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**PRESIDENT PRAISES ESSA PROGRESS**

Before leaving office, Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor submitted a report to the President on ESSA's progress since its formation in 1965. President Johnson, commenting on the report in a letter to the Secretary, said in part:

"Your report indicates that the reorganization has resulted in specific economies, improved management of programs, and better services to the public. This combination of achievements is basic to this Administration's concepts of how the public's business can and must be conducted. You stated in your letter that there is further progress to be made in the future. I am confident that this progress will be made.

"I want to commend you, ESSA management, and all ESSA employees for the efficiency and sensitivity which have contributed to carrying out this reorganization. These accomplishments will benefit substantially the public and other agencies of the Government."

**DR. WHITE ANNOUNCES POLLUTION FORECAST PLANS**

Dr. Robert M. White testified Feb. 8 before the Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution of the Senate Committee on Public Works. He outlined ESSA's air pollution programs and announced plans to provide improved air pollution advisories through the use of numerical techniques and computer processing at the National Meteorological Center. "ESSA expects to extend the forecast period and to provide earlier air pollution potential advisories," Dr. White said.

**NEW WB ENGINEERING CHIEF NAMED**

James A. Cunningham has been appointed chief of the Weather Bureau's Engineering Division. Mr. Cunningham has been with the National Bureau of Standards as an electronic scientist and engineer since 1950.

## **WEST COAST NAVIGATION FACILITIES INSPECTED**

Lieutenant Bobby D. Edwards has begun a year-long field inspection of navigational facilities and conditions on the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington. During his tour, he will consult with Federal agencies, port authorities, pilots, and other marine interests, to gather data for a new edition of U.S. Coast Pilot 7. Similar information on Hawaii will be obtained by another C&GS representative during an inspection tour later this year.

## **COMMERCE HONORS THREE ESSA MEN**

Three ESSA employees were honored Feb. 8 by Acting Secretary of Commerce Alexander B. Trowbridge for their achievements in service to the public or in effective communications. John B. Townsend, observer in charge of the College Magnetic and Seismological Observatory, Alaska, received a Superior Service to the Public Award "for outstanding efforts to increase understanding of ESSA's earthquake warning and other services by the scientific community and the general public in Alaska." John J. Smiles, chief of ESSA's Graphics Branch, and Carl A. Posey of the ESSA Office of Public Information, won Creative Communication Awards. Mr. Smiles was cited "for resourceful leadership in creating dynamic design in visual presentations of the Environmental Science Services Administration," and Mr. Posey "for exceptional endeavor in planning and developing publications to promote public understanding of the scientific services of the Department of Commerce." Mrs. Ann K. Cook of the ESSA Public Information Office, a Creative Communication award-winner last year, attended this year's presentation to see her husband, Robert T. Cook of the National Bureau of Standards, receive a similar honor.

## **PACIFIC HURRICANE CONFERENCE SET**

A Pacific Hurricane Conference will be held in San Francisco, Feb. 15-16. Representatives of ESSA, the Federal Aviation Agency, the Navy, and the Air Force will meet to coordinate detection, tracking, forecasting, and warning plans for hurricanes in the eastern and central North Pacific Ocean area.

## **HARDWORKING RETIREES**

William and Carl Husemeyer are retired C&GS geodetic engineers who live at Shell Beach, Calif. At their own expense, they have recovered and properly marked more than 20 old triangulation stations in southern and central California and are currently working on more stations in the area.

**ESSA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMED**

The National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering have established a joint ESSA Advisory Committee. The Committee will review ESSA programs in sciences, engineering, and services for content and relevance in scientific and engineering quality in relation to the agency's service objectives. Chairman of the 18-member committee is Dr. Verner E. Suomi of the University of Wisconsin.

