



# ESSA NEWS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

## A Message From the Administrator

With the 1970 U.S. Savings Bond campaign past its halfway point, ESSA participation to date has barely passed 61 percent.

Savings bonds are a safe, fruitful, easy and patriotic way to help build our own futures, and that of the nation. They afford an opportunity for each of us to buy a share of America. Such an opportunity should not be lightly dismissed.

I am concerned that many of our ESSA family may not be aware that this vital campaign is under way. If your keyman has not visited you to invite you to participate, I urge that you seek him out yourself. I also urge all keymen to make sure that no member of the ESSA family is overlooked.

I am confident that when the campaign ends, ESSA will have done its share.

*Robert M. White*

## Dr. Gentry, Mrs. Kirkland Win Miami Federal Awards

Dr. R. Cecil Gentry, Director of the National Hurricane Research Laboratory, Miami, was named the "Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year," by the Greater Miami Federal Executive Board, May 20. Dr. Gentry was cited for "personally directing and participating in the seeding with silver iodide of Hurricane Debbie over the Atlantic off Puerto Rico on August 18 and 20, 1969, with highly favorable results." The Board also voted him the "Outstanding Professional Employee."

Mildred Ann Kirkland, computer programmer at the National Hurricane Center, Miami, was selected as the "Outstanding Technical and Administrative Employee." Mrs. Kirkland was honored for her effectiveness and competence in making computers a more useful tool for the National Hurricane Center, and for diligence in revising programs when a more sophisticated computer was installed in 1969.

Dr. Stanley L. Rosenthal of the National Hurricane Research Laboratory,



Mrs. Kirkland and Dr. Gentry display awards

was one of the three finalists for the "Outstanding Professional Employee Award."

## Hurricane Liaison Team Makes Annual Pre-Season Flight

A hurricane-liaison team from ESSA, military organizations, and foreign weather services, conducted a pre-hurricane coordination and inspection visit to Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean nations, May 12-20. The purpose of the tour was to collaborate with foreign countries in solving communications problems and to firm up new agreements prior to the hurricane season. During stops at Mexico City, Tampico, Cozumel, and Merida, Mexico, and to Belize, British Honduras, and Kingston, Jamaica, the group briefed members of foreign meteorological services, civil and military personnel, and the news media. Cooperative weather installations at Grand Cayman, San Andres Island, Panama, and Curacao were also visited. On May 18, while flying from Kingston to San Andres Island, the Navy aircraft diverted from its course to reconnoiter a tropical depression, which later became Hurricane Alma--the first hurricane of the season.

ESSA participants were: Dr. R. Cecil Gentry, Harry Hawkins, Arnold Sugg, Earl Estelle, Arthur Youmans, Philip Dales, Anthony Veith, Charles Conway, and Dr. Sidney Teweles.

## C&GS Director Awards 1969 Karo Plaque



Displaying 1969 Karo Plaque won by 49 members of the Coast Survey's Satellite Triangulation Field Parties are John Till (second from left), who worked on Pitcairn Island, and Mike McGinley, who was stationed in the Antarctic. Capt. H. R. Lippold, Chief, Satellite Triangulation Division, is at left, and Rear Adm. Don A. Jones, C&GS Director, at right.

## Williams To Command PEIRCE



Cdr. Bruce I. Williams will assume command of the USC&GSS PEIRCE during June. Commander Williams, who joined the ESSA Commissioned Corps in 1960, has had five years of sea duty aboard four ships. He has also served as chief of two geodetic field parties and as projects officer at the Coast Survey's Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, Va.

## Minnesota Weather Offices Cited for Flood Forecasts

Dean Nesley, Duane O'Malley, and Joseph Strub, Jr. (meteorologist in charge) of the Minneapolis Weather Bureau Forecast Office, and Blaine Amann, Leroy Martell, and Glenn H. Trapp, (meteorologist in charge) of the Rochester, Minn., Weather Bureau Office, worked together to permit timely warning of a flash flood in the Zumbro River Valley, May 27. That afternoon, a re-developing surface low in western Nebraska moved northeastward into southwestern Minnesota causing heavy rains. Using radar observational data and reports from the Minnesota Highway Patrol, the Minneapolis Weather Bureau Forecast Office issued flash flood warnings at 11 p.m. CDT for the Zumbro River Valley from Zumbrota downstream to Theilman, Minn.

## ESSA Association Picnic Postponed

The Washington-area ESSA Employees Association picnic--originally planned for June 14--has been postponed until later in the summer.

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### ESSA AWARDS NIGHT DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY \* JULY 10, 1970

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## Improved Weather Services Inaugurated in Northern Ohio



In the broadcast booth at Cleveland are: (seated) Ohio Congressman William E. Minshall; (standing, left to right): Richard Fay, Cleveland MIC; Dr. George P. Cressman, WB Director; Charles G. Knudsen, Eastern Region; and John H. Eberly, ESSA Executive Officer.

