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DR. WHITE RECEIVES AWARD

ESSA Administrator Dr. Robert M. White received the Godfrey L. Cabot Award from the Aero Club of New England on June 24 at a luncheon in Boston. He made a brief address to club members.

CDA STATION DEDICATED

The Command and Data Acquisition Station at Wallops Station, Va., was officially transferred to ESSA from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration this week. ESSA Administrator Dr. Robert M. White and David Johnson, National Environmental Satellite Center Director, spoke at the dedication ceremonies.

OCEANOGRAPHER OPENS BULKHEADS

Organized tours of the USC&GSS Oceanographer will be conducted for ESSA employees in the Washington area on July 14, 15, 18, 19, and 20. The tours will last about one hour and transportation will be provided to and from the ship. Employees who wish to join a tour should contact their supervisors. Division chiefs should notify Lt. (j.g.) Vincent Tabbone, C&GS Ship Construction Group at ESSA headquarters in Rockville, Md. (Government code 14, extension 68015 and 68201), no later than June 29 as to the number of employees expected to attend. The Oceanographer also will be open to the general public at certain times (to be specified later) on the same dates. The ship will be commissioned on July 13, ESSA's first anniversary.

TIROS VII STARTS 4th YEAR IN ORBIT

The weather satellite TIROS VII completed three years in orbit on June 19. One camera is still operating. To date, the satellite has taken 111,047 meteorologically useful photographs. Almost 600 tropical storm and severe weather warnings based on TIROS VII pictures have been sent to foreign meteorological services.

NEW OFFICER CLASS STARTED

Opening the bureau's 21st officer training class, 31 college graduates began training this week for future ESSA assignments. The course, held at Coast and Geodetic Survey's Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, Va., under the direction of Commander Edwin K. McCaffrey, lasts 13 weeks and includes intensive study of ESSA's work in tides, currents, geodesy, oceanography, photogrammetry, seismology, cartography, meteorology, and aeronomy. Upon graduation, each trainee will be appointed an ensign in ESSA's commissioned corps, except for two members who were commissioned earlier this year.

UPPER ATMOSPHERE BRANCH JOINS NMC

The Upper Atmosphere Branch, formerly part of the Institute for Atmospheric Sciences, has been transferred to the National Meteorological Center. Fred Finger is acting chief of the Branch. Present plans call for the Branch to remain at Weather Bureau headquarters in Silver Spring, Md.

METEOROLOGISTS MEET AT SEATTLE

ESSA Weather Bureau scientists participated in the 240th national meeting of the American Meteorological Society at the University of Washington at Seattle last week. Norman A. Matson, Meteorologist in Charge at Seattle, was chairman of a session on general meteorology. Scientific papers were presented by Dale A. Lowry, Abram B. Bernstein, and William E. Cobb, all from WB headquarters; P. M. Kuhn, Madison, Wis.; and John R. Zimmerman, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

SOUNDINGS SLATED FOR VINEYARD SOUND

The first hydrographic survey in more than 70 years is scheduled for the next three months in Vineyard Sound, Mass., a center of recreational boating. The USC&GSS Whiting, expected to arrive at Woods Hole, Mass., this week, will chart the waters between Vineyard Haven, Mass., and Nomans Island, updating information on water depth and location of underwater terrain features.

ESSAite IN GUINEA

William H. Kuning, electronic technician in the Weather Bureau's Engineering Division, is serving on detail in Conakry, Guinea, where a weather station radio teletypewriter receiving and transmitting system is being activated under AID auspices. Assisted by Donel N. Frazer of the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and Aeronomy, Kuning will train Guinea's technicians in the operation and maintenance of the weather radio teletypewriter system. In addition, Kuning will serve as consultant to the Guinean Service in developing meteorological data transmission and reception schedules.

NEW C&GS CHART AVAILABLE

Coast and Geodetic Survey has issued a new nautical chart covering Block Island Sound and the east entrance to Long Island Sound. The large-scale chart provides greater detail for safe navigation of the area, which handles a heavy concentration of commercial and recreational boating, much of it to and from New York City.

LAW AT SEA

ESSA, in a joint effort with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of Naval Research, is sponsoring a Law of the Sea Institute conference on offshore boundaries and zones next week at the University of Rhode Island. A. Joseph Wraight of C&GS will speak on intra-state boundary problems.

NMC DIRECTOR TOURS FIELD OFFICES

Dr. Frederick G. Shuman, Director of the National Meteorological Center, (NMC), is leaving next week on a trip to coordinate NMC and field activities. He will visit ESSA offices in Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Mo., and Norman, Okla.

