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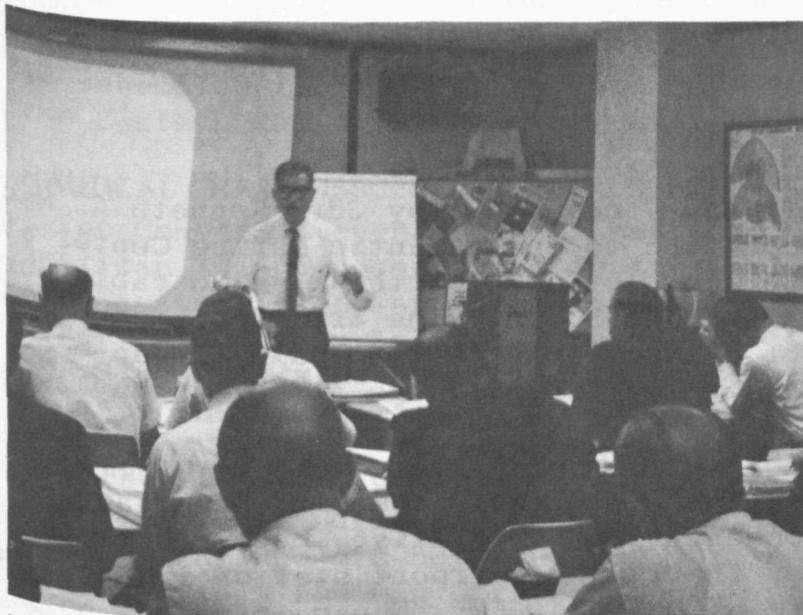
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DERYCKE TO COMMAND FERREL

Lt. Richard J. DeRycke has been named commanding officer of the USC&GS Ship FERREL, which was commissioned earlier this year. Lt. DeRycke has been with the Coast Survey since 1962, when he joined the Commissioned Corps following graduation from the State University of New York Maritime College. In succeeding years, he served at the Atlantic Marine Center in Norfolk, as junior officer aboard the USC&GSS PEIRCE, and on the staff of the Office of Hydrography and Oceanography at Coast Survey headquarters. The FERREL is presently conducting a tidal current survey in Louisiana waters and is expected to return to her home port at Norfolk in November.

EASTERN REGION HOSTS AIR POLLUTION CLASS



The Weather Bureau Eastern Region and the National Air Pollution Control Administration co-sponsored a five-day course in "Diffusion of Air Pollution - Theory and Application" at Eastern Region headquarters, Sept. 30 - Oct. 4. Twenty representatives from current or proposed Weather Forecast Offices and other stations in the Eastern Region attended. Participants included: Guy Anderson, Mason Bennis,

David Bishop, John Clark, Alvin Cote, Herbert Groper, Kenneth Hagy, Eugene Hoover, Eugene Kilgore, Benjamin Kolker, Stanley Krowka, Harry Mansfield, Robert Nolan, Fred Oplinger, John Rimkunas, Hurtis Smith, George Stephenson, Burton Sylvern, Elmer Travers, and Raymond Wrightson. In photo, Dr. Herman Newstein of the Drexel Institute of Technology, Phila., Pa., addresses trainees.



REECE NAMED WB SPECIAL ASSISTANT

Robert H. Reece has been named Special Assistant to the Weather Bureau's Director of Executive and Technical Services, replacing George C. Allen who retired recently. Mr. Reece, a 20-year Weather Bureau veteran, previously served at Salt Lake City; Pomona, Calif.; Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., and Albuquerque.

WORKING GROUPS VISIT BOULDER

The ESSA Research Laboratories, the National Bureau of Standards, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., were visited by two working groups of the Inter-Range Instrumentation Group (IRIG), Oct. 16-18. The working groups meet semi-annually to exchange information between the U.S. test ranges, coordinate technical matters, promote joint planning and procurement, and bring other government personnel with common interests into contact with range staffs. ESSA participants included Walter E. Johnson, deputy director of the Tropospheric Telecommunications Laboratory, who served as local host, and Harris B. Janes, ESSA representative on the electromagnetic propagation group.

