

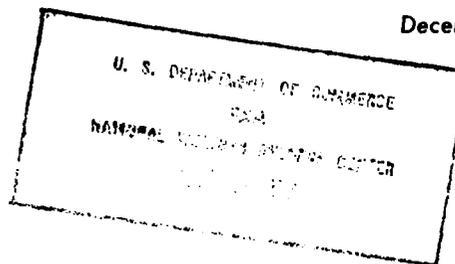
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I am happy to announce the establishment of five new awards which are now available to ESSA employees. They are the: Unit Citation for Special Achievement; Program Administration and Management Award; Award for Engineering and Applications Development; Award for Public Service; and Award for Scientific Research and Achievement.

The Unit Citation for Special Achievement will recognize groups of employees in ESSA who, because of their individual and collective efforts, have made substantive contributions to the programs or objectives for which ESSA was established. The award will be in the form of a unit plaque with individual recognition for each participant.

Nominations for a unit citation may be submitted at any time by memorandum to the Personnel Officer through normal channels and should clearly describe the contribution and its impact on ESSA. Nominations may be submitted as warranted, without restriction on the number of nominations or time of submissions. Final approval will be made by the ESSA Administrator, after consideration by and the recommendation of the ESSA Manpower Utilization Council.

Nominations for the other four awards will be made on a regularly scheduled annual basis. Normally, only one winner in each category will receive a plaque and \$1,000 at a ceremony to be held annually on ESSA's anniversary date-- July 13. Nominations for the first awards should be submitted by March 1, 1970.

The Award for Public Service will be granted for unusually significant contributions to the quality and effectiveness of ESSA's public service programs, contributions having such merit as to bring unusual credit to ESSA and the Department.

The Award for Scientific Research and Achievement will recognize unusually significant contributions to scientific

research and development, or outstanding contributions to scientific literature, including all areas of specialization represented in ESSA. Consideration will be given, but not limited, to: the importance of the contribution; the degree of originality involved; and scientific leadership as evidenced by reputation of subordinates, productivity of programs, demonstrated ability to develop scientific talent, and ability to select and maintain a competent staff.

The Award for Engineering and Applications Development will recognize unusually significant contributions to the operating or research programs of ESSA in the area of engineering, applied technology, or systems or equipment development with consideration being given, but not limited, to the importance of the contribution and the extent to which it served an urgent need, and to the degree of originality involved.

The Program Administration and Management Award will be granted in recognition of unusually significant contributions to the efficiency and quality of ESSA management and administrative activities.

Any employee or official of ESSA may nominate candidates for award. Nominations of ESSA personnel also will be accepted from persons not previously or presently employed by ESSA.

In all cases, nominations should be endorsed by the head of the organizational component or staff office in which the nominee is employed. The Administrator will assemble Ad Hoc Committees of three outstanding scientists or executives from among the Bureaus of the Department, other Government agencies, or from leading universities or other non-government organizations, to review the nominations in each category and make appropriate recommendations to the Administrator.

*R. M. White*

## Washington Symposium, Banquet in February 1970 To Open Weather Services Centennial Celebration

In 1970, the United States weather services are celebrating their hundredth anniversary with a series of special centennial observances on the theme "A Century of Weather Service."

The first major event will be a three-day symposium, February 12-14 in Washington, D. C., featuring discussions of future trends in meteorology by leaders in the science from this country and abroad. Some of the symposium sessions will be moderated by past presidents of the American Meteorological Society, the weathermen's professional society, which is also observing an important anniversary in 1970--its fiftieth.

Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, the President's science advisor, will speak at a gala centennial banquet February 13 in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, headquarters for the symposium. A pre-dinner cocktail party/reception is included in the banquet price of \$17.50 per person.

The symposium on "A Century of Weather Progress" will open Thursday, February 12, with a keynote address by Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator of the Environmental Science Services Administration.

The roster of scheduled speakers is a virtual "Who's Who" of modern meteorology and related fields. On the program are: B. J. Mason, British Meteorological Office; Erik Mollo-Christensen, MIT; Edward N. Lorenz, MIT; Julian Bigelow, Institute for Advanced Study; V.E. Suomi, University of Wisconsin; Vincent E. Lally, National Center for Atmospheric Research; David Q. Wark, ESSA; John T. Middleton, National Air Pollution Control Administration; George A. Lincoln, Office of Emergency Preparedness; George P. Cressman, ESSA-Weather Bureau; Donald P. Dunlop, Office of the Secretary of the Interior; Thomas F. Malone, The Travelers Insurance Company; Charles Pennypacker Smith, Pacific Gas Transmission Company; Clifton von Kann, Air Transport Association; Paul M. Wolff, Naval Postgraduate School; David M. Gates, Missouri Botanical Garden; William C. Ackermann, Illinois State Water Survey; Roger Revelle, Harvard University; Frederick Sargent II, University of Wisconsin; E. G. Bowen, Division of Radiophysics, Australia; Joanne Simpson, ESSA; Syukuro Manabe, ESSA; and Max Kohler, ESSA.