**GOULDIE EARNS B.A., THE HARD WAY**

Charles D. Gouldie, of the Austin, Tex., Weather Bureau station, received a bachelor's degree in January from the University of Texas, after taking courses since 1942 at the University of Houston, Alvin Junior College, Pennsylvania State, Oregon State, and the University of Texas. Mr. Gouldie is the father of 11 children, the eldest in college and the youngest one month old.

**PAY RAISE FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS**

The Civil Service Commission has approved new pay rates, effective February 12, 1967, for engineering and physical science positions at grades GS-9 through GS-12. In ESSA the following classification series are affected: GS-015 Operations Research; GS-801 General Engineer; GS-803 Safety Engineer; GS-806 Materials Engineer; GS-808 Architectural Engineer; GS-810 Civil Engineer; GS-830 Mechanical Engineer; GS-850 Electrical Engineer; GS-855 Electronic Engineer; GS-861 Aerospace Engineer; GS-870 Marine Engineer; GS-871 Naval Architect; GS-1301 Physical Scientist; GS-1310 Physics; GS-1313 Geophysics; GS-1315 Hydrology; GS-1320 Chemistry; GS-1330 Astronomy and Space Science; GS-1340 Meteorology; GS-1360 Oceanography; GS-1372 Geodesy; GS-1520 Mathematics; GS-1529 Mathematical Statistics.

New Special Rates for Scientists and Engineers

Grade	<u>Steps</u>									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	9,001	9,262	9,523	9,784	10,045	10,306	10,567	10,828	11,089	11,350
10	9,573	9,861	10,149	10,437	10,725	11,013	11,301	11,589	11,877	12,165
11	10,481	10,796	11,111	11,426	11,741	12,056	12,371	12,686	13,001	13,316
12	11,306	11,685	12,064	12,443	12,822	13,201	13,580	13,959	14,338	14,717

## ALL DECKED OUT

The USC&GSS McArthur won an award as the "best decorated ship in the Norfolk downtown area", in a Christmas contest sponsored by the Military and Civilian Emissaries Club. Mrs. Ronald L. Newsom, wife of the ship's commanding officer, accepted the award Jan. 25.

## BOULDER CONFERENCE AIDS PLANNERS

The recent ESSA-University of Colorado conference on "Present and Potential Contribution of the Social Sciences to Research and Policy Formulation in the Quality of the Physical Environment" provided the Office of Planning and Program Evaluation with ideas and guidelines for action plans. The conference pointed to the need for and interest in continuing action to manage man's relation to his environment. Dr. Douglas Brooks, President of The Travelers Research Center, summarized the major needs as cross-disciplinary research with liaison with mission-oriented agencies, support of young scholars, and use of both physical and social sciences to identify problems and priorities.

## AERO CHART SALES RISE

1,632,775 Sectional Aeronautical Charts were issued to civil aviation in calendar 1966, an increase of 56 percent since 1963.

## SERVICE AWARDS

In the WB Pacific Region, length-of-service awards have been presented to George W. Geisler, Honolulu, 25 years, and Neil J. Ingram, Kwajalein, 20 years.

The following personnel in the Central Region are eligible for service awards in February - Samuel E. Urick, C&GS Kansas City; John D. Early, C&GS Kansas City; Harry W. White, C&GS Kansas City; Nick Bardoulas, WB Rockford, Ill.; William D. Gilmet, WB Alpena, Mich.; and Haydn A. Fox, WB Cairo, Ill., 25 years. John D. Rigney, C&GS Kansas City; Edward F. Falkowski, WB Detroit; Clair D. Mills, WB Kansas City; and John R. Sloan, WB Williston, N. Dak., 20 years.

In the WB Eastern Region the following are eligible for service awards this month - Peter F. Gordon, New York, 30 years. Eulalia N. Mandes, ERH; Robert A. Collins, Albany; William A. Drebert, Boston; Nathan M. Barrey, Cincinnati; Wilba S. Reid, Dayton, O.; and Clyde P. Thomas, Wilmington, N. C., 25 years.

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