

ESSA Anniversary Observances Planned Throughout Nation

ESSA will observe its fourth anniversary during the week of July 7-13, and the public will be invited to attend open houses at a wide range of agency installations throughout the Nation and its possessions. The open houses will provide an opportunity for the public to view the work of the agency's five major components -- the Weather Bureau, Coast and Geodetic Survey, National Environmental Satellite Center, Research Laboratories, and Environmental Data Service. The World Weather Center at Suitland, Md., will welcome visitors on July 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Boulder Laboratories will conduct tours during the week with a children's art show as an added feature. Observatories at Honolulu, McMinnville, Tenn., Palmer and Sitka, Alaska, including ESSA ships, offices, and centers have all arranged some form of observance.

Air Pollution Program Inaugurated in New York

The low-level sounding program, in support of the Weather Bureau's Air Pollution Program, was officially inaugurated at the Marine Terminal Building, LaGuardia Field, New York, on June 17. Karl R. Johannessen, Associate Director, Meteorological Operations, and Burton H. Kirschner, Air Pollution Meteorologist, WBH, participated in the dedication ceremonies.

Alderman Named DISCOVERER Exec

Commander Richard E. Alderman, commissioned officer in ESSA's Office of International Affairs since 1966, has been appointed Executive Officer of the USC&GS Ship DISCOVERER. A 1958 graduate of the University of Connecticut, Cdr. Alderman will assume his new duties in September.

Drs. Tribus and White Given First SIRS Data



(Left to right) Dr. Tribus, Dr. White, Mr. Hilleary and Dr. Wark.

Dr. Myron Tribus, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology; Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator; and Harry Press, Project Manager, Nimbus Project, NASA, received framed replicas of the first temperature soundings from the Satellite Infrared Spectrometer (SIRS) in a ceremony held at Andrews Air Force Base on June 18. SIRS--developed by Dr. David P. Wark, NESC Chief Experimenter, and Don T. Hilleary, Co-Experimenter--has been successfully tested on NASA's Nimbus III. Accepting the plaque on behalf of Mr. Press was Dr. Rudolph Hanel, NASA.

Commerce Study Group Assesses Weather Bureau Field Operations

The Department of Commerce has appointed a study group to review staffing at Weather Bureau field stations. Study group members are James P. Bohart, CSC; David M. Harrington, DOC; and General Norman L. Peterson, ESSA Consultant.

Regional Upper-Air Specialists Meet

A conference of Regional Upper Air Specialists was held at Weather Bureau headquarters, June 9-20. In addition to a one-week training session in the use of the time-shared computers for upper air observations, the specialists visited the National Weather Records Center and companies supplying upper air equipment. Attending the conference were: William I. Pogerman, Eastern Region; Paul E. Hammett and Howard J. Anderson, Central Region; David R. Lamb, Western Region; Bob J. Stringer, Southern Region; J. P. Baker, Alaska Region; James J. Cobb, Pacific Region; Marvin Shore and Dwaine Hilliard, Salem, Ill.; and Mortimer Buchwald, NWRC, Asheville, N. C. Weather Bureau headquarters participants included LeRoy S. Nordahl and Burton D. Goldenberg, DATAC Division; and H. Dean Parry, Systems Development Office.

U.S. Oceanographers Complete Pacific Basin Investigation

A two-month investigation of three major underwater features of the North Central Pacific basin has been completed by American scientists aboard the USC&GS Ship SURVEYOR. The three features are a newly discovered trough, for which the name "Emperor Trough" will be proposed; the Chinook Trough; and the Rat Island Fracture Zone(s). Troughs are giant declivities in the ocean floor; fracture zones are long bands where the sea bottom appears to be broken. The purpose of the study was to determine the inter-relationship of the underwater features and also their relationship with the linear magnetic anomalies found in the area. The scientific party on the project consisted of Barrett H. Erickson, chief scientist, Frederick P. Naugler and William H. Lucas, all of the Pacific Oceanographic Research Laboratory, and Thomas E. Chase of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at La Jolla, Calif. Capt. Eugene W. Richards is the SURVEYOR's commanding officer.