*Weather Services Centennial Medal, commemorating 100 years of United States weather service, symbolizes the dynamic and ceaseless drama of the weather.*

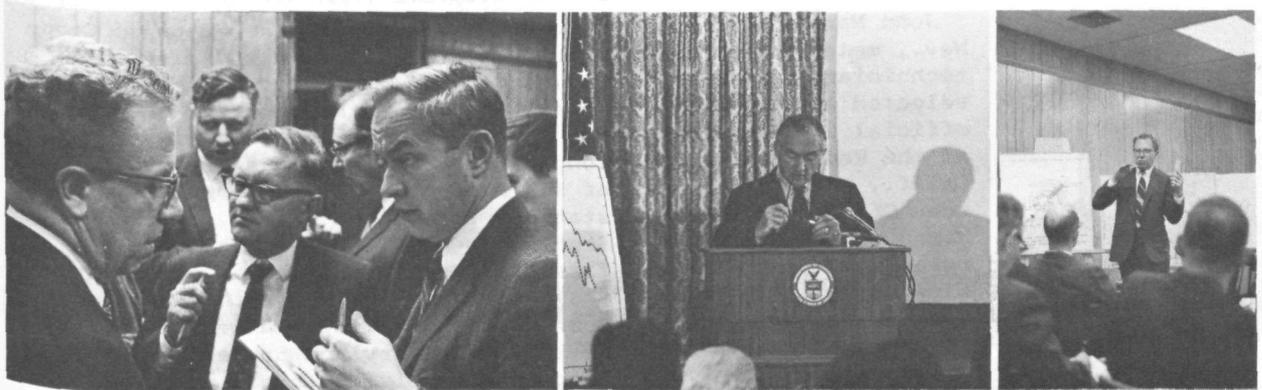
Session chairmen will include: Bernhard Haurwitz, National Center for Atmospheric Research; Morris Neiburger, University of California (Los Angeles); Horace R. Byers, Texas A & M University; Francis W. Reichelderfer, former chief of the Weather Bureau; Sverre Petterssen, London, England; Patrick D. McTaggart-Cowan, Executive Director of the Science Council of Canada; Louis J. Battan, University of Arizona; and Arthur F. Merewether, Bay-side, N. Y.

A ladies' program is planned during this three-day event which will include a special White House tour, a visit to an Embassy, minibus tour of Washington, a ladies' luncheon, sightseeing in Old Alexandria, and shopping in unusual places.

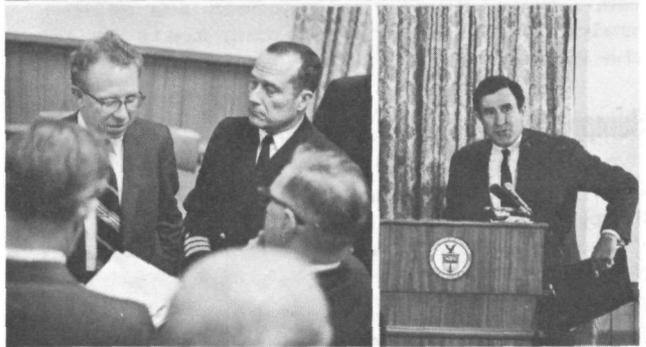
A Commemorative Medal marking the United States Weather Services Centennial will be issued early in 1970 and sold by the American Meteorological Society.

Many Federal agencies have made major contributions to the development of meteorology and of weather services, and are joining in the centennial celebration. These agencies include, in addition to the ESSA-Weather Bureau: the Department of Agriculture; the National Bureau of Standards and the Patent Office in the Department of Commerce; the Army, Navy, and Air Force; Public Health Service; Department of Interior; Department of State; Coast Guard; Federal Aviation Administration; Atomic Energy Commission; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; National Science Foundation; and the Smithsonian Institution.

## Snapshots from the Stormfury Press Conference



Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans and Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee announced the results of Project Stormfury's 1969 experiments at a press conference in Washington, Dec. 4 (see ESSA NEWS, Dec. 5). Top row, left to right: Dr. Gentry, Stormfury Director, meets the press; Secretary Stans; Dr. Gentry explains seeding procedure. Bottom, left to right: Dr. Gentry and Cdr. L.J. Underwood, Stormfury Assistant Director, clarify a scientific point; Secretary Chafee.



