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**USC&GSS RESEARCHER CONSTRUCTION BEGINS**

Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, ESSA Associate Administrator, and Captain Allen L. Powell, chief of the Ship Construction Group, represented ESSA and C&GS at the keel-laying ceremonies in Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 5 for a new ocean survey vessel, the RESEARCHER. She will be the first Coast Survey ship equipped to handle deep sea research submarines. The 278-foot, 2800-ton RESEARCHER, designed by naval architects and marine engineers of the Maritime Administration and the Coast Survey, is being constructed by the American Shipbuilding Company.

**DATAAC CONFERENCE PLANNED**

Representatives of the WB's regional Data Acquisition (DATAAC) Branches will meet Sept. 11 for a week-long conference with Central Office divisions to discuss problems and accomplishments related to data acquisition programs. Attending the conference will be: Henry Rockwood (Eastern Region); H. L. Elser, (Western Region); James M. Beall (Alaska Region); J. P. Lee (Pacific Region); Alfred A. Skrede (Central Region); and Hoye S. Dunham (Southern Region).

**THOMPSON DEDICATES TEXAS VHF SYSTEMS**

Wilmer L. Thompson, Director, WB Southern Region, formally dedicated VHF Marine Radio Weather Transmission Systems at Corpus Christi, Tex., on Aug. 24 and at Galveston, Tex., on Sept. 5.

### **DISCOVERER TO SURVEY GULF OF MAINE**

The USC&GSS DISCOVERER will conduct a survey of the Gulf of Maine Sept. 10-25 to ascertain the field strength of gravity of the seabed off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. The survey will cover an area extending from Cape Cod to the Bay of Fundy for about 200 miles out to sea. The project, spearheaded by Dr. Hyman Orlin, C&GS geodesist, is a key step in determining whether oil deposits exist off the New England coast.

### **WB TEAM SUPPORTS NASA TEST FIRING**

The WB Atmospheric Support Team at NASA's Mississippi Test Facility supported the static test firing of the S1-C5 first stage booster of the Apollo Saturn V moon rocket on Aug. 25. The 7.5 million pounds of thrust in the booster is equivalent to the power of 6000 Boeing 707's. Meteorological support is directed at forecasting the sound propagation pattern and the intensity.

### **NAVIGATION HAZARDS BEING INVESTIGATED**

A C&GS field party, headed by Lt. Gerald M. Ward, is conducting a three-month hydrographic investigation of over 100 reported navigational hazards in inlets, bays, and harbors along a 110-mile stretch of the New Jersey coast from Sandy Hook to Cape May. The project is part of a continuing program to keep C&GS nautical charts up-to-date.

### **YOC'S HOSTED AT HONOLULU**

The WB's forecast center in Honolulu played host to 170 young summer employees of Federal agencies during August. Three lecture-movie sessions were arranged in cooperation with the Honolulu Federal Executive Board which sponsored the visits. The Youth Opportunity Campaign (YOC) is one of the Administration's programs to provide economically disadvantaged youths with valuable work experience and exposure to opportunities for employment with various Federal agencies.



*FORECASTER Robert Vasek explains the use of cloud photographs to visiting Youth Opportunity Campaign employees.*

Cdr. G.L. Short presented 20  
year service awards Aug. 1  
to Chief Cook Eddie Sanidad  
of the USC&GSS PATHFINDER,  
and Chief Steward Francisco  
Nebria.



### **TYSON AND MALCHUS HEAD WB STATIONS**

Jesse J. Tyson has been named Technician in Charge of the WB's observing station at Stampede Pass, Washington. Mr. Tyson has been an assistant at the station for the past year.

At Milford, in south-central Utah, Gary M. Malchus is the new Technician-in-Charge. Mr. Malchus transferred from Helena, Mont., to replace George C. Denman who retired after 36 years of service.

### **OPEN HOUSE ON OCEANOGRAPHER**

Thirty-one polliwogs were initiated by King Neptune and his court when the USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER crossed the Equator Aug. 10 enroute from Penang, Malaysia, to Fremantle, Australia. A special open house held for over 500 high school and junior college students and teachers highlighted the stay in Penang.

### **SEVERE STORMS PLAN SCHEDULED**

An interdepartmental Severe Local Storms Conference has been scheduled for Oct. 24-26 at Kansas City to develop a National Severe Storms Plan similar to the Hurricane Plan.

### **ENGDahl TO SPEAK AT GEOPHYSICS SEMINAR**

E. R. Engdahl, C&GS' Seismology Division, will present further evidence pertaining to a velocity model of the earth's core at the Geophysics Research Group Seminar to be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. in Room 926, WSC-5.

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## **SHIP TO SHORE**

The USC&GSS PATTON has returned to her base in Seattle, Wash., upon completion of her five-month field season in Alaskan waters. The ship is commanded by Lt. Cdr. Bruce I. Williams.

The USC&GSS HODGSON was officially deactivated Sept. 1 at the C&GS Pacific Marine Base in Seattle. She will be transferred to the South Korean government next March. The HODGSON will be replaced by the USC&GSS FAIRWEATHER now under construction in Jacksonville, Fla.

## **AWARDS**

Length-of-service awards will be presented in September to the following WB Southern Region employees. 40 years - Aurel J. Knarr, Fort Worth. 30 years - Raymond H. Kraft, Miami; William C. Knoph, Miami; Louis E. Richards, Jr., Fort Worth; Francis E. Fuertsch, Fort Worth; and Jewell Wheeler, Little Rock.

In the C&GS Mid-Continent Field Area, Virgil C. Durr of Kansas City completes 25 years of service this month.

WB Central Region employees receiving awards will be: 30 years - Charles M. Woffinden, CRH; and W. Gordon Wylie, Wichita. 25 years - Jesse L. Harrell, Kansas City, Merle J. Brown, Manhattan, Kans.; Rheinhart W. Harms, Milwaukee; Walter W. Parker, Jr., St. Louis; Albert J. Courtois, St. Louis; Leslie R. Houser, Dodge City; John P. Robertson, Evansville, Ind.; Harold W. Ebel, Green Bay; Edward M. Behrenbrinker, International Falls; William M. Willard and Mrs. Florence I. Howard, Kansas City; Robert C. Baskin, CRH; and Charles F. Mertensotto, Denver. 20 years - Russell G. Mann, Denver.

## **ON THE SURVEY CIRCUIT**

C&GS surveys are being conducted at Jack McNamara Field (Calif.), Peconic River Airport (New York), Pendleton (Oreg.) Municipal Airport, and Albuquerque Sunport/Kirtland (New Mex.) Air Force Base.

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