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## RESEARCHER TO BE CHRISTENED



The USC&GS Ship RESEARCHER, an oceanographic survey ship capable of handling helicopters and small research submersibles and electronically equipped to probe the ocean's depths, will be christened Oct. 5 at Toledo, Ohio. Secretary of Commerce C. R. Smith will deliver the principal

address at the American Ship Building Company yard, where the vessel's keel was laid Sept. 5, 1967. Mrs. John C. Bull of Alexandria, Va., will christen the vessel, attended by Mrs. John C. Bull, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., her matron of honor. Other participants at the ceremony will be Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator; Rear Adm. Harley D. Nygren, ESSA Associate Administrator; Rear Adm. Don A. Jones, Director of the Coast Survey. When completed in 1969, the ship will bring to 15 the number of ocean survey, hydrographic survey, and wire drag ships in the ESSA fleet. The new 278-foot, 2800-ton ship is the first of a new class of full-capability, relatively compact, scientific survey platforms expressly developed by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. After completion, the RESEARCHER will engage in oceanographic surveys in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. Although her home port will be Miami, Fla., she will operate out of ESSA's Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, Va.

## ESSA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

The National Academy of Sciences - National Academy of Engineering Committee Advisory to ESSA met Sept. 26-27 at ESSA headquarters. Included in the agenda were discussions of ESSA's 1970 budget and program plans and of action taken on earlier Committee recommendations.

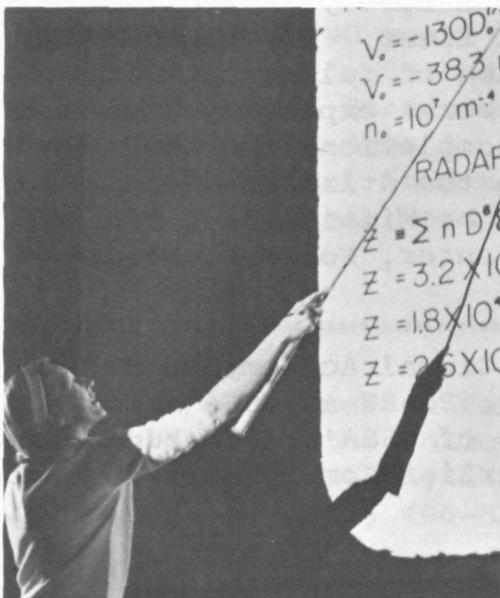


### WARREN TO HEAD OREGON WEATHER STATION

Leslie A. Warren, Jr., a 27-year Weather Bureau employee, has been selected as official in charge of the Salem, Oreg., WB airport station. Mr. Warren, who was most recently assigned at Billings, Mont., received the WB's Outstanding Performance Award in 1959. He is a second-generation Weather Bureau employee, whose father, a past Assistant Regional Director at Los Angeles and meteorologist in charge at Albuquerque, retired in 1963.

### FAIRWEATHER/RAINIER COMMISSIONING SLATED FOR OCT. 2

The USC&GSS FAIRWEATHER and RAINIER will be commissioned in a double ceremony at Seattle, Wash., Oct. 2. Principal speaker at the ceremony will be Senator Warren G. Magnuson of Washington. Others invited are Gov. Daniel J. Evans of Washington, Gov. Walter J. Hickel of Alaska, the congressional delegations from both states, and Mayor J. D. Braman of Seattle. Commerce and ESSA participants will include Under Secretary of Commerce Joseph W. Bartlett; Dr. John W. Townsend, Jr., ESSA Deputy Administrator; Rear Adm. Don A. Jones, Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey; and Rear Adm. Norman E. Taylor, Director of the Pacific Marine Center. The ships will be formally turned over to Cdr. John B. Watkins, Jr., commanding officer of the FAIRWEATHER, and Cdr. Robert E. Williams, who commands the RAINIER. The 231-foot, 1627-ton vessels, outfitted with the latest electronic, depth recording, and positioning equipment, will operate in Alaskan and west coast waters.



### WEATHER MODIFICATION DISCUSSED

Dr. Joanne Simpson, director of ERL's Experimental Meteorology Branch, Miami, Fla., is shown addressing more than 100 invited scientists at the Weather Modification Symposium held at Boulder, Colo., Sept. 18-20. Among the foreign visitors at the symposium were Prof. Tor Bergeron, Professor Emeritus of Meteorology, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden, and Dr. Y. Takahashi from the Japan Observatory.

### ZIMMERMAN APPOINTED HYDROLOGIST IN CHARGE

A. L. Zimmerman has been appointed Hydrologist in Charge of the Salt Lake City River Forecast Center. Mr. Zimmerman was previously assigned as agricultural and marine services meteorologist in the WB's Western Region headquarters. His hydrology experience has been varied and includes service as hydrologist at the Portland River Forecast Center and the Sacramento River District Office.



