Newsletter. It was decided that I would delve into our history as far back as information was available and I would cover two years with each "Droppings". I started with the years 1939 and 1940 and eventually quit 'two years at a glance' with 2001 and 2002.

In thinking what to write about for this edition of the Newsletter, I considered writing about these last 13 or so years. Somethings that happened just 13 or fewer years ago didn't seem historic, so instead I decided to go with a repeat of my very first "Droppings" as most of you were not alive back then. Besides it's a lot easier to repeat the past. I promise, however, not to regurgitate the 60 plus years that followed. Not a bad idea though. I may even, someday, pick up with 2003 and the following years. Here is my first "Droppings" from 1992.

## *CEAC History 1939-1940*

*As your Historian, I propose to share with you, via the Newsletter, the bits and pieces discovered of our past. A big help was provided by Max Bridges, San Benito County, in turning over Ed Hanna's CEAC files which encompassed the period from 1939 to 1954. Please give me a call if in you archives you have information about our organization in the 1930 and before.*

*This is where I will start my first report - 1939. E.A. Fairbairn, Sacramento County, was President of CEAC in 1939 with the annual meeting held in Sacramento at the County Courthouse on March 7, 8, and 9. It wasn't until 1950 that the annual meetings were held in the fall. At the meeting, Howard L. Way, San Bernardino County, was elected temporary secretary due to the resignation of Lloyd Bowman, Santa Cruz County. Mr. Way had served as CEAC President in 1930-31 and 1931-32 and subsequently served as Secretary-Treasurer until June 1944.*

*During the 1939 annual meeting, President Fairbairn explained the recently organized "California Council of County Officials" and read the aims and policies of the organization. Subsequently, the County Engineers Association agreed to endorse these principles and accepted membership in the organization.*

*An entire half day of the meeting was taken up in a discussion of the conditions and problems of engineers in respective counties. Among those was A.F. Parrot, Siskiyou County, who "....reported that the surveyor designs bridges, makes surveys at the request of the Board of Supervisors, and assists in the making of the budget and in the annual report. The Supervisors assume entire charge of road construction and maintenance. The county has a 20-cent general property road tax." About the only change 55 years later is that we no longer have a general property road tax.*

*Owen O'Neill, Santa Barbara County, was elected President, Burnett Hamilton, Alameda County,*

## Droppings (Cont.)

*Vice—President, and Howard Way, Secretary for 1939-40. It was interesting to note that the meeting was adjourned on Thursday March 9 and reconvened along with the County Supervisors and American Road Builders Association in San Francisco on March 10 and 11. In San Francisco, the meeting was held jointly with the other organizations, and although all session were extremely interesting, no definite business of or organization was attempted. Sound familiar?*

*A quote from the minutes of the CEAC meeting held in Oakland at the Hotel Oakland on June 19-22, 1940 read "The meeting was without a doubt the most successful one ever held by the Association, especially as regards completeness of detail of arrangements and hospitable entertainment of delegates and ladies."*

*The Treasurer's report noted that \$140.01 had been on hand since March 1939, that interest in the amount of \$2.62 had accumulated, and that no money had been spent. Now that's what I call a Treasurer! It was agreed that no dues would be assessed for the ensuing year.*

*At this meeting, Burnett Hamilton was elected CEAC President, Alfred Jones, L.A. County, Vice-President, and Howard Way Secretary-Treasurer. This appears to be the first reference to the combination of Secretary and Treasurer's responsibilities, although the Treasurer's part of the job wasn't too tough.*

*During the meeting, trips of inspection were made to the Owens-Illinois Glass Company Plant, the new High Street Bascule Bridge, Alameda Naval Air Station, California Corrugated Culvert Company, the Linoleum Department of Paraffine Company Incorporated, and the Engineering Materials Laboratory at the University of California. Entertainment included a banquet and reception at the Hotel Oakland, a site seeing trip on the San Francisco Bay including a buffet dinner and entertainment, both on the boat and at the California Building on Treasure Island, and also an evening at the Oakland National Horse Show. The ladies of the delegation were entertained with tours, concerts, teas, and receptions.*

*With this I will close. By covering two years each Newsletter and with four Newsletters per year and fifty plus years of catching up to do .....Oh Well.*

**Attention:** *If any readers have historical items, stories, photographs, etc. regarding CEAC or your County that you believe would be of interest to others, you can always send them to me or the Newsletter Editor.*

