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ESSA Cosponsors Conference

ESSA and the Drexel Institute of Technology cosponsored a conference on "The Challenge of Our Physical Environment," in Philadelphia on Mar. 19. ESSA participants were: Dr. William O. Davis, Chief, Plans and Requirements Division; Robert B. Wassall, meteorologist in charge, WBAS, Phila.; E. W. Kendall, Data Processing and Analysis Division, NES; Max C. McLean, C&GS; and Wendell V. Mickey, Chief, Vibrations and Engineering Projects Branch, C&GS.

Regional Hydrologist Named



John P. McCallister assumed the duties of Regional Hydrologist at the WB's Southern Region headquarters, Fort Worth, Mar. 17. Mr. McCallister entered the Bureau at the Atlanta Regional Office in 1946 after completing four years of military service. In 1950 he moved to the River Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., as principal assistant, and remained there until his transfer to Fort Worth as Hydrologist in Charge.

C&GS Officials To Convene

A conference of Coast Survey Field and Marine Center Directors will be held at Coast Survey headquarters the week of April 20 in order to brief the Director of the Coast Survey on their office and field operations. A similar conference was held last year.

DISCOVERER Is Subject of Book

A book on the USC&GS Ship DISCOVERER, titled Science Ship, A Voyage Aboard the DISCOVERER, is being published April 14 by Simon and Schuster. The author of the book is Peter Briggs.

Overtime Pay Directive Revised

For the purpose of clarifying and updating ESSA's policy on overtime compensation for employees whose salary is above GS-10 maximum, Section 6.03 of Circular 67-1 has been revised effective April 1 as follows:

ESSA General Schedule employees whose pay is above the maximum rate of compensation for a GS-10 normally will be paid for irregular or occasional overtime performed when working round-the-clock or continuous cover shifts, shifts which involve real-time operational requirements, and in assignments which are closely related to or are dependent upon other organizations. This would include supervisors who are required to stand operational shifts because of emergencies or staff shortages.

Under the law and pursuant to Department Order, authorizing officials may provide that employees be compensated with an equivalent amount of compensatory time off from their tour of duty in lieu of overtime payment. In making this determination, it is expected that authorizing officials will exercise prudence and good judgment and make every reasonable effort to observe the interests both of the government and the employee involved. Generally speaking, compensatory time off is appropriate:

1. When the employee requests it and it appears there will be reasonable opportunity for him to take the time off within six pay periods (or 13 pay periods if his post of duty is Alaska, Hawaii, or other location outside the contiguous U.S.).

2. When the employee occupies a supervisory or non-operating assignment and is in a position to exercise some control over his duty schedule.

Employees working regularly scheduled overtime, as contrasted to irregular or occasional overtime, must be authorized overtime payment, not compensatory time off, unless compensatory time off is voluntarily requested by the employee.

Forestry Meteorologists Meet



Forestry meteorologists from the WB Southern Region met in Jackson, Miss., this month to study forecast improvement techniques. Seated, left to right: Paul Hagerty, Macon; Dick Ogden, Fort Smith; Roger Smith, Shreveport; Jeter Pruet, SRH. Standing, Dick Mitchem, Montgomery; Charles Prescott, Tallahassee; Tommy Trimble, Ft. Worth; Al Huber, Nashville; Rollo Davis, Jackson; and Jack Riley, SRH.

Survey Party Honored

Coast Survey's Geodetic Party G-18 is the winner of the Karo Plaque for 1968 "for outstanding contributions to science and engineering in alignment surveys to near-laboratory precision in support of the High-Speed Test Facility at the Holloman AFB, New Mexico." The Party personnel, headed by Lt. John B. Jones, III, adhered to complex and unique specifications and precisely surveyed a straight line over 35,000 feet in length, obtaining the maximum accuracy by economical methods. The award, named for Vice Adm. H. Arnold Karo, USESSA retired, former Director of the Coast Survey and Deputy Director of ESSA, and a past president of the Society of American Military Engineers, is offered annually by the Society to the C&GS field unit that has made an outstanding contribution to the engineering and scientific field. Personnel attached to the party were: Lt. John B. Jones, III, Lowell D. Fair, Jacob C. Messing, George E. Nelson, Jerry A. Odum, Graham W. Smoot, Gordon E. Vaughan, John L. Alford, David J. Bell, Jimmie N. Bradley, A. Wayne Danley, Michael K. Fowler, John D. Geubelle, Edward B. Kelly, Harley D. McKinney, John W. Meyer, Ralph Pekinpaugh, Arlo N. Potter, Hubert Sulfridge, and Vernon Wilson.