TORNADO, HAIL DAMAGE STUDIED

Dr. Helmut Weickmann, Director of the Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry Laboratory, was scientific director of a DC-6 photo reconnaissance flight over the Topeka, Kansas, area which was struck by a tornado earlier this month. He surveyed the disaster area to gather data on the storm's pattern of destruction. Howard Mason, Director of the Research Flight Facility in Miami, directed the flight. Following the Topeka survey, Dr. Weickmann attended a seminar on hail storms (Project Hail Swath) at Rapid City, S. D.

OCEAN EXPLORATION TO BE DISCUSSED

Dr. Harris B. Stewart, Acting Director of the Institute for Oceanography, will head a panel discussion on today's policy on ocean exploration next week in Washington, as part of the Marine Technology Society's second annual conference on "Exploiting the Ocean".

ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

ESSA components at Anchorage, Alaska, are now housed together at the Hill Building, 632 Sixth Avenue. The recently completed move consolidates the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Weather Bureau Forecast Center, River Forecast Center, Office of Climatology, and WB regional headquarters.

CURTAIN RISES FOR ESSA SCIENTIST

Dr. Wyman Harrison, Land and Sea Interaction Laboratory Director, Institute for Oceanography, attended the second International Oceanographic Congress at Moscow earlier this month. Also during his trip, he inspected oceanographic equipment at the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute and the Geological Survey of Israel.

HAZY ISSUE

A course in air pollution meteorology will be given by ESSA's Air Resources Field Research Office at the National Reactor Testing Site west of Idaho Falls, Idaho, next week June 28-29. Instructors are meteorologist-in-charge Ray Dickson and his staff.

NEW STERLING PERSONNEL

Robert E. Johnson is the new Engineering Test Branch chief at the Weather Bureau's Test and Evaluation Laboratory at Sterling, Va. He formerly was an electronic engineer with the Federal Aviation Agency. Roger A. Tucker, previously radar meteorologist at Detroit, has joined the Laboratory's Functional Test Branch.

BOSTON FEATURES ESSA EXHIBIT

An ESSA exhibit was displayed last month at Logan International Airport in Boston as part of an aviation career days program sponsored by the Aero Club of New England for high school and college students. Brochures on ESSA and the Weather Bureau were distributed and three WB employees at WBAS Boston -- H. L. Coleman, Edward Sable, and Robert E. Pike -- acted as counselors for inquiring students. Boston meteorologist-in-charge Oscar Tenenbaum managed the ESSA exhibit as well as the entire aviation career days program.

DATAAC CHIEF SELECTED

Dr. Sidney Teweles, formerly Director of the Atmospheric Analysis Laboratory, has been appointed chief of the Weather Bureau's Data Acquisition Division.

C&GS KEGLERS WIN TROPHY

Coast and Geodetic Survey's men's bowling team won the Department of Commerce bowling championship trophy last week in a play-off with the Weather Bureau team. This is the second consecutive year they have won; if they win again next year, they may keep the Department trophy. Team members are Dick Hanahoe, Nick Koka, Frank Leimbach, Bryan Mercer, Ronnie Rich, and Merle Wagner.

AVIATION WEATHER DISCUSSED

ESSA Director of Aviation Affairs Newton A. Lieurance spoke on "Weather and General Aviation" at the National Pilots Association Regional meeting at Vergennes, Vt., last week.

CLUBS UNITE

ESSA Administrator Dr. Robert M. White and Deputy Administrator Vice Admiral H. Arnold Karo were presented membership cards in the new ESSA Employees Club this week, beginning a membership drive. The Club combines the Coast and Geodetic Survey Welfare and Recreation Association and the Weather Bureau Club. Officers are Vaughn Rockney, president; Willard Kuncis, vice president; Mrs. Betty Littlejohn, secretary; and Curtis Kambic, treasurer.

MAKE IT A SAFE SUMMER

ESSA's Employee Relations Branch reminds ESSAites that many of our young summer employees are entering their first jobs. ESSAites should take proper safety precautions both in assignment and training of these employees to provide a productive and safe summer work experience.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Employees who plan to marry, or recently have been married, are reminded that they may change their hospital insurance plans from "self only" to "family enrollment". Conversely, any employee who loses his last "family member" should change to the less expensive "self only" enrollment.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK BEING READIED

A new ESSA Employee Handbook will be printed shortly and distributed to all regular non-temporary employees. Published by the Department of Commerce Personnel Office, the Handbook is supplemented by ESSA's Personnel Division.

Items to be considered for ESSA NEWS must be received by Friday for publication the following Friday. Send material to: Office of Public Information, ESSA, Room 810, Bldg. 5, WSC, Rockville, Md. 20852. Phone (301) 496-8431.

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