The Weather Bureau dedicated a new hydrologic services office and also began 24-hour-a-day continuous radio broadcasts of weather forecasts and warnings in northern Ohio, May 16. A Weather Bureau River District Office with a professional hydrologist will serve the Lake Erie drainage areas in Ohio east of the Sandusky River Basin and the Muskingum River Basin. Hydrologic data will be collected from a network of observing stations, and river forecasts and warnings will be prepared and issued to affected communities.



Shown at dedication ceremony of the Akron Weather Bureau River District Office are, from left: Eastern Region Director Silvio G. Simplicio; Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration Larry A. Jobe; Ohio Congressman Frank Bow; and Terry Ritter, MIC, WBO Akron.

A new VHF-FM radio station operated by the Weather Bureau at Cleveland, will provide continuous weather forecasts and warnings to much of northern Ohio and the lower half of Lake Erie. The Cleveland WBFO will prepare two separate taped broadcasts, one applicable to the Cleveland and Canton-Ohio areas and one for the Sandusky area. The weather transmissions will be beamed from antenna sites near Cleveland, Sandusky, and Akron for maximum coverage. Northern Ohio will be the 22nd location in the United States to have weather transmissions of this type.

## Weather Observatory To Open in Colorado

The Weather Bureau will open a new meteorological observatory five miles south of Limon, Colo., June 12. The Limon Observatory will be equipped with the latest model weather surveillance radar and communications facilities to provide almost instant reporting of radar observations to Weather Bureau service offices in eastern Colorado and northwestern Kansas. In addition, there will be direct telephone lines to the Weather Bureau Forecast Office at Denver from the Observatory. Remote radar readouts from the Observatory's radar are planned in the near future. Donal G. Davis, meteorologist in charge, will head the new facility.

## Jordan To Be U.S. Alternate On Pan American Commission



James N. Jordan, chief of the Special Seismological Analysis Branch of the Coast Survey's Seismology Division, has been named U.S. National Representative (Alternate) to the newly formed Commission on Geophysics of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. Mr. Jordan will go to the first consultation meeting of the Commission in Mexico, July 4-11.

## Length-of-Service Awards

The following employees are eligible to receive length-of-service awards during the second quarter of 1970:

### Weather Bureau Central Region

30 years - Percy N. Eland, Topeka, Kans.; John V. LePage, Green Bay, Wisc.; and Richard E. Myers, Lincoln, Nebr. 25 years - Willis S. Randal, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Bruce R. Leslie, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dale W. Mohler, CRH; Lorin W. Grace, Casper, Wyo.; Milton R. Lefebvre, Minneapolis; Richard R. Byrd, Kansas City, Mo.; and Fred A. Meditz, Joliet, Ill. 20 years - Lawrence A. Hughes, CRH.

### Mid-Continent Field Area, C&GS

25 years - Holland D. Sveum, Triangulation Party G-19. 20 years - Ray E. Johnson, Triangulation Party G-20; and Raymond Harmon, Field Area Office, Kansas City, Mo.

## Mrs. Massenburg Speaks on Women's Rights



Robert B. Rollins, Acting Director, C&GS Executive and Technical Services Staff (left), and Rear Adm. Don A. Jones, C&GS Director (right) listen as Mrs. Massenburg speaks.

Katherine Massenburg, a member of the Presidential Task Force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities, was the guest speaker for the first of a series of planned management meetings for Coast Survey supervisory personnel. Mrs. Massenburg spoke on equal employment opportunities in the federal service.

## Retirement Annuity Benefits May Be Increased This Year

The Civil Service Retirement Law provides for the automatic increase of civil service annuities whenever the cost of living, nationwide, goes up by at least 3 percent over the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month used as the base for the most recent cost-of-living annuity increase and stays up by at least 3 percent for 3 consecutive months. The effective date of such increase is the first day of the third month which begins after the CPI has had a rise of at least 3 percent for 3 consecutive months.

The present base month is August 1969. March 1970 was the first month since August 1969 that the percentage rise in the CPI equaled at least 3 percent over August 1969; the percentage rise equaled 3.5 percent in March 1970. If the percentage rise continues to stay up by at least 3 percent in April and May, annuities will be increased by the highest percentage increase in the CPI during the three-month period plus an additional 1 percent authorized by law. For example, if the percentage rise is 3.9 for April and 4.3 for May, the amount of the annuity increase will be 4.3 plus 1 percent, or a total increase of 5.3 percent. The effective date of the increase would be August 1, 1970, and the increase would be granted on all annuities that began on or before that date.

Employees who are, or may be, considering retiring soon will certainly want to weigh the affect this possible annuity increase would have on them. These benefits would be available only to employees who are in a retired status on August 1, 1970.

## Carl Orelup, 1969 C&GS Retiree, Dies

Carl Orelup, who retired from the Coast Survey in 1969, died Apr. 25. Mr. Orelup served on Coast Survey field parties for more than 30 years. His last assignment was with Geodetic Party G-19.

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