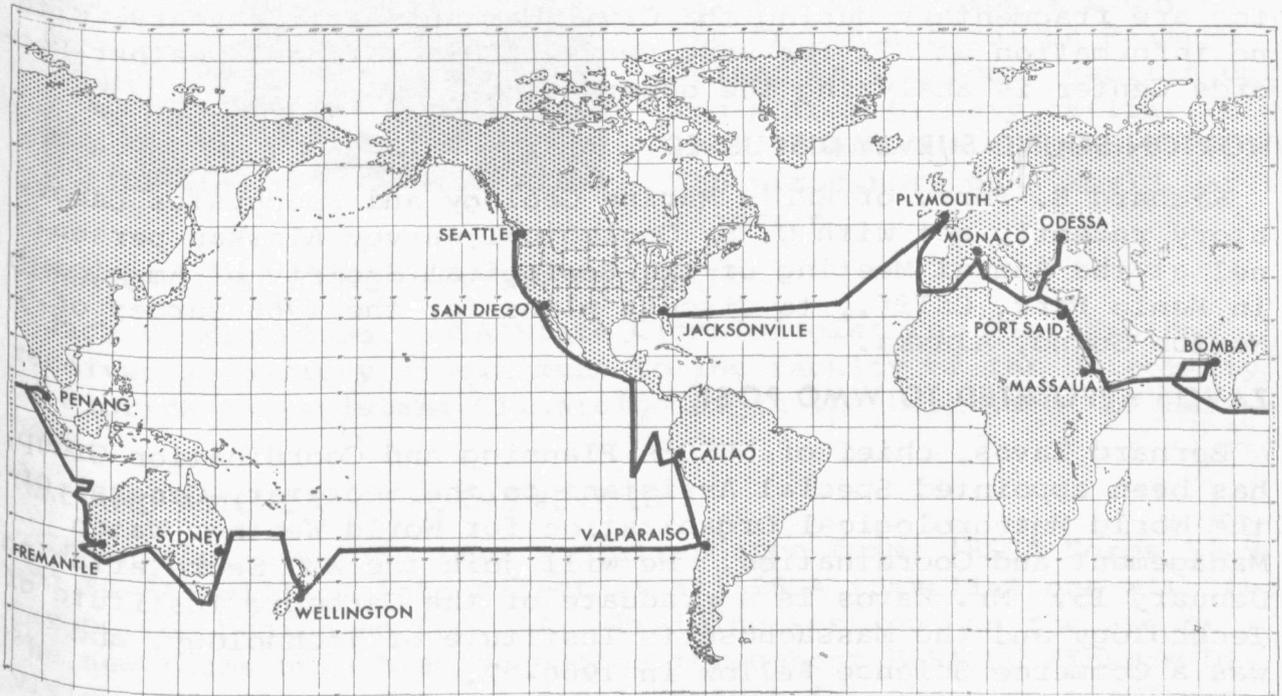


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## OCEANOGRAPHER COMING HOME

A formal welcome awaits the USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER, Dec. 11, in Seattle, Wash., at the end of her 37,000-mile, eight-month global scientific expedition (see map above) in which representatives of 17 foreign nations participated. Among those planning to welcome the 303-foot, 3800-ton "floating laboratory" will be Mayor J. D. Braman of Seattle; Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington; Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator; John M. Haydon, Chairman of the State Oceanographic Commission; and Daniel B. Ward, Director of the State Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development. The ship will be open to the public, Dec. 16-17.

## OLD RECORDS YIELD NEW DATA ON D.C. CLIMATE

A set of weather records for Washington, D. C., taken at the Naval Observatory between 1842 and 1913, has been borrowed from the National Archives by the Environmental Data Service and promises to provide new insight into the climate of the Nation's Capital. The manuscript journals contain nearly complete reports of pressure, temperature, weather, clouds, and wind, taken at three-hour intervals. Previously available records for Washington are fragmentary during the Civil War and earlier years, with no information at all for some years. EDS' National Weather Records Center is analyzing the observations.

## NORTON SOUND SURVEY DISCUSSED

Richard B. Perry of ERL's Marine Geology and Geophysics Laboratory recently met with U. S. Geological Survey Alaskan personnel at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Menlo Park, Calif., to discuss plans for the 1968 survey of Norton Sound, Alaska.

## ZAVOS APPOINTED TO WMO POST

Bernard Zavos, chief of NESC's Planning and Coordination Group, has been appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization for World Weather Watch Management and Coordination. He will join the WMO Secretariat on January 15. Mr. Zavos is a graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was a Commerce Science Fellow in 1966-67.

