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MT MITCHELL JOINS THE FLEET

The USC&GS Ship MT MITCHELL, a hydrographic survey vessel, will be commissioned March 23 at Jacksonville, Fla. Rep. Alton Lennon of North Carolina, chairman of the Subcommittee on Oceanography of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, will be the principal speaker at the afternoon ceremony. Also slated to be present are Dr. John F. Kincaid, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology; Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator; Rear Adm. James C. Tison, Jr., Coast Survey director; and Rear Adm. John C. Bull, director of the Coast Survey's Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, Va., where the ship will be based.

Cdr. Kenneth A. MacDonald of Hessel, Mich., a 16-year veteran of ESSA's commissioned corps, will command the 231-foot, 1660-ton vessel. Cdr. MacDonald has had extensive experience on six Coast Survey ships, including command of the USC&GSS WAINWRIGHT, HILGARD, and GILBERT. Prior to being assigned to the MT MITCHELL, he was chief of the Operational Division of the Mid-Continent Regional Office at Kansas City, Mo. He holds a civil engineering degree from Michigan Technological University.

Lt. Cdr. Charles A. Burroughs of Bristol, Conn., the ship's executive officer, joined the Coast Survey in 1958 following graduation from the University of Connecticut with a civil engineering degree. He has served aboard the USC&GS Ships PATTON, PATHFINDER, and EXPLORER and with geodetic and satellite triangulation parties.



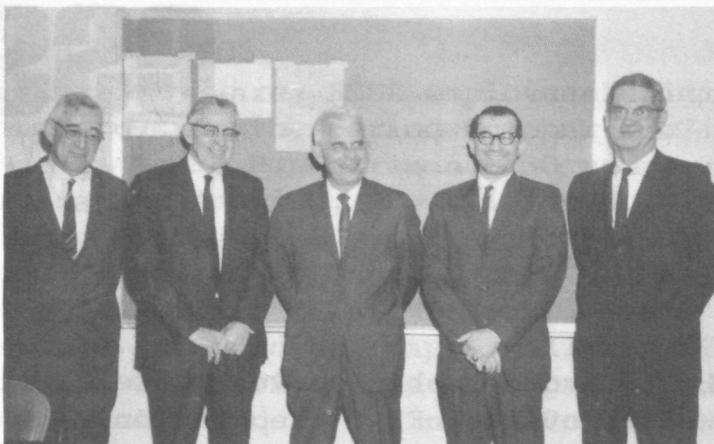
Cdr. MacDonald



MT MITCHELL



Lt. Cdr. Burroughs



Regional Hydrologists ended their conference at WB headquarters today. (Left to right) Jerome van de Erve, Western Region; Verne Alexander, Central Region; William E. Hiatt, Associate Director, Hydrology; Al Kachic, Eastern Region; and Richard J. MacConnell, Southern Region.

TOMORROW IS WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY

On Mar. 23, the 130 member nations of the World Meteorological Organization will observe World Meteorological Day. The theme of this year's observance is "Meteorology and Agriculture," to stress the important contributions that weather services can make in the international effort to provide adequate food for the earth's growing population. Through its Commission for Agricultural Meteorology, the World Meteorological Organization advises member nations on the practical application of weather information to increase food production.

NEW ZEALAND OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS

The New Zealand National Research Advisory Council is inviting immediate applications for research fellowships which will commence in early 1969. The basic qualification requirement is a Ph.D. (or equivalent). Some research experience is also desirable. The fellowships fall into two categories, senior and postdoctoral. Salaries are in the \$5,000 to \$9,000 range and travel expenses for fellows and their families will be paid. Assignments are available in a variety of disciplines, including climatology, hydrology, physical oceanography, physics (solid state and nuclear), and engineering (electronic and mechanical). Interested scientists should request additional information and application forms from the New Zealand Embassy, 19 Observatory Circle, Washington, D.C. 20008.

