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SDO LAB REORGANIZED

SDO's Test and Evaluation Laboratory, headed by William E. Egger, has been reorganized, effective January 14, to provide more efficient use of personnel to meet existing and anticipated needs. New branches and their chiefs are the Engineering Experimentation and Test Branch headed by Robert E. Johnson; the Functional Experimentation and Test Branch headed by Walter E. Hoehne; the Observations and Methods Branch headed by Matthew Lefkowitz; and the Supporting Services Branch headed by Maurice H. Cummings.

SOVIET CONSULTANT TO VISIT ESSA INSTALLATIONS

Dr. V. V. Filippov of the Soviet Union, a consultant engaged by the World Meteorological Organization to study worldwide quality control techniques and procedures for meteorological data, will visit the U. S. and ESSA from Jan. 18-25. During his stay, Dr. Filippov will consult with staff members of the World Weather Systems Office and other Rockville offices, the Weather Bureau and the Environmental Data Service in Silver Spring, the National Environmental Satellite Center and National Meteorological Center at Suitland, and EDS' National Weather Records Center in Asheville, N.C.

SECOND OBSERVATORY TRANSFERRED TO ESSA

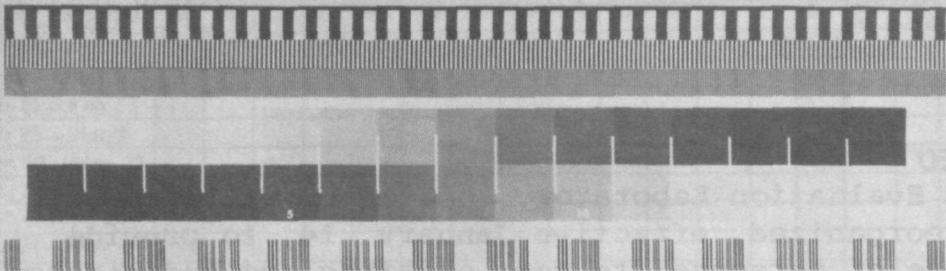
The Cumberland Plateau (Tenn.) Seismological Observatory, renamed the McMinnville Observatory, has been officially transferred to ESSA by the General Services Administration. This is the second observatory of this type, formerly operated by the Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense, to become an ESSA facility. The first was the Blue Mountains Seismological Observatory located near Baker, Oregon.

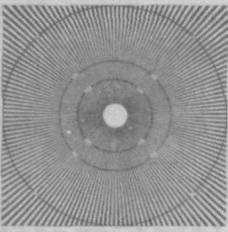
BOYER TO PRESENT CHARTING AWARDS

Capt. John O. Boyer, chief of C&GS' Marine Chart Division, will present the coveted C&GS "1967 Cooperative Charting Awards" to members of the U. S. Power Squadrons at the USPS' national convention in Miami, Fla., on Jan. 20.

THE FACE FROM SPACE

NASA/ESSA WEFAX EXPERIMENT





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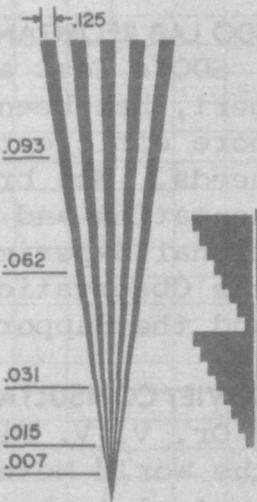
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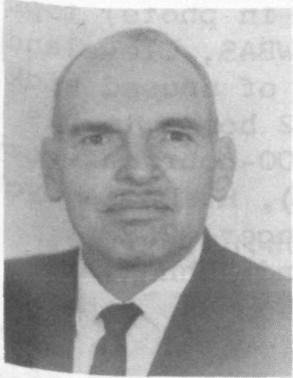


The face of Connie Payne--secretary at the National Environmental Satellite Center--is familiar throughout the United States and the Pacific since her picture was inserted in the WEFAX test chart. WEFAX is the experimental transmission of weather information via NASA's ATS spacecraft, and the test chart is transmitted daily to allow receiving stations to adjust their equipment. Connie's picture was added to the test chart on October 19, her 21st birthday. Response from a Canadian station was: "Send more like this. Name and phone number, please." Connie has worked for ESSA since November 1965 and--she's married.