## TRAINING COURSES SET FOR FORECASTERS

The Weather Bureau's Technical Procedures Branch will conduct two in-house training courses for field forecasters during the months of April and May 1968 at WB headquarters.

## SHERIDAN RETIRES



Captain Emmett H. Sheridan, former C&GS West Coast Field Director, retired Nov. 30 after more than 37 years' service in the Commissioned Corps. Prior to assuming the San Francisco post in 1964, Capt. Sheridan was Chief of the Program Planning Staff in Washington, D. C. A graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, he also holds a degree in civil engineering from Santa Clara University. During his career, Capt. Sheridan commanded the USC&GSS BOWEN, COWIE, and HYDROGRAPHER.

## ESSA OFFICER PUBLISHES TROPICAL BIRD STUDY



"Sooty Terns Breeding on Palmyra," an article by Lieutenant (j.g.) Christopher C. Mathewson, USESSA, was recently published in a Smithsonian Institution publication and a German magazine. Lt. Mathewson made a study of the tropical birds on Palmyra Island in the South Pacific during a tour of duty earlier this year aboard the USC&GSS SURVEYOR. The birds nest on a World War II airstrip.

## CLIMATOLOGIST JOINS UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Jack E. Mickelson, ESSA State Climatologist for Florida, has received a courtesy appointment to the faculty of the University of Florida as Assistant Climatologist in the Department of Agronomy.

## TIME AND ATTENDANCE FORMS REVISED

The use of new ESSA time and attendance forms (ESSA Forms 34-8 and 34-8A) will go into effect at all ESSA installations with the pay period beginning Dec. 17. Training sessions on the use of the new forms have been conducted throughout ESSA by Finance Division representatives. A final lecture is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 922 of WSC-5 for all timekeepers in the Rockville, Md., and Washington, D.C., area who missed the previous training sessions.

## SURVEYORS GO SOUTH

C&GS airport survey parties completed field work at Charleston (S.C.) AFB/Municipal Airport and Houston (Tex.) Intercontinental Airport last week. Another field party, headed by Lt. James M. Wintermyre, is presently surveying Hale County (Tex.) Airport.

## EMERGENCY I PUBLICATIONS NEEDED

The WB Emergency Warnings Section wants to retrieve extra copies of an 18-page publication on VHF radio weather that was mailed out Nov. 20. These were intended for first-order stations, but were sent inadvertently to others, such as upper-air stations, that have no need for them. Extra copies should be sent to the Emergency Warnings Section, W113, Weather Bureau, Silver Spring, Md. 20910.

## WB INSTRUCTOR KILLED

Bruce Aiken, WB instructor at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, was killed Dec. 1 in an airplane crash. Mr. Aiken, the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft, was returning to Oklahoma City from Charleston, W. Va.

## 1967 BLOOD DONOR QUOTA REACHED

During fiscal year 1967, ESSA employees in the Washington area contributed 101 percent of their group quota of blood donations. This entitled all employees in the Washington area, whether donors or not, and their families, to free blood coverage for fiscal year 1968. The 1968 blood drive is now under way, and ESSA must again reach its quota if all employees and their families are to be covered for fiscal year 1969. In addition to regular bloodmobile visits, donations may be made at any Red Cross center stating that the donation is for ESSA group credit.

## FOUR IDENTIFIED IN AMS PHOTO

Since the picture of the 1938 American Meteorological Society meeting appeared in the Oct. 27 ESSA NEWS, four unidentified men have been named by readers. They are Daniel Maguire in the third row between Miller and Ball; Joseph A. Georlitz in the back row between MacGruder and Gillam; Jack Hass in the back row to the left of Hambleton; and Col. Fawbush, tentatively identified by Hambleton as being on his right.

## SERVICE AWARDS

During November, the following WB Western Region personnel were eligible to receive length-of-service awards. 30 years - Keneth W. Kemper, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Elven S. McDonough, Salt Lake City; and William L. Sabine, Phoenix. 25 years - Eugene R. Barr, Pendleton, Oreg.; Charles Hibbard, Jr., Olympia, Washington; Fay R. Livingston, Pendleton, Oreg.; and Kathryn C. Harrison, WRH. 20 years - DeLora W. Davis, Portland, Oreg.

EDS' National Weather Records Center in Asheville, N.C., presented length-of-service awards in November to the following eight ESSA employees: 30 years - Edward L. Bass. 25 years - William Glenn and William B. Harris. 20 years - G. W. Ehrsam, Charles R. Barr, Earl Myers, Marcus L. Snelson, and Pauline Bradley.

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