### FEDERAL WOMAN'S AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT

Nominations are invited for the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Ninth Annual Federal Woman's Award. Any woman employee of the Federal Government with not less than three years' continuous, full-time service who has attained a rank equivalent to GS-9 shall be eligible to receive an award based upon career service which has been characterized by outstanding ability and achievement in an executive, professional, scientific, or technical position. Additional information and nomination forms are available at your personnel office. Nominations are due in ESSA Personnel not later than Oct. 10, 1968.

### RAO AWARDED DOCTORATE

P. Krishna Rao, research meteorologist in NESC's Meteorological Satellite Laboratory since 1962, was awarded a Ph.D. in meteorology and oceanography from New York University this week. Dr. Rao, a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, is the author of a number of scientific publications.

### NEW OFFICERS GIVEN FIRST ASSIGNMENTS

Twenty-two new members of the ESSA Commissioned Corps, who were graduated Aug. 24 from the 26th Officer Training Class at the Atlantic Marine Center, have received new assignments. USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER - Lt.(j.g.) Albert J. Semtner, Jr., and Ens. Ted G. Hetu. USC&GSS DISCOVERER - Lt.(j.g.) Christopher Rojahn, Ens. Gregory R. Gillen, Ens. James P. Travers, and Ens. Douglas F. Jones. USC&GSS SURVEYOR - Ens. Charles R. Condon and Ens. Davis S. Morgan. USC&GSS PATHFINDER - Lt.(j.g.) Robert J. Barday, Ens. Richard D. Olson, Ens. Kenneth E. Lily, Jr., and Ens. Michael Kawka. USC&GSS DAVIDSON - Ens. Bruce W. Fisher, Ens. Glenn H. Endrud, and Ens. Gordon F. Tornberg. USC&GSS McARTHUR - Ens. Robert C. Husted, Jr., and Ens. John C. Albright. USC&GSS MT MITCHELL - Lt.(j.g.) Victor Delnore, Jr., and Ens. Richard S. Moody, Jr. USC&GSS PEIRCE - Ens. John H. Snooks. USC&GSS WHITING - Ens. Gerald J. Cinpinski. USC&GSS FERRELL - Ens. Michael J. Moorman.

### YOC'S SAY "THANK YOU"

Seventeen Washington, D. C., high school students, employed by the Commerce Department during the summer as part of the Youth Opportunity Campaign (YOC), sent a thank-you note to their chiefs and supervisors after completing their two-month period of employment. The students, who worked for the Coast Survey's Office of Aeronautical Charting and Cartography at the Main Commerce Building, Coast Survey headquarters, and the Gramax Building, expressed their appreciation "for your cooperation in helping us to have a successful summer," and for "your patience." The YOCs added, "most of us realize that the experience we had here will help us in future years." The note was signed by Leotis Hall, Linwood H. Howard, Howard Avery, Harvey Avery, James Goodwin, Ronald L. People, Clayton Powell, Veldene Walton, Cheryl Bush, Helen Watkins, Glenn Foster, Joseph Cannady, Delano Bennett, Christopher Davis, Victor Gould, Gary Dennis, and Paula Coleman, YOC Coordinator.

### SERVICE AWARDS

Employees in EDS' National Weather Records Center, Asheville, N. C., who were recently presented length-of-service awards are: 25 years - Pherne P. Anderson, Edith D. Alexander, and Eula W. Watson. 20 years - Lucille T. Gamache.

WB Southern Region employees eligible to receive length-of-service awards during September are: 40 years - Hoye S. Dunham, Fort Worth, Tex. 35 years - Henry A. Mooney, Midland, Tex., and Stephen Lichtblau, New Orleans, La. 30 years - James L. Ripps, Fort Worth, Tex., and George C. Martin, Little Rock, Ark. 25 years - Arthur N. Doubledee, Fort Worth, Tex.; Jack A. Phillips, Chattanooga, Tenn.; James H. Harmon, Jr., Fort Worth Tex.; Lewis C. Norton, Fort Worth, Tex.; Robert E. Rudduck, Fort Worth, Tex.; Irvin E. Ellis, Dallas, Tex.; Lester L. Benson, Fort Myers, Fla.; John H. Chenevert, Miami, Fla.; Henry S. Williams, Miami, Fla.; Richard S. Schrag, San Antonio, Tex.; and Addie E. Holcomb, Tulsa, Okla. 20 years - Fred O. Robinson, Houston, Tex.; Paul H. Hagerty, Macon, Ga.; Eula A. Depuy, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Robert R. Hill, Tampa, Fla.

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