THREE COMPLETE COMMERCE COURSE

Walter A. Follansbee, Nelson Seese, and William G. Sladky, all of NESAC, completed the Commerce Managerial Course, held Jan. 8-12.

L.A. FIELD OFFICE CHIEF RETIRES



Roy M. Sylar, chief of C&GS' Los Angeles Field Office, retires today after over 35 years of service with the Coast Survey. Mr. Sylar began his career with the Survey in 1931, and has had considerable experience in agency operations on the west coast. He has been in charge of surveys along the Columbia River, served in Seattle and aboard the USC&GS Ship EXPLORER in the Aleutians, worked as a cartographer on the Arctic coast of Alaska and in California, Oregon and Washington, and, prior to his appointment as chief of the Los Angeles

facility, was a program coordinator for the Coast Survey at its Washington, D.C., and Rockville, Md. headquarters. Mr. Sylar was a 1952 recipient of the Commerce Department's Meritorious Service Award.

PRICE ELECTED V.P.

Saul Price, ESSA Pacific Regional Climatologist, has been elected vice-president (program) of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Statistical Association for 1968.

MURAKAMI JOINS NESC

Dr. Takio Murakami, formerly of the Meteorological Research Institute of the Japan Meteorological Agency, recently joined the National Environmental Satellite Center as a research meteorologist.

FAMILY COVERAGE FOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Family members for Federal Employees Health Benefits purposes are the employee's spouse and unmarried children under age 22 including legally adopted children. Stepchildren and foster children are covered if they live with the employee. An unmarried child over age 22 who is incapable of self support because of a mental or physical incapacity which existed before becoming 22 is covered if the incapacity is medically documented. For further information, contact your personnel officer.

KANSAS CITY WBO GETS ON THE WELCOME WAGON

Don Whitman, WB Central Region Public Service Supervisor, has prepared a two-page brochure describing the Kansas City area climatology and the services provided by the Weather Bureau for dissemination to area newcomers by "Welcome Wagon."

Due for an income tax refund? Why not take it in Savings Bonds -- your money will grow and grow.

MONEY IN THE BANK



Raymond E. Waldman (shown in photo) tops the list of employees at WBAS, Cleveland, with more than 2000 hours of unused sick leave with a total of 2322 hours to his credit. Others in the 2000-hour category are Joseph J. Sopko (2241), H. Davis Dyck (2031), Frederick K. Oplinger (2087), Robert F. Bowes (2009), and John R. McClain (2008). In addition, nine other members of the staff have over 1000 hours. Total hours for the 15 men represent well over a quarter of a million dollars.

SERVICE AWARDS

The following WB Western Region employees were eligible for length-of-service awards during December: 30 years - William J. Allyn, Seattle. 25 years - Fermin J. Aragon, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Robert W. Beal, Salem, Oreg.; Robert M. Black, Corvallis, Oreg.; Vincent F. Callaway, Quillayute, Wash.; Carl J. Clark, Salt Lake City; George A. Fowler, Jr., Long Beach, Calif.; Daryl E. Hahn, Phoenix, Ariz.; Robert S. Ingram, Phoenix, Ariz.; Edward A. Montani, San Francisco; and Jack H. Oller, Pomona, Calif. 20 years - Kiyoto Endo, San Francisco; Bruce R. Kewley, Winnemucca, Nev.; Harold N. Wolcott, Salt Lake City.

EASTERN REGION OFFICIAL DIES

Drexell G. Plymale, chief of the WB Eastern Region's Electronics Section, died Jan. 4 in New York.

LEAVE CHART CORRECTION

George Washington's birthday holiday was shown, in error, to be on Thursday, March 7, on the Employee Leave Record-1968 (ESSA NEWS, Jan. 12). To correct your chart, the "Hol" should be written in the block for Thursday, Feb. 22, immediately above. Leave Chart was produced by and printed with permission of CENSUS BULLETIN.

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