*~Dave*



President Fairbairn 1938-39, Sacramento



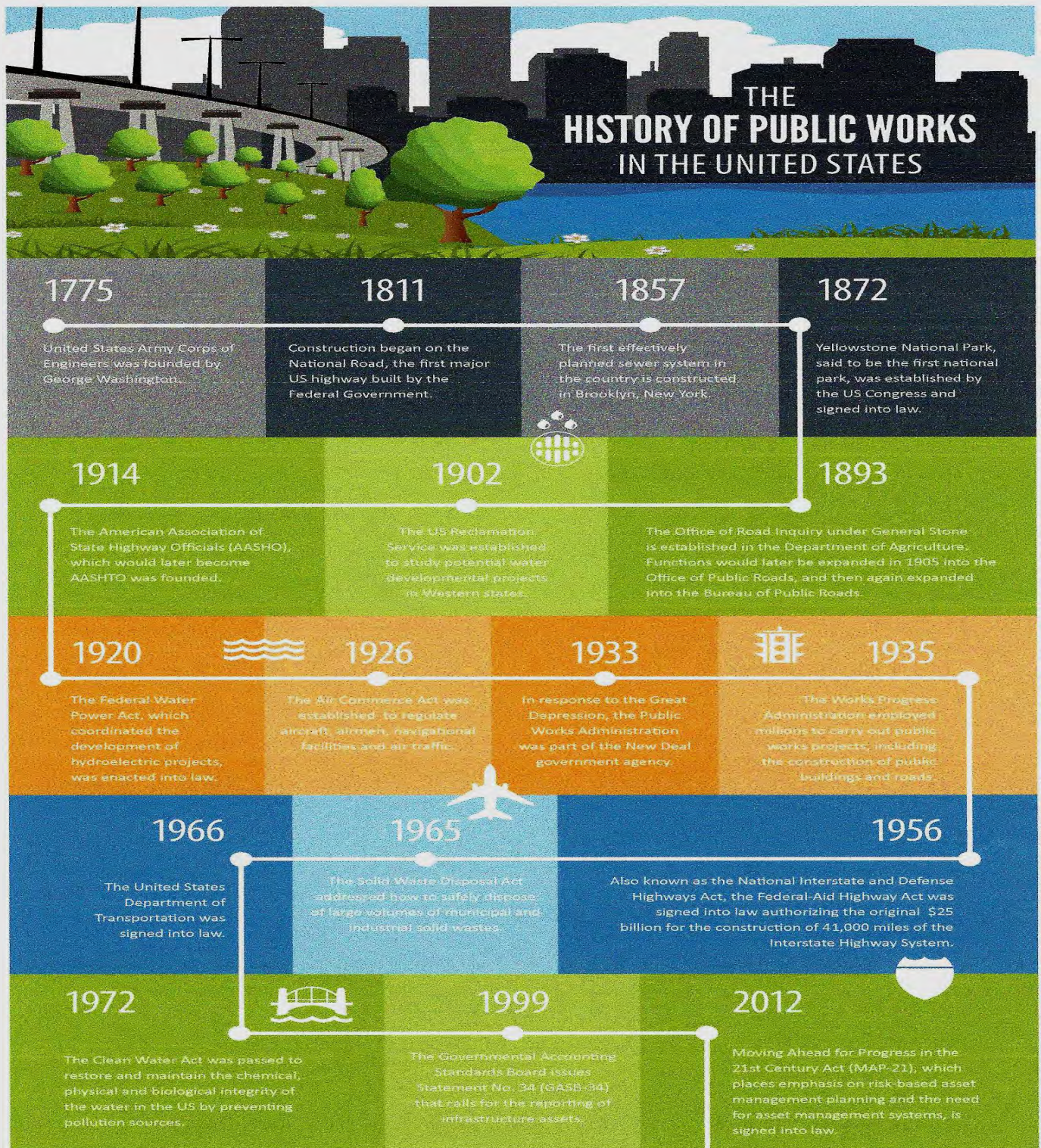
President O'Neill 1939-40, Santa Barbara



President Hamilton 1940-41, Alameda



# History of Public Works



## What's Next?

An increasing focus on proactively maintaining and developing public works projects is likely to continue. Technology will be a huge driver as governments and citizens demand safer, efficient and cost effective infrastructure.

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## Spring Conference Photos



Smiling in  
Newport Beach



## “Jest-a-Minute”



A middle school was faced with a unique problem. A number of girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror, leaving dozens of lip prints.

Finally, the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the custodian. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every day. To demonstrate how difficult it was to clean the mirrors, she asked the custodian to clean one of the mirrors.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it into the toilet and then cleaned the mirror. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.



The hotel patron asked the manager, “What’s this charge for fruit? We didn’t eat any fruit.”

“But the fruit was placed in your room every day. It is up to you whether you take advantage of it.”

“I see,” said the patron as he subtracted \$150 from the bill.

“What are you doing?” sputtered the manager.

“I’m subtracting 50 dollars per day for your kissing my wife.”

“What? I didn’t kiss your wife!”

“Ah,” replied the patron, “but she was there.”

A business tycoon and a former governor, acting as “sidewalk engineers,” were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were looking for on the flagpole.

“We’re supposed to find the height of this flagpole,” said Donald, the proclaimed smarter of the two, “but we don’t have a ladder that is tall enough to reach the top.”

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then this woman took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, announced, “Its twenty-one feet, six inches,” and walked away.

One of “sidewalk engineers” just shook his head and laughed, “A lot of good that does us, Jeb. We ask for the height and this Hillary woman gives us the length!”

*Lord, Thou knowest that I am growing older.  
Keep me from becoming talkative and  
possessed with the idea that I must express  
myself on every subject.*

*Release me from the craving to straighten out  
everybody’s life.*

*Keep my mind free from recital of endless  
detail. Give me wings to get to the point and  
then be quiet.*

*Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my  
aches and pains. They are increasing with the  
years and my love to speak of them grows  
sweeter as time goes by.*

*Make me thoughtful but not nosey--helpful  
but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom  
and experience it does seem a pity not to use it  
all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few  
friends at the end.*



