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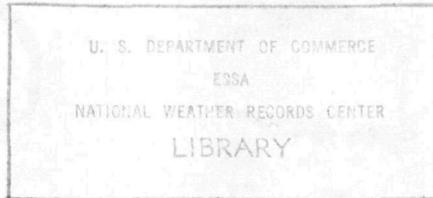
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## Fifty-Seven ESSA Employees Honored by Commerce



William L. Tilson



John H. Eberly



William E. Hiatt



William S. Barney



Dr. Richard E. Hallgren



Dr. Joachim Kuettner

Fifty-seven ESSA employees were honored by the Department of Commerce during its 21st Annual Awards Program on Oct. 14.

Fifteen ESSA men received the Department's highest award--the Gold Medal--from Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans.

John H. Eberly, ESSA's Executive Officer, who won the Gold Medal, was cited, in part for "capable leadership during the difficult transition period since ESSA's formation in 1965; extraordinary skills in the administration and management affairs of ESSA; a deep awareness

and capability in the interdisciplinary scientific programs of ESSA, and a broad and thorough knowledge of the inherent processes and problems of the agency."

Dr. David Q. Wark, research meteorologist in ESSA's National Environmental Satellite Center, received the award for "basic theoretical and experimental developments, culminating in the highly successful sounding of atmospheric temperatures from an artificial satellite, a technique of major importance to global weather prediction."

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Verne Alexander



Ray E. Johnson



Herman F. Mondschein

Don T. Hilleary, NESR research meteorologist, was cited for "guiding the development of an important meteorological observing instrument through concept, design, and preliminary test to a brilliantly successful performance aboard the Nimbus III spacecraft."

Four members of ESSA's BOMEX Project Group--Richard E. Hallgren, William S. Barney, Dr. Joachim P. Kuettner, and the late Dr. Benjamin Davidson, received the award for "outstanding achievement in furthering man's understanding of the relationship between the ocean and the atmosphere."

William L. Tilson, Mobile, Ala., meteorologist in charge, won the award for "his outstanding weather warning service during the approach of Hurricane Camille to the gulf coast in August of this year."

Verne Alexander, Central Region hydrologist; William E. Hiatt, WB Associate Director for Hydrology; Ray E. Johnson, hydrologist in charge; Kansas City, Mo., River Forecast Center; Joseph H. Strub, Minneapolis, Minn., meteorologist in charge; Herman F. Mondschein, principal assistant, Kansas City River Forecast Center, were honored for "working as a highly effective team in issuing and coordinating very timely, accurate and

highly useful river stage outlooks, forecasts and flood warnings in connection with the widespread Upper Midwest snow-melt floods during the spring of 1969."

Frank W. Burnett, Deputy Director, National Meteorological Center, and Harlan K. Saylor, Chief, Analysis and Forecast Division, NMC, were cited for "their work in the development of a new technology, the mixing of man and machine methods to produce central guidance weather forecasts."

The 41 ESSA employees who received Silver Medals were:

Thirteen other members of the BOMEX Project Group were honored for "outstanding achievement in furthering man's understanding of the relationship between the ocean and the atmosphere. Members of the group receiving the Silver Medal were: Capt. Howard S. Cole, USESSA (Retired), Deputy Project Manager; Terry de la Moriniere, Chief, Systems Testing; Dr. Arnold H. Glaser, Scientific Coordinator; Cdr. James G. Grunwell, USESSA, Logistics Officer; Capt. Hubert W. Keith, Jr., Commanding Officer of the USC&GSS DISCOVERER; Cdr. Kenneth MacDonald, Commanding Officer of the USC&GSS MT MITCHELL; Capt. Merlyn E. Natto, Commanding Officer of the USC&GSS



Joseph H. Strub, Jr.



Frank W. Burnett



Harlan K. Saylor



Don T. Hilleary



David Q. Wark

OCEANOGRAPHER: Orville E. Scribner, Chief, Observations Systems; Donald B. Seeko, Administrative Officer; Cdr. Kelly E. Taggart, Operations Officer; Loran A. Weaver, Aircraft Observing Systems Coordinator; Cdr. Robert E. Williams, Commanding Officer of the USC&GSS RAINIER; and Scott Williams, Chief, Data Reduction.

Stanley B. Eames, ESSA Director of Public Information, was cited for "consistently achieving outstanding results in publicizing ESSA's service programs, particularly in public safety."

Morton J. Rubin, ESSA Office of Plans and Programs, for "his outstanding achievement in the national and international fields of polar meteorology and marine science."

Henry E. Fleming, NESc mathematician, was cited for "unique contributions to the mathematical procedures necessary for the conversion of Satellite Infrared Spectrometer radiance data into atmospheric temperature profiles."

Alfonso H. Butera, Head of the Spacecraft Operations Control Center of NESc, for "exceptional technical skill and administrative ability in directing the first satellite control center staffed by civil servants."

Barbara McKain, meteorologist in charge of the Norfolk, Nebraska, Weather Bureau Office, for "demonstrated resourcefulness during the severe Nebraska snowstorm of December 21-23, 1968, by recognizing in the early evening hours of the 21st that an approaching storm would develop into a severe blizzard in the Norfolk, Nebraska, area."

E. Vernon Hendrickson, meteorologist in charge at Fargo, N. Dak., was honored for "rendering outstanding flood warning services in connection with the serious snowmelt flood on the Red River of the North during April 1969."