Launch Personnel Commended

The personnel of the Coast Survey's Launch 1257 and associated personnel of the USC&GS Ship WHITING, who worked together on a project last year in Long Island Sound, have been commended by Rear Adm. Don A. Jones, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, for their work in the development of high-speed automated hydrographic surveys. WHITING and Launch 1257 personnel were: Lt. Jeffrey G. Carlen, Lt(j.g.) Richard Dowd, Lt(j.g.) Kenneth G. Markve, Ens. Clarence W. Tignor, Ens. Gerald J. Cinpinski, Chief Electronics Technician Max E. Weisgerber, Chief Survey Technician Wilbur A. Hill, Chief Bos'n Mate Robert J. Haynes, Chief Engineer Stephen R. Marson, Oiler Allen C. Hill, and Bos'n Mate Elias O. Ramos. Lt(j.g.) Melvin S. Asato of the Office of Systems Development, and Paul E. Klatt of the Ship Construction Group were also commended for their outstanding contribution to the mission.

Baker Named Winslow OIC



Richard S. Baker has been named official in charge at the Weather Bureau's Winslow, Ariz., office. Mr. Baker attended Pennsylvania State College, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. His WB assignments have included stations on

Yap and Truk, islands in the Pacific Trust Territory, at Grand Cayman Island of the British West Indies, and Soskatupu, Panama, on the Panama Interoceanic Canal Project. Most recently, he was assigned to the Reno, Nev., WB office.

Snow Load Standards Studied

H.C.S. Thom, Senior Research Fellow, EDS, and chairman of the U.S.A. Standards Institute Committee for Preparation of U.S. Standards for Wind and Snow Loads, is undertaking development of Snow Load Design Standards for Buildings. The standards presently in use are out-of-date and do not take into consideration extremely heavy snow accumulations on roofs.

Marine Engineers Win Recognition



Rear Admiral Don A. Jones, Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, signs a negotiated Labor-Management Agreement with the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, as B. H. Winstock, MEBA National Representative, looks on. MEBA has exclusive recognition rights for a unit comprised of all C&GS employees assigned to marine engineering positions normally requiring a license. Guy H. Dorsey, ESSA Personnel Officer, and J. M. Calhoun, president of MEBA, also signed the document. Pictured at the March 6 ceremony are R. Admiral Jones (seated). Standing are, left to right: Capt. S. L. Hollis, Jr., T. Simpkins, G. H. Dorsey, B. O. Hull, B. H. Winstock, Capt. R. C. Darling, J. H. Ralston, and I. C. Glass.

Study Assignments Announced

The ESSA Education and Training Committee has selected 66 employees for full-time university assignments during fiscal year 1970. Office of Administration and Technical Services - Roy J. Hendricks, Michael W. Page, Richard A. Foster, George H. Cooper, James P. Condaxis, James E. Squier, and James T. Vandegrift. WB - John C. Monro, Clifford H. Dey, Boyd P. White, Keith W. Johnson, Charles L. Roberts, Jr., Ronald M. Reap, Douglas R. Greene, Thomas A. Carey, Glenn H. Trapp, Eloy C. Balke, Charles E. Orwig, David T. Williams, Thomas G. Swift, William C. Melendy, George A. Quereau, Roger V. Smith, James W. Gilreath, James C. Coleman, Frank W. Pierce, Jr., Jerry D. Hill, Francis J. Schmidlin, Thomas J. Bowers, Fred L. Zuckerberg, Espriela Sarreals, Jr., and Alvin N. Cote. C&GS - David M. Perkins, James E. O'Donnell, Leroy W. Pankratz, Samuel T. Harding, Robert L. Rothman, Jimmie L. David, William J. Golder, Lewis J. Gulick, David M. Dresel, Gary M. Young, and Roger W. Sherburne. ERL - George A. Berberian, Dale

