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## OSMUN DIRECTS USER AFFAIRS OFFICE



James W. Osmun, Weather Bureau Pacific Region Director since 1964, has been named Chief, User Affairs Group in ESSA's Office of Plans and Programs. Mr. Osmun began his Weather Bureau career at New York City in 1930 and progressed through various forecasting positions to become the WB's Regional Director at New York in 1956. He was appointed Director of Aviation Weather Services in Washington, D.C., in 1959, and became Deputy Chief of the Bureau later that year. A graduate of Rutgers University, he holds a master's degree in meteorology from the Massachusetts Institute

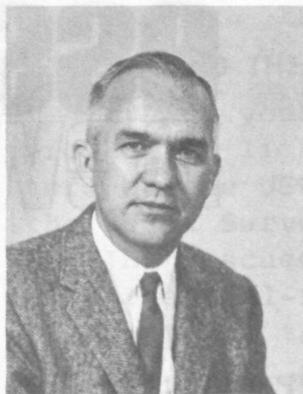
of Technology. Mr. Osmun is the author of a number of scientific publications.

## NEW COMPUTERS TO PROCESS ITOS DATA

A \$1,668,082 contract for a multi-computer digital data-handling system to process information received from the Improved TIROS Operational Satellite (ITOS) spacecraft was awarded Aug. 23 to EMR-Computer, Inc., of Minneapolis. TIROS M, the prototype of the new series, is scheduled for launch in mid-1969. The DDH system, which includes four computers, an intercomputer link, and ground telemetry equipment, will handle the increased amounts of data which will be received from the ITOS spacecraft.

## JAPAN SENDS GOODWILL GIFT TO CGS OBSERVATORY

C. Takahashi, the mayor of Mizusawa City, Japan, site of the International Latitude Observatory of Mizusawa, sent a gift of two bells to the mayor of Gaithersburg, Md., the home of the Coast and Geodetic Survey's Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory. One of the bells is to be presented to A. W. Helm, chief of the Gaithersburg Observatory. The pagoda-shaped cast iron bells, a traditional product of the Japanese city, were sent as a token of friendship and goodwill between the two cities, whose observatories belong to the International Latitude Service.



Phillips



Woodcock



Sobieralski



Houlder

### LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN GEODESY AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Captain John O. Phillips, commanding officer of the OCEANOGRAPHER, has been appointed as Coast Survey Associate Director for Geodesy and Photogrammetry, effective Dec. 1. The present Associate Director, Captain Lorin F. Woodcock, is retiring Aug. 31.

Pending Capt. Phillips' assumption of his new duties, the post will be filled by Captain V. Ralph Sobieralski, who will serve as Acting Associate Director in addition to his duties as Chief of the Photogrammetry Division. When Capt. Sobieralski retires Nov. 30, Commander Richard Houlder will become Chief of the Photogrammetry Division.

Capt. Phillips, a 25-year Coast Survey veteran, has seen extensive sea duty since he joined the agency in 1942, including assignments on 11 ESSA ships off the shores of the United States, the British West Indies, and the Philippines. Prior to taking command of the OCEANOGRAPHER, he was commanding officer of the USC&GSS PATHFINDER and before that was chief of the Geodesy Division at Coast Survey headquarters. He received the Commerce Department's Gold Medal in 1960. Capt. Phillips, a civil engineer, was graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1941.

Capt. Woodcock entered the Coast Survey in 1941. His assignments took him to nearly every section of the United States, and he sailed aboard six of the Coast Survey's ships from Alaskan waters to New Zealand and along most of the U.S. east coast. During World War II, he served four years in the Navy, leaving with the rank of lieutenant commander. Capt. Woodcock assumed the post of Associate Director in 1966. He holds a civil engineering degree from the University of California and a master's degree from Cornell University.

Capt. Sobieralski has been Chief of the Photogrammetry Division since 1966. He entered the Coast Survey in 1941 and has served aboard 10 ESSA vessels and with Coast Survey field parties. He has also served as chief of the Portland, Oreg., photogrammetric

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office and the Tampa, Fla., field office, and as commanding officer of the USC&GS Ships HYDROGRAPHER and SURVEYOR. In 1931, he received a degree in civil engineering from Syracuse University and was a civilian employee for seven years before being appointed in the commissioned corps.

