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Dr. John W. Townsend was sworn in as ESSA Deputy Administrator in a ceremony held on July 18. Dr. Townsend (left) is shown with C. R. Smith, Secretary of Commerce.

DAVIDSON APPOINTED BOMEX DIRECTOR

Dr. Benjamin Davidson has been appointed Scientific Director for the Barbados Oceanographic and Meteorological Experiment (BOMEX) in ESSA's Office of World Weather Systems. BOMEX is a major contribution of the United States to the Global Atmospheric Research Program (GARP) and involves the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Interior, Transportation, the Atomic Energy Commission, National Science Foundation, and NASA. It is a unique example of extensive collaboration of major Federal agencies in a national research phase of the World Weather Program. Dr. Davidson began his career in 1940 as a weather observer and forecaster in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He has served as research meteorologist at the Air Force Cambridge Research Center; as a professor on the faculty of New York University; and as a consultant and advisor to government, industry, and academic institutions. Dr. Davidson received his Ph.D. degree from New York University, and is widely published in scientific journals.

NESC OFFICIALS ATTEND WASHINGTON-MOSCOW CIRCUIT CONFERENCE

Arthur W. Johnson, Deputy Director of NESC, and Robert A. Laurdille, communications manager for NESC, and other U.S. representatives met in Moscow July 9-12 with members of the U.S.S.R. Hydrometeorological Service to discuss the future uses of the Washington-Moscow circuit for the exchange of satellite data and other meteorological information.

PI PUBLISHES NEW PAMPHLETS

"The Coastline of the United States" giving general coastline and tidal shoreline figures for the conterminous United States; "The National Meteorological Center" describing the center's collection and processing, analysis, forecasting, and distribution services; and "Tornado Statistics 1953-1967" are pamphlets recently published and available for distribution. Address requests for copies to the ESSA Office of Public Information.

RUSH TO HEAD RALEIGH WEATHER OFFICE

Rue E. Rush, chief of the WB Pacific Region's Weather Analysis and Prediction Branch since 1965, has been selected meteorologist in charge of the Raleigh, N. C., WB airport station. Mr. Rush entered the Bureau in 1945 at Las Vegas, Nev., and transferred to the Pacific Region four years later. He has a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a master's degree from the University of Hawaii.

PALMER NAMED TO DROUGHT STUDY GROUP

Wayne C. Palmer of the Environmental Data Service is one of five experts recently selected by the WMO Commission for Agricultural Meteorology (CAgM) to serve as a member of the international CAgM Working Group on Assessment of Drought. The working group was created at CAgM-IV held in Manila last November. The four other members selected come from Australia, Argentina, U.S.S.R., and England.

WB DIRECTOR COMMENDED FOR FEB EFFORTS

J. W. Osmun, WB Pacific Region Director, who recently chaired the Consumer Protection Subcommittee of the Honolulu Federal Executive Board Critical Urban Problems Committee, was commended by Assistant Secretary of Commerce David R. Baldwin for his work as the initial Commerce Representative on the Honolulu FEB. The Hawaii Federal Executive Board was cited by the Civil Service Commission's Chairman John Macy for submitting a taped version of its consumer conference to an education station to be used as part of a consumer protection program.



KANGAS TO BE TENN. OBSERVATORY CHIEF

Reino Kangas has been named chief of the Coast Survey's seismological observatory near McMinnville, Tenn., replacing Leonard E. Kerry, who has been assigned to head the seismological observatory at Adak in the Aleutian Islands. Mr. Kangas has served as chief of the Adak Observatory, which he helped to establish, since 1966. Prior to that, he was assigned to the Albuquerque, N. Mex., Seismological Center. He holds a degree in mining from the Montana School of Mines.

VETERANS URGED TO UPDATE BENEFICIARY RECORDS

The Veterans Administration estimates that 6 out of 10 veterans may need to change the beneficiaries on their G. I. Life Insurance. In many cases the status of the original beneficiary is changed by marriage, divorce, or death, and the veteran neglects to make a change to a new beneficiary.

The Veterans Administration must pay the insurance to the last beneficiary designated by the veteran even though it might be to a former wife, or to a parent who no longer lives with the family.

Forms for this change may be obtained from any VA office or by writing directly to the VA insurance office where the premiums are paid.

Some veterans, discharged after August 31, 1955, may not be aware that they are eligible for current G. I. benefits with respect to education, housing, etc. The office to which insurance premium payments are made can furnish answers to specific questions raised by eligible veterans.

SYKES HONORED IN SHIPBOARD CEREMONY



John H. Sykes, Jr., chief marine engineer aboard the USC&GSS FERREL, recently received a 25-year award for his service with the Coast Survey. Chief Sykes saw duty with the USC&GS Ships HYDROGRAPHER, SCOTT, and SOSBEE before reporting aboard the USC&GSS MARMER in 1961, where he served as chief machinist mate and chief marine engineer. He became chief marine engineer of the FERREL when the MARMER was decommissioned. Shown left to right:

Mrs. Sykes, LT(j.g.) D. E. Nortrup, Chief Sykes, Chief W. H. Guy, Chief C. J. Capps, and Lt. Cdr. Ralph J. Land, FERREL commanding officer.

JOINER AWARDED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Raymond L. Joiner, digital systems advisor at EDS's National Weather Records Center, has been awarded the "Professional Certificate in Data Processing" by the Data Processing Management Association. This certificate is given only after comprehensive examination and testing of individuals with an outstanding capability in the field of data processing.

SERVICE AWARDS

The following Washington-area employees became eligible to receive length-of-service awards during the months of June and July: 30 years - Jerome Namias, Wesley Irvin, Lynn Means, David Fordham, Louis Levin, and Clifton Carroll. 25 years - Norma Landis, George Hatzenbuhler, Bronia M. Vines, C. E. Vicroy, Robert Dickson, Clarence Smith, Robert Ross, Jane Violet, Ernest Thomas, Mildred Price, Daniel Klein, William Bugbee, Philo Ruggles, Margaret Supplee, A. R. Panariello, Garnett Amburn, Dorothy Samen, Glenn Lee, Earle Frazier, Robert Jacoby, Thelma Anthony, and Sarah Gilchrist. 20 years - Donald J. Denion, Henry Taback, Eugene Taylor, Mary Skotzo, Gordon Leibold, Eldon Hughes, Clyde Duncan, Catherine H. Brooke, Hazel Marshall, Herbert Thompson, Herbert R. Lippold, Bertram Rothenberg, Marie Dryer, Clifton Price, and Manley Malphrus.

FOUR ESSA EMPLOYEES DIE

William B. Drawbaugh, meteorologist in charge of the Allentown, Pa., WB airport station since 1946, died July 11. During his career with the Weather Bureau that covered more than 42 years, Mr. Drawbaugh served at Columbia, S. C., Fairbanks, Alaska, Nashville, Tenn., and Allentown, Pa.

Edward L. Hartley died July 18 at Linden, Pa., where he was chief of a mobile Coast Survey field party. Mr. Hartley had been employed by the Coast Survey for 30 years.

John J. Lavin, meteorological technician at the WB airport station, Providence, R. I., died July 15. Mr. Lavin entered the Bureau in 1929, and had been stationed at Providence since 1951.

Robert Laub, WB meteorological technician at Sacramento, Calif., died July 17.

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