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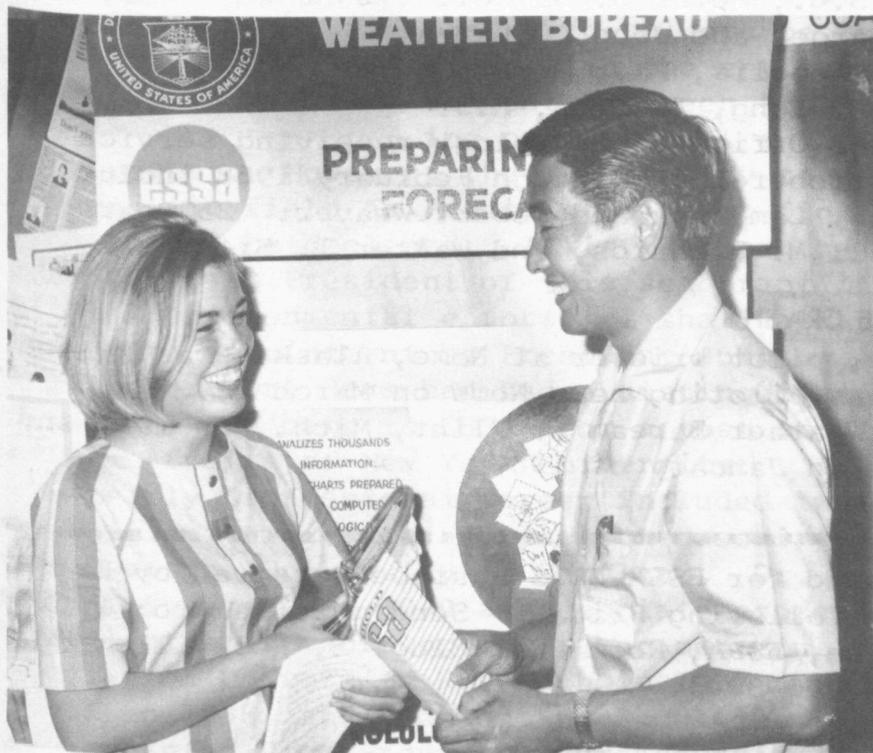
Anthony J. Goodheart, chief of the C&GS Ocean Engineering Branch, was the featured speaker at a joint meeting of the Washington Academy of Sciences and the Washington Section of the Instrument Society of America, on Mar. 21. Mr. Goodheart spoke on "Instrumentation for Oceanography."

PROPERTY SECTION MOVES

The ESSA headquarters Property and Logistics Management Section of the Procurement and Management Branch was relocated last week to Bldg. 11, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. Key staff personnel are: Jeff D. Ardoin, Section Chief, Room 3018, telephone (202) 362-7077, IDS 154-7077; Charles B. Ratcliffe, Room 3020, telephone (202) 362-7713, IDS 154-7713; and Daniel A. Grosso, Room 3028, telephone (202) 362-7703, IDS 154-7703.

GOOD FISHING IN THE POTOMAC

Hydrologists in the Washington WB River District Office are cooperating with the Petersburg, W. Va., golden trout hatchery, a facility of the state's Department of Natural Resources, in a test program aimed at putting more trout into the South Branch of the Potomac River. High water after stocking may carry the fish too far downstream, or the fish may be left high and dry when the water level drops. Several days of near-normal conditions are required for the trout to adjust to their new environment. During the March-May stocking period, the forecasters are providing a weekly outlook on the probability of precipitation over the area and, if appreciable amounts are predicted, forecasts on the likelihood of stream overflow.



ESSA AT WORK

Clarence Lee, leading forecaster at the WB Forecast Center in Honolulu, tells the ESSA story to a comely coed at the annual University of Hawaii Career Day Program. Representatives from more than 40 local businesses and Government agencies participated in the one-day event to acquaint students with the wide variety of job opportunities.

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