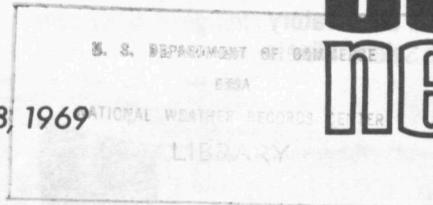


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## World Weather Center Open House Attracts Record Crowd

The World Weather Center at Suitland, Md., played host to more than 2,000 science-minded citizens during an Open House, held July 13, in celebration of the fourth anniversary of ESSA. Attendance was more than triple that of past such events.

Because of public interest in the Apollo 11 flight, the visitors showed considerable interest in the workings of the Spaceflight Meteorology Group, and also the operations of the Washington Forecast Center, Extended Forecast Division, the Satellite Experiment Laboratory, and the NMC Charting Branch. The ESSA film "Tornado!" was shown continuously and mostly to standing room only audiences.

ESSA secretaries, on hand to serve as hostesses, took turns as baby sitters when a large number of guests showed up with carriages. A "pram park" was quickly organized.



Richard Brintzenhofe, MIC, Suitland Section, Space Operations Support Division, explains Apollo 11 weather outlook to space-minded listeners.



WWC Open House Hostesses are, left to right, Karlene Griffith, Pat Fitzgerald, Alda Payne, Deloris Czinki, Mary Wyvill, and Pamela Mazza.



William Thomas, Jr., NESAC Analysis Branch, describes the operation of an APT satellite receiver to a young audience.

## Meteorological Observatory Dedicated at Salem, Illinois



Central Region Director Fox introduces Observatory employees to dignitaries.

The first of the new Weather Bureau Meteorological Observatories in the Central Region began operation on June 24 at Salem, Ill. A dedication ceremony, attended by local officials and visiting dignitaries, was held, climaxed by the launching of a balloon--the first of a two-a-day series. Speaking at the ceremony were General Joseph J. George, Director of Meteorology for Eastern Airlines, Glenn Stout, Scientific Head, Atmospheric Science Section, Illinois State Water Survey, and Stuart Bigler, Chief Sounding Systems for the Weather Bureau. Comprising the six-man observatory staff are Marvin D. Shore, official in charge; Millard A. Landers, Ernest E. Block, Dewain L. Hilliard, James H. Savage, and Rudolph Pasquino.

## Antenna Conference Held in Boulder

A two-week conference on Environmental Effects on Antenna Performance was held in Boulder, Colo., July 7-18. The first week was devoted to tutorial lectures for engineers, mathematicians, and physicists. The second week was devoted to the presentation of research papers. The conference, arranged by Dr. James R. Wait, ERL senior scientist and professor adjoint at the University of Colorado, is part of the Electromagnetic Science Series of short courses sponsored by ESSA and the university.

## Boyack Speaks to Surveying Students

C&GS Astronomical Party Chief Lt. G. L. Boyack recently conducted a field lecture on party operations to a surveying class of the University of North Carolina.

## ESSA Scientists Participate in Meteorological Exchange Seminar

ESSA scientists participated in the 1969 Meteorological Technical Exchange Conference sponsored by the Air Weather Service in Colorado Springs, Colo., July 14-17. Invited to speak on the theme "Meteorological Resources and Capabilities in the '70's" included Vincent Oliver, NESG; Dr. Joseph Smagorinsky, ERL; and Dr. Frederick Shuman, Dr. William H. Klein, Dr. Robert Simpson, Leonard Snellman, and James Giraytys, Weather Bureau.

## Weather Bureau Supports Oregon State Tuna Project

On July 7, the Weather Bureau, through its marine meteorological office at Newport, Oreg., began assisting Oregon State University in their biggest cooperative project to date. The project, part of OSU's Sea Grant advisory service, is designed to improve the efficiency of the U.S. Pacific tuna fleet operating off the Oregon coast.

The Weather Bureau's input to the project is a daily advisory on ocean and weather conditions, with forecasts for the area under study. This advisory, with other information from the Sea Grant extension service, is sent to the fishing boats through the Astoria, Oreg., Marine Operator of the Pacific Northwest Bell.

Joining the Weather Bureau in cooperating with the university are the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Oregon Fish Commission, the California Department of Fish and Game, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company, and a Massachusetts industrial firm, Sippican Corporation.



### Commerce Secretary Thanks ESSA for Bond Drive Participation

In a memo to Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans expressed his appreciation for ESSA's contributions to the 1969 Savings Bond Campaign. The memo stated in part: "Our success could not have been possible without your personal leadership and without the support of your employees. Please extend my sincere appreciation to your dedicated campaign leaders and to all who contributed to the program."