B. Bucknam, C. B. Emmanuel, James F. Hohlitz, Walter D. Komhyr, Layne T. Livingston, Howard J. Mason, Jr., James L. McElroy, Rudolph G. Peterson, Benjamin F. Remington, Jr., Frank White Smith, Robert W. Reeves, Wilfred S. Stevenson. NESC - Marcus B. Shellman, Faris J. Kahwajy, Joseph J. Fortuna, and James E. Wydick, Jr. EDS - Allen J. Wallace, Jr., Nathaniel B. Guttman, and William A. Brower, Jr. ESSA Commissioned Corps - Lt. Phillip C. Johnson, Lt(j.g.) John T. Atwell, and Lt. Otto P. Steffin.

Kuhn Logs 300th Flight Hour

Dr. Peter M. Kuhn, radiation scientist in ERL's Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry Laboratory, recently completed extensive measurements of water vapor from a high-altitude aircraft. On this latest of his continuing high-altitude radiation studies, Dr. Kuhn completed his 300th flight hour as a visiting scientist aboard the 990 Convair jet aircraft operated by NASA's Ames Research Center.

Severe Storms Seminar Held



Attending the WB Southern Region Severe Storms and Technical Seminar, Mar. 12-14, were: Front row -- Samuel C. Davis, Macon; Donald B. Munro, Jackson; H. S. McGrail, Port Arthur; Glenn Stallard, Memphis; William O. Garrison, Tulsa; David Benton, Galveston; R. E. Helbush, Ft. Worth; Clyde Conner, New Orleans; Charles R. Gray, Meridian; Michael S. Scott, Dallas; Raymond C. Crooks, Oklahoma City; Louis E. Richardson, Jr.; Fort Worth. Back row -- Rodrigo V. Gonzales, San Antonio; Clem D. Richardson, Jr., Waco; William F. Frank, Baton Rouge; Ray R. Casada, Chattanooga; Joe D. Worrell, Lake Charles; Russell P. Mozeney, Corpus Christi; Roy A. Dahl, Shreveport; C. C. Wooden, Montgomery; Charles F. Bradley, Birmingham; I. E. Medford, Houston; Willard L. Broussard, Savannah; Robert C. Richey, Little Rock; Samuel O. Grimm, Jr., WBH; Joe Galway, Kansas City; Baker B. Williams, Huntsville.

Capt. Paulson Retires



Capt. Marvin T. Paulson, chief of the WB Western Region's Administration and Technical Services Division, will retire Mar. 31 after more than 30 years of Federal service. Capt. Paulson was employed with the Coast Survey for approximately three years before becoming a member of the commissioned corps. Subsequently he served on six Coast Survey vessels, with numerous survey parties, and as chief of the Coast Survey's Nautical Chart Division. Following the formation of ESSA in 1965, Capt. Paulson was assigned to his present Weather Bureau management position, where he demonstrated the diversified talents of the commissioned corps.

McInturff Presents Paper

Raymond M. McInturff, research meteorologist in NMC's Upper Air Branch, presented a paper titled "Atmospheric Circulation at Proposed SST Flight Levels," at the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute's Upper Atmosphere Symposium held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Mar. 3. The theme of the symposium was "The Usable Atmosphere."

Service Awards

The following WB Western Region employees were eligible to receive length-of-service awards during March: 30 years - Joseph A. Schlieski, Salem, Oreg.; and Frank W. Ernst, Los Angeles. 25 years - Harold S. Ayer, Portland, Oreg. 20 years - Wade English, Mt. Shasta, Calif; Robert A. Hadler and Arthur C. Nahmmacher, San Francisco.

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