Forecasting Responsibility Shifts

In a meeting held at the Albany Weather Bureau office, plans were discussed to transfer the forecasting responsibility for Vermont zones to WBO, Albany, and the zones for the State of Maine to WBFO Boston.

ERL Scientists Report on Distance Measuring Device

Dr. James C. Owens and Kenneth Earnshaw of ERL's Wave Propagation Laboratory reported on the use of a dual signal measuring device to correct atmospheric distortion of electromagnetic signals at a conference on distance measuring held in Boulder, Colo., June 23-27. The conference was cosponsored by the American Geophysical Union and ESSA in cooperation with the International Association of Geodesy. American participants represented ERL, C&GS, NASA, the U.S. Army Topographic Command, the Smithsonian Institution, John Hopkins University, and the University of Washington. Scientists from 20 countries attended the conference.

ESSA Personnel Leave Alto Curiche

The Weather Bureau ceased operation of the Canal Project station at Alto Curiche in northwestern Colombia on June 10. Alto Curiche was the last of four stations manned by Bureau personnel in support of investigations of the needs, possible routes, excavation methods, and other aspects of a new isthmian canal. The Colombian Meteorological Service is continuing operation of the station. The Canal Project stations at Loma Teguerre, Colombia, and at Soskatupu and Pidiaque, Panama, were closed earlier. All ESSA personnel working on this data collection program, which was carried out by the Weather Bureau and the ESSA Research Laboratories, have returned to the United States for reassignment.

Oahu Island Survey Progresses

The first major survey of elevations in over 40 years is now underway along principal highways in Oahu Island, Hawaii. The purpose of the four-month task, known as a leveling survey, is to resurvey the original route of the leveling network, which extends along the island's coastal highways and across the island from Honolulu to Nuuanu Pali and from Waipahu to Haleiwa.

High-Speed Launch Aids Long Island Survey

The Long Island Sound Hydrographic survey, which began in 1966, will be speeded by the use of a high-speed launch. The survey will resume this month and continue through October. The project is assigned to the USC&GS Ship WHITING.

Valli, Weather Bureau Meteorologist, Cited For Plant Disease Research

V. J. Valli, meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau's Agricultural Service Office at Kearneysville, Va., has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for distinguished service in agrometeorological research.

The award was presented by the Dictionary of International Biography in recognition of Mr. Valli's research contributions in the field of weather and plant disease control and in prediction of plant growth and maturity. Mr. Valli, a 27-year Bureau employee, has held assignments at Maine, New York, Connecticut, and Washington, D. C.

ESSA at Work



Estelle Sligh, technician in the Coast Survey's Photo Laboratory, operates a color printer. The electronic, automatic dodging machine prints color glass plates, transparencies, and paper prints. It is a first of its kind and was designed and fabricated for the Survey.

Glacier Named for Kwajalein Met Tech



Charles Haas, meteorological technician at the Kwajalein Missile Range, WB Pacific Region, was recently cited for his work at the South Pole. The U.S. Board of Geographic Names has named the geographic feature "Haas Glacier" in the Queen Maud Mountains, Antarctica,

in his honor. Mr. Haas' research work was a continuation of the International Geophysical Year in 1957.

New Alaska Nautical Chart Available

A new nautical chart for the entrance to Alaska's Inland Waterway has been published by the Coast Survey. The chart provides the first detailed coverage for George and Carroll Inlets, Thorne Arm, Revillagigedo Passage, and Nichols Passage.

Haggard Heads Asheville Federal Association

William H. Haggard, Director of EDS' National Weather Records Center, Asheville, N. C., was elected president of the Asheville Federal Executive Association on June 10. The federal executive group plans ways to improve coordination of governmental activity and to contribute to the effectiveness and economy of governmental operations within the city and its immediate vicinity.