### Tonkel To Attend Federal Executive Institute

Captain Miller J. Tonkel, Associate Director of Hydrography and Oceanography, C&GS, will attend an eight-week course at the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Va., July 27 to Sept. 19. The Institute's primary objective is to broaden the knowledge and enhance the effectiveness of Federal executives responsible for carrying out national programs and policies. The Institute is administered by the Civil Service Commission in cooperation with the University of Virginia.

### ADTECH Advisory Group Assesses ESSA Programs

A program to engage young employees more actively in ESSA programs is under way under the direction of Theodore P. Gleiter, Assistant Administrator for Administration and Technical Services.

Last Dec. 3, he established an advisory group consisting of approximately 15 persons under the age of 35 to provide suggestions for improvement in ADTECH operations. The group, meeting biweekly as the ADTECH Advisory Board, serves to develop and involve young people in managerial deliberations. Participation offers a broad view of ESSA and a forum where young staff members can form and channel their views to management through committee study and reports. Board members are free to consider any problem area within ADTECH and, whenever needs are clearly presented and justified, have been able to influence change. Although the total board membership is not large at any one time, rotation of membership permits the involvement of a sizeable number of young people. Those now serving wish to share their experience with others and welcome communications from any ESSA element interested in forming a similar organization of young employees.

### Employee Association Officers Elected



The Council of the ESSA Employees Association elected new officers for the membership year during its June meeting. Their terms will expire in April of 1970. Seated is Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator. Standing, left to right, are association officers: Daniel E. Bella, president; Charles Franczek, treasurer; Helen Hagemeyer, secretary; and Matthew Kulzwiec, vice president.

### Flagstaff Weather Office Briefs Astronauts

Paul W. Sorenson, official in charge of the Weather Bureau's Flagstaff, Ariz., Station, and his staff have provided weather services for ground party training of the astronauts at a location near Flagstaff for the past four years. A CBS television news team has filmed some of the activities for showing during the Apollo 11 flight.

### Price Receives Civil Air Patrol Award

Saul Price, Regional Climatologist for the Weather Bureau's Pacific Region, has received an Outstanding Service Award from the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol for his participation in their Aerospace Education Workshops for teachers.

### Service Awards

Washington-area ESSA employees eligible to receive length-of-service awards during July are: 40 years - Albert K. Showalter. 35 years - David G. Knapp and Thomas J. Hickley. 30 years - Julia A. Boyd, Harold W. Burdine, William J. Ludwig and Lloyd Diez. 25 years - Paul H. Peridier, Edward G. Thorpe, Marian Faber, Philip A. Dales, John T. Riedel, Roderick S. Quiroz, and Matthew Lefkowitz. 20 years - Dee R. Reese, Helen M. Danish, Ina S. Rouse, Myron W. Lawrence, Charlotte Enfield, Dimetrio Dinardi, Gaetano Falcomeni, A. L. Copeland, and Byron W. Miller.

### Retired Weatherman Dies

Jack Decker, who retired from the Weather Bureau in 1963 after 47 years of Federal service, died May 29. Mr. Decker headed the Escanaba, Mich., weather office for 12 years.

### Loyd L. Knapp Dies

Loyd L. Knapp, retired supervisor of the Quality Control Unit at the old Weather Records Processing Center, Chattanooga, Tenn., died June 9.

### New Haven Weather Group Honored for Service



Left to right: Charles Drazen, former airport commissioner; Edgar Schoonmaker, Elmer Travers, James Dunn, and H. B. Wetherell, State Director of Aeronautics.

Elmer Travers, meteorologist in charge, James Dunn, and Edgar Schoonmaker, former staff members of the New Haven Weather Bureau Station that closed on June 15, were recently honored by representatives of the local aviation public and news media for their service to the community. The three meteorologists have provided a combined total of 58 years service to the New Haven area. Mr. Travers, who had served as MIC at both the New Haven and Bridgeport, Conn., offices, will now devote full time to the Bridgeport Station. Mr. Dunn has transferred to Bridgeport, and Mr. Schoonmaker has retired.

### Hydrographic Survey Made of Conn. River

A six-man Coast Survey field party is conducting a one-year hydrographic survey of a 50-mile stretch of the Connecticut River. Headed by Lt. Arthur P. Sibbold, the party will survey the river from its mouth to Hartford, for the first time in more than 70 years. The party is scheduled to complete the project by October.

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