## Coast Survey To Issue Charts of Oil Lease Areas in Gulf

The Coast and Geodetic Survey plans to issue nautical charts showing the location of virtually all Gulf of Mexico oil lease areas off the coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. One chart is scheduled for publication in December and another in August 1970. Along with a similar chart published in 1957, the charts will cover an estimated 161,444-square-mile area, containing thousands of oil wells and platforms. The demand for the earlier chart has increased greatly during the past few years and has not been limited to oil companies. It has come also from operators of shrimp- and fishing craft, tug boats, and other vessels which frequent the area. Since the location of an oil lease area is referred to as a lease block, the 1957 chart has become known as the "Block Chart." The original intent in adding the lease blocks to the 1957 nautical chart was to enable maintenance craft to locate a lease area or oil rig for servicing. Under the identification system established by the oil companies, each platform carries a large sign with the name of the owner, the area, and the block number. Since the 1957 chart car-

ries the block number, any boat operator in the area can locate his position within the square by identifying a platform in reference to the chart. Since there are more than 2400 platforms off the gulf coast, the combination of the platforms and the chart enables boats to readily determine their position and thus provides a valuable aid to marine navigation in the gulf. The new charts will sell for \$1.50 each and may be purchased from Coast and Geodetic Survey nautical chart agents or from the Coast and Geodetic Survey (C44), Washington, D. C. 20235.

## Christmas Open House Date Changed

The Christmas Open House for employees in Buildings 1, 2, and 5 at ESSA headquarters will be held in the office of Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, on Tuesday, December 23, rather than on Monday, December 22 as had been announced. The times remain the same: 2:00 to 2:30 for employees of Building 1; 2:30 to 3:00, Building 2; 3:00 to 3:30, Building 5, floors 2, 3, 5, and 10; and 3:30 to 4:00, Building 5, floors 4, 6, 7, and 8.

## Red Bluff, Calif., OIC Selected



John Marsh, Reno, Nev., meteorological technician, has been selected as the new official in charge at the Red Bluff, Calif., Weather Bureau Office. Mr. Marsh entered the Bureau in 1945 at Winslow, Ariz. His later assignments were at Bishop and Santa Maria,

Calif., and, for the past 14 years, at Reno, Nev. Mr. Marsh has been the meteorologist for several soaring meets in the Reno area.

## Humphrey, Survey Technician, Dies

Russell W. Humphrey, a supervisory surveying technician with Triangulation Party G-23 in the C&GS Mid-Continent Field Area, died Dec. 1 near Rosehill, North Carolina.

## Length-of-Service Awards

Among those employees eligible for length-of-service awards in November were:

Weather Bureau Southern Region. 40 years - Henley T. Foreman, Shreveport. 30 years - Ethan A. Scott, Fort Worth; Gerald R. Davis, Lakeland, Fla.; Rodney C. Hardy, Miami; Wayne A. Self, West Palm Beach. 25 years - Raymond E. Miles, Amarillo; Lester A. Snyder, Fort Worth; Earle W. Breazeale, Athens, Ga.; Walter L. Newman, Fort Smith, Ark.; Vincent J. Vecciarelli, Miami; George E. Williams, Savannah; John M. Yates, Tulsa. 20 years - Ernest E. Bays, Amarillo.

Weather Bureau Central Region. 40 years - Earl S. McLaughlin, Minneapolis. 30 years - William D. Nurnberger, Grand Rapids; Kenneth R. Kiser, Lander, Wyo. 25 years - Gordon Lippert, Lincoln, Nebr.; Violet B. Roadcap, Kansas City; Thomas A. Nelson, Kansas City. 20 years - Devore H. Silvey, Lincoln, Nebr.; Harold D. Anderson, Kansas City; Verdin E. Liddell, Topeka.

Weather Bureau Western Region. 40 years - E. Wayne Harrell, Salt Lake City. 25 years - Alvin A. Wilcox, Spokane; Earl W. Leonard, Salt Lake City; James W. Bennick, Vandenberg AFB.

## 67-Year Cooperative Observer Dies

D. Paul Oswald, 83, the "Dean of Cooperative Weather Observers," died in Hagerstown, Md., on Dec. 1. Mr. Oswald, whose 67 years as a volunteer observer for the Weather Bureau made his the longest current individual record of any of the more than 13,000 cooperative stations across the nation, retired in September. In 1960, he was among the first to receive the Thomas Jefferson Award, the highest honor the Weather Bureau can give its volunteer observers. In 1963, the Maryland State Senate adopted a resolution honoring Mr. Oswald for his long years of service to Maryland and the nation. Also in 1963, Mr. Oswald was cited by President John F. Kennedy for his 60 years of outstanding service.

## Curtis Named to MT MITCHELL Post



Lt. Cdr. William R. Curtis is the new Operations Officer of the USC&GS Ship MT MITCHELL, based at Norfolk, Va. His previous assignments were at the National Environmental Satellite Center and aboard the USC&GS Ship EXPLORER. Lt. Cdr. Curtis joined the ESSA Commissioned Corps in 1965.

## Stewart Chairs Florida Marine Commission

Dr. Harris B. Stewart, Director of the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratories, Miami, has been appointed by Governor Claude R. Kirk, Jr., as Chairman of the Florida Commission on Marine Science and Technology, subject to confirmation by the State Senate. Dr. Stewart has also been elected President of the Zoological Society of Florida.

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