Charles D. Kearse, electronics development technician, C&GS Office of Systems

Development, Miami, Fla., for "major contributions to the formation of the unique ocean engineering field laboratory in Miami and to the development of instruments having the ruggedness necessary for use in the hostile environment of the sea."

Lockett E. Wood, physicist in ERL's Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, was recognized for "his continued outstanding research in electro-magnetic wave propagation."

Russell G. Mann, Robert N. Craig, Dale G. Lillie, Robert H. Dickson, Lewis P. Hahn, Earl A. Johnson, Charles K. Nevins, Delmar J. Taylor, William M. Willard, Dorothy B. Tudor, Marceline L. Mayfield, Elroy C. Balke, Helen L. Berridge of the Kansas City River Forecast Center and regional headquarters staffs of the ESSA Weather Bureau were honored for "preparing and disseminating very timely, outstandingly accurate, and highly useful river stage outlooks and flood warnings in connection with the widespread Upper Midwest snowmelt floods during the spring of 1969."

Bernard F. Cooke, supervisory cartographer and Chief of the Coast Survey's Visual Chart Branch, received the award for "major contributions to national aeronautical navigation charting programs, making use of his cartographic skill, thorough specialized knowledge, and his participation in the Inter-Agency Air Cartographic Committee."

Robert C. Baskin, Chief of the Weather Bureau's Weather Analysis and Prediction Branch, Central Region headquarters, Kansas City, Mo., for "exceptional initiative, imagination, and resourcefulness in the direction of highly significant program advancements in three critical weather service areas: (1) the marine weather service for the western Great Lakes, (2) the tornado spotter network in the Midwest and Upper Great Plains, and (3) the air pollution potential forecast service in Chicago and St. Louis."

John D. Stackpole, research meteorologist at the National Meteorological Center, for "major contributions to the development of operational numerical weather prediction."

Jean A. Brown, principal assistant in the Weather Bureau Forecast Office in Redwood City, Calif., for "his valuable technical and operational contributions to aviation weather service and hurricane forecasting."

William R. Long, meteorologist at the Pittsburgh, Pa., Weather Bureau Forecast Office, for "his outstanding leadership,

management ability, and initiative in the development and fostering of new and existing programs during his service as meteorologist in charge at the Forecast Office, Trenton, N. J., from May 1967 to December 1968."

James F. O'Connor, Chief of the Forecast Branch in the Weather Bureau's Extended Forecast Division, NMC, for "ingenious adaptation of automated products to extended forecasting and for outstanding administrative leadership."

Leonard W. Snellman, Chief of the Scientific Services Division, Weather Bureau Western Region headquarters, Salt Lake City, Utah, for "his outstanding contribution in promoting, at operational levels, full understanding and utilization of modern techniques in solution of the weather prediction problem."

H. Dean Parry, professional meteorologist in the Weather Bureau's Systems Development Office, Equipment Development Laboratory, received the Department's Special Achievement Award for "developing a computer program which has proven easily usable in assisting the Weather Bureau Upper Air Observer in performing the calculations necessary in the reduction of upper air data. Savings which will be realized from the use of this program are estimated to exceed \$100,000 per year."

### **Commerce Suggestions Increased Sixty Percent**

Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans highly praised Commerce agencies for their "gratifying response" to the special suggestion campaign he initiated for the month of August.

During the month, employees submitted more than 2200 suggestions or almost 60 percent more than they had during the entire fiscal year 1969. Five employees received awards during the Department's 21st Annual Honor Awards Program, Oct. 14.

### **Odie Bridges, Cooperative Observer, Dies**

Odie L. Bridges, cooperative weather observer at Cooper, Tex., since 1957, died Sept. 11. Mr. Bridges conducted river and rainfall observations at the Freesport, La., Weather Bureau office.

## **Open Season for Federal Health Benefit Plans Set for November**

The Civil Service Commission has announced that all 36 of the plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will have changes in benefits or premium rates, or both, beginning Jan. 1, 1970. Thirty plans will increase their premium rates. The major portion of these increases reflect the continuing sharp increases in the cost of hospital and medical care. All but seven of the plans will have relatively minor benefit changes.

An unlimited open season during which eligible unenrolled employees may enroll in a plan and enrolled employees and annuitants may change plans, options, or type of enrollment (self only to family) has been scheduled for Nov. 10-28, 1969. Before the open season, employees and annuitants will be furnished new brochures showing benefits and premiums for the various available plans.

Two new group-practice plans, the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado, and the Family Health Program, Long Beach, Calif., have been approved by the Commission for participation in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program beginning in January 1970. The Kaiser Foundation Health Plan will be available to Federal employees in the Denver, Colo., area and the Family Health Program will be offered to employees in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, Calif. Group-practice plans provide medical services in their own medical centers.

### **SURVEYOR Concludes Bering Sea Survey**

The USC&GS Ship SURVEYOR has returned to her Seattle home base after completing a three-month survey of northern Bering Sea waters. The 297-foot vessel, commanded by Captain Eugene W. Richards, carried out more than 12,000 miles of bathymetric, magnetic and gravity measurements, as well as 2000 miles of seismic reflection profiles. The survey, carried out in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, included a search for valuable minerals beneath the sea floor.

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