Climatologists/EDS Officials Convene



ESSA Regional Climatologists and officials of the Environmental Data Service met at EDS headquarters to discuss policies and programs, June 16-20. Front row, left to right - C. K. Vestal, Southern Region; L. A. Joos, Central Region; N. L. Canfield, Eastern Region; W. C. Jacobs, EDS Director; S. Price, Pacific Region; M. D. Magnuson, Western Region. Back row - H. C. S. Thom, EDS; J. F. Bosen, EDS; H. B. Harshbarger, EDS; H. W. Searby, Alaska Region; B. G. Holzman, EDS Deputy Director; and H.S. Lippmann, EDS.

Five C&GS Ships To Conduct Alaska Survey

Five Coast and Geodetic Survey vessels will conduct extensive charting and ocean surveys in Alaskan waters beginning this month. The projects are being carried out by the USC&GS Ships FAIRWEATHER, DAVIDSON, PATHFINDER, SURVEYOR, and McARTHUR. Operations will be conducted in Cook Inlet, Norton Sound, Hoonah Sound, Keku Strait, Clarence Strait, Nichols Passage, and the coastal waters around Middleton Island until fall. The ships will collect information to benefit the marine activity and economic development of Alaska's waterways.

Three Weather Offices Support Yacht Race

Plans are being made by the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Honolulu forecast centers to provide weather support to the biennial Los Angeles-to-Honolulu yacht race, which will get underway on July 4. Two prerace training sessions will be conducted by Gordon Shields, marine meteorologist, Los Angeles, for the skippers, navigators, and weathermen of participating yachts.

Virginia EEO Counselors Named

Joseph Steinberg, chief, Photogrammetric Branch, and Albert C. Rauck, Jr., supervisory cartographer, Coast Survey Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, Va., have been designated Equal Employment Counselor and alternate Counselor to represent Commerce employees in the State of Virginia.

New Haven Weather Office Closes

On June 14, the New Haven weather office ceased its operations. Service to the community will now be furnished from WBO Bridgeport.

Hawaii Officials Join Fight Against Fraud

P. H. Kutschenreuter, Weather Bureau Pacific Region Director, chaired a one-day Consumer Protection Seminar in Honolulu recently. The seminar, sponsored by the Federal Executive Board, was held to help government and community leaders in the battle against frauds and deceptive practices.

Service Awards

Length-of-service awards are due to the following WB Southern Region employees during June: 40 years - Clayton B. Crooker, Houston, Tex. 30 years - William E. Fox, Atlanta, Ga., and Robert O. Bland, Fort Worth, Tex. 25 years - John C. Kennedy, Jr., Athens, Ga.; Warner E. Chapman, Jackson, Miss.; and Theodore H. Coleman, Waycross, Ga.

WB Western Region employees eligible to receive June service awards are: 40 years - Mark J. Cocuzzi, San Francisco. 30 years - Eldon A. Brackett, Astoria, Ore. 25 years - Wendell M. Cook, Portland, Ore.; Denton C. Andrew, WRH; Thomas M. Rochester, Astoria, Ore.; Keith G. Hine, Oakland, Calif.; and Donald W. Kuehl, Portland, Ore. 20 years - James W. Rawles, Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Carl A. Bagesse, Winnemucca, Nev.

Willard F. McDonald, Retired WB Aide, Dies

Willard F. McDonald, former Assistant Chief of the Weather Bureau for Administration, died in Elkhart, Ind., June 14. Mr. McDonald retired from the Weather Bureau in 1954 after more than 43 years of service. Following his retirement, he served as a consultant with the Weather Bureau and the Department of the Army for more than eight years.

DISCOVERER'S Chief Cook Dies in Barbados

Anastacio N. Campugan, employed with the Coast Survey since 1957, died aboard the USC&GS Ship DISCOVERER at Bridgetown, Barbados, June 13. During his service, he progressed to the rating of Chief Cook, and had served on the HODGSON, LESTER JONES, EXPLORER, and DISCOVERER.

Lubratovic, NSSFC Technician, Dies

Charles D. Lubratovic, meteorological technician at the Weather Bureau's National Severe Storms Forecast Center, Kansas City, Mo., died June 21. Mr. Lubratovic joined the Bureau in 1946. He previously served at Des Moines, Iowa.

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