MT MITCHELL HEADS FOR HOME

The USC&GS Ship MT MITCHELL, commanded by Cdr. Kenneth A. MacDonald, is scheduled to return to the Atlantic Marine Center at Norfolk on Oct. 19, after completing a North Atlantic cable survey voyage between Rhode Island and Spain. The trip included a special eight-day survey of bottom currents off Spain and an open house at the New York State Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, N.Y.

NUNAN TAKES CHARGE OF TRUK WEATHER STATION



Jack R. Nunan, WB Pacific Region headquarters marine observations specialist, became official in charge of the Truk WB airport station in the Trust Territory on Oct. 14. Mr. Nunan, a former Navy weatherman, entered the Bureau in 1951 at Hilo, Hawaii. He left the Bureau in 1952 and returned in 1955 to serve tours of duty at Wake Island and on ships of the Pacific Weather Project. He began work as the Pacific Marine Observations Specialist in Honolulu in 1962.



MISS SIMMONS WINS ASHEVILLE AWARD

Anna Lee Simmons, chief of the Filmed Data Unit at EDS's National Weather Records Center, has been selected as the outstanding handicapped Government employee of the year in the greater Asheville, N. C., area by the Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Miss Simmons has ably performed her duties in spite of severe rheumatoid arthritis in her hands and feet.

ESSA 3 CEASES OPERATION

ESSA 3, launched Oct. 2, 1966, lost its remaining camera on Oct. 9, after two years and one week of photographing the earth's cloud cover. ESSA 3 was the first operational satellite equipped with Advanced Vidicon Camera System units, and the first to be placed in the 750-nautical-mile orbit designed for the TIROS Operational Satellite system.

CONFERENCE SET FOR WB REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The Weather Bureau Regional Directors' Conference is tentatively scheduled for October 30 through November 1. The Director of the Eastern Region at New York will be host.

NAUTICAL CHARTS ISSUED FOR FIVE U.S. POSSESSIONS

The Coast Survey has issued nautical charts for five small American Island possessions in the Caribbean and Pacific. They are Navassa Island and Swan Island, both inhabited, and Howland, Baker, and Jarvis Islands in the mid-Pacific near the Equator. The Survey is also preparing similar charts for Wake and Palmyra Islands in the Pacific.

NHC PROVIDES VITAL STATISTICS

The National Hurricane Center in Miami recently had an inquiry from a lady who did not know the year and day of her birth, but did know that she was born during the passage of a hurricane many years ago. Using the information she provided, the Center staff narrowed the year and day down to only one likely possibility. Since the inquiry preceded her newly established birthday by one week, the staff sent her a birthday card, perhaps the first she ever received.



KETTERING RETIRES

Claude A. Kettering, project engineer in the Engineering Division, Weather Bureau headquarters since 1945, retired in August after 27 years of Federal service. Mr. Kettering entered the Weather Bureau as an observer in 1941 at Brownsville, Tex. From 1943 to 1945, he was Chief Radiosonde Inspector at Baltimore, Md. Projects developed under his supervision include the AMOS-III, AMOS-V, and the VHF-FM Continuous Broadcast Weather Warning System. Mr. Kettering served as Acting Chief of the Engineering Division.

EDS PUBLISHES U.S. ATLAS

The Environmental Data Service recently published "Climatic Atlas of the United States" containing 271 maps and 15 tables. The 22 x 16-inch atlas shows the national distribution of average or extreme values of temperature, precipitation, wind, barometric pressure, relative humidity, dew point, sunshine, sky cover, heating degree days, solar radiation, and evaporation for U.S. cities, resort areas, states, and regions. ESSA distribution is now in progress. Additional copies may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at \$4.25 each.

SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards will be presented to the following WB Southern Region employees during October: 35 years - Thomas C. Wilson, Dallas, Tex., and Roger G. Plaster, Jacksonville, Fla.; 30 years - J. Lloyd Branson, Bristol, Tenn. 25 years - Earnest C. Wells, Atlanta, Ga.; Robert S. Shearston, Jacksonville, Fla.; Sara M. Grimes, Miami; Philip W. Ackerman, Miami; Don R. Jett, El Paso, Tex.; Leland M. Francis, Tampa, Fla.; and William R. Wright, Chattanooga, Tenn. 20 years - Thomas L. Kirkpatrick, Galveston, Tex.

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