Cdr. Houlder, who is now C&GS Program Planning Officer, joined the Coast Survey in 1952, following graduation from Northeastern University with a civil engineering degree. He has served as commanding officer of the USC&GS Ship LESTER JONES and aboard the BOWEN, PATHFINDER, and OCEANOGRAPHER. He attended Army Flight School in 1957; was chief of air photographic missions for four years; special assistant to the chief of the Photogrammetry Division in 1962; attended Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., in 1965; and served with the ship construction staff at Jacksonville, Fla. Prior to his present position, he attended the University of Illinois, where he received a master's degree in civil engineering.

#### **NESC TO TAKE OVER ESSA 7**

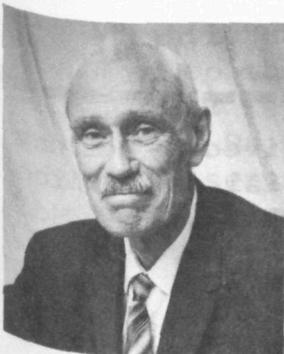
The National Environmental Satellite Center plans to assume operational control of ESSA 7 on Sept. 3. One of the spacecraft's two tape recorders is not operating, but the second recorder can serve either of the two camera systems.

#### **O.K. ANDERSON WINS BRONZE MEDAL**

O.K. Anderson, Meteorologist in Charge of the Louisville, Ky., Weather Bureau office, received the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal and a 40-year service award in a ceremony Aug. 27. Presenting the awards, Roy L. Fox, WB Central Region Director, said: "Mr. Anderson's 19-year tenure as MIC at Louisville has been marked by effective relations with community and other governmental representatives and with those of the news media, and by exceptional organizational and management talent." Mr. Anderson entered the Bureau in 1928 at Medford, Oreg., and has also served at Oakland and Burbank, Calif.; Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska; and Manila in the Philippines.

#### **ERL MAN RETIRES FROM SECOND CAREER**

Brigadier Martin Hotine, a member of the ERL earth sciences research staff, retired Aug. 16 after more than 50 years' service to the United States and British Governments. He went to work for the Coast Survey in 1963, after serving as Advisor on Surveys to the British Government for 46 years. A major scientific publication titled "Mathematical Geodesy" authored by Brigadier Hotine will be published by the Government Printing Office soon.



### WB EXECUTIVE OFFICER RETIRES

George C. Allen, Executive Officer to the Director of the Weather Bureau, is retiring Aug. 31, after 36 years of service. Mr. Allen has worked at New Orleans, Greensboro, Knoxville, Detroit, St. Louis, and Washington National Airport, and has been assigned to Bureau headquarters since 1954. He will now become a management consultant to Navigate, Inc., of Clearwater, Fla.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The mailing address of ESSA's Central Logistics Supply Center has been changed to 619 Hardesty St., Kansas City, Mo. 64124. The shipping address remains the same: Federal Building 9, 601 Hardesty, Kansas City, Mo.

### YES, IT WAS THE DAVIDSON

The rescue of a family of four from their sinking boat was mistakenly credited to the USC&GSS WHITING in the Aug. 23 ESSA NEWS. The rescue was performed by the USC&GSS DAVIDSON, commanded by Lt. Cdr. K. William Jeffers.

### SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards are due to the following WB Eastern Region employees during August: 40 years - George L. Courville, Worcester, Mass.; Arland W. Ewing, Harrisburg, Pa.; Howard S. Kenny, Columbus, Ohio. 35 years - Emmett E. Baldwin, Cincinnati, Ohio. 30 years - Paul J. Bowers, Charlotte, N. C.; John J. Halloran, Caribou, Maine; and Isabella L. Lewis, Asheville, N. C. 25 years - David H. Abrams, Garden City, N.Y.; John P. Kerrigan, Concord, N.H.; and Robert E. Pike, Boston, Mass. 20 years - Vincent J. Nunziata, Long Island, N. Y.

WB Central Region employees receiving awards this month are: 30 years - William A. Trabits, Evansville, Ind. 25 years - John D. Alyea, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Paul A. Reed, Colorado Springs, Colo.; George W. Porter, Denver, Colo.; Joseph V. Schmitz, Grand Island, Nebr.; Floyd E. Kolander, Green Bay, Wisc.; Joseph F. Audsley, Kansas City, Mo.; and Roy L. Kramer, St. Cloud, Minn.

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