



Left to right: L. A. McGann, Dr. Cressman, P. P. Starke, Jr., M. M. Wagner, Dr. White, W. A. Kuncis, R. H. Gelhard, and R. Adm. Jones.

FIVE ESSA EMPLOYEES AWARDED BRONZE MEDALS

Five Washington-area ESSA employees were awarded Department of Commerce Bronze Medals on Dec. 10. Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, presented the awards assisted by Dr. George P. Cressman, Director, Weather Bureau, and Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

The five ESSA employees receiving the awards were:

- Robert H. Gelhard, NMC Extended Forecast Division, Weather Bureau, in recognition of outstanding performance in support of long-range weather forecasting.
- Willard A. Kuncis, Photogrammetry Division, Coast Survey, for extremely competent performance in furthering the Coast Survey's Airport Obstruction Program.
- Myrtle M. Wagner, NMC Extended Forecast Division, Weather Bureau, in recognition of superior and exemplary performance in support of long-range weather forecasting.
- Leonard A. McGann, Marine Chart Division, Coast Survey, for extremely competent performance in the quality control and production of nautical charts.
- Parke P. Starke, Jr., Data Acquisition Division, Weather Bureau, for perseverance and superior performance in support of the Weather Bureau's solar radiation program.

APPLY NOW FOR UNIVERSITY ASSIGNMENTS

The Office of the ESSA Assistant Administrator for Administration and Technical Services has announced that applications are being accepted for full-time university assignments, beginning in the fall of 1969, at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Applications must be made on ESSA Form 53-1 "Request for Training" and submitted through appropriate channels according to the following schedule:

Weather Bureau field personnel must submit their requests to the servicing personnel offices before Dec. 31, 1968. Regional offices must forward their approved requests to WB headquarters (W5) by Jan. 13, 1969. WB headquarters personnel must submit their requests, through channels, to W5 before Dec. 31, 1968.

Coast Survey field personnel must submit their requests to the servicing personnel office before Dec. 31, 1968. Marine Centers and the Kansas City Field Office must forward the approved requests to Coast Survey headquarters (C5) by Jan. 13, 1969. Coast Survey headquarters personnel must submit their requests, through channels, to C5 before Dec. 31, 1968.

All other major line components and ESSA headquarters personnel must observe the Jan. 13, 1969, deadline.

Those who are selected will receive travel and per diem allowances in addition to salary, tuition, books, and related fees. Upon final approval by the Chairman, ESSA Education and Training Committee, each successful candidate will be required to complete Form CD 67, Continued Service Agreement. Details concerning this form may be obtained from the employee's servicing personnel office.

TORNADO PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE HELD

A tornado preparedness conference was held Dec. 10 and 11 at Weather Bureau headquarters, to review 1968 activities and discuss plans for 1969. Field participants were Gerald Shak and John Mayer, Eastern Region; Carl Reber and Charles Carpenter, Southern Region; and Laurence Shaffer, Central Region.

CHESAPEAKE BAY ENTRANCE INVESTIGATED

A four-man Coast Survey photogrammetric field party, headed by Joseph K. Wilson, has launched an investigation of more than 200 navigational landmarks and offshore lights at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay. The project, which began in October, is being conducted along the Virginia shore between Cape Henry and the entrance to the York River to assist mariners in navigating these waters en route to such ports as Norfolk, Newport News, and Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; and Annapolis and Baltimore, Md.

JEAN APPOINTED TO ERL ENGINEERING POST



A. Glenn Jean, Jr., former chief of an ERL research section involved in monitoring natural and manmade disturbances of the ionosphere, has been appointed assistant director for engineering at the Space Disturbances Laboratory. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Mr. Jean served in the Army during World War II and taught at Vanderbilt until he joined the Department of Commerce in 1948. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Research Society of America, and Commission 3 of the U.S. Na-

tional Committee, International Scientific Radio Union. Mr. Jean received the Department of Commerce Silver Medal for meritorious service in 1959.

ALASKAN NAUTICAL CHARTS ISSUED

Twenty-nine nautical charts of Alaska's Arctic Coast have been issued by the Coast Survey. The area covered includes the remote coastal area extending from Point Hope east to the Canadian border. The large-scale charts are based on topographic and hydrographic surveys made by the Coast Survey from 1945-53 and 1961-62 and are expected to assist in the development of the state's mining and petroleum industries in the charted area.

ESSA ADMINISTRATOR ACCEPTS ANTARCTIC FLAG



Dr. William O. Davis, Chief of the Plans and Requirements Division, presents an American flag flown over the South Pole to Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator. The flag, given to Dr. Davis for Dr. White by Stanley Massey, meteorological technician at the Pole during the FY'68

winter season, can properly be said to have been flown over ESSA's southernmost station--Amundsen-Scott Station. Witnessing the Dec. 5 presentation were Dr. F. W. Reichelderfer (third from right), former Chief of the Weather Bureau, and ESSA Antarctic alumni John A. Mirabito, Morton J. Rubin, and Gordon D. Cartwright, Science Officer, U.S. Mission, Geneva, Switzerland.



Pictured are ESSA's Central Regional State Climatologists and headquarters and regional officials at a meeting held at the University of Nebraska during November. Left to right, first row: G. L. Barger, W. L. Dermark, K. R. Johannessen, W. L. Palmer. Second row: J. W. Berry, R. L. Fox, and R. E. Myers. Third row: E. Kuehnst, L. A. Joos, H. B. Harshbarger, and N. B. Strommen. Fourth row: J. D. Alyea, H. E. Rosendal, and P. J. Waite. Fifth row: R. E. Jensen, L. A. Schaal, W. Spuhler, and Merle Brown. Top: J. D. McQuigg

OLIVER AND ANDERSON CONDUCT WMO WORKSHOPS

Vincent J. Oliver and Ralph K. Anderson of the National Environmental Satellite Center conducted workshop sessions during the World Meteorological Organization's seminar on the interpretation of meteorological satellite data, held in Melbourne, Australia, from Nov. 25 to Dec. 6.

TWO RETIRE

Mrs. Floy Taylor, meteorological technician in the Environmental Data Service's National Weather Records Center, Asheville, N.C., retired Nov. 29 after 25 years of Federal service. Mrs. Taylor transferred to the NWRC from the General Accounting Office in 1958.

John F. Wall, meteorologist at the Richmond, Va., Weather Bureau airport station, retired Nov. 30. Mr. Wall was with the old Richmond Weather Bureau office from 1933 until 1935. He joined the staff at Byrd airport in 1963.

LYNN DIES IN W. VA.

Lyman D. Lynn, retired chief of the Coast Survey's Map Information Section, died Dec. 4 at Hinton, W. Va. Mr. Lynn retired in 1964 after 30 years of service with the Federal government.

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