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## NOAA Celebrates Sixth Anniversary October 3

### Dr. R. M. White Is Honored By Smithsonian

Dr. Robert M. White, NOAA Administrator, will be awarded the Smithsonian Institution's Matthew Maury Medal on September 27 by Secretary S. Dillon Ripley, of the Smithsonian.



Dr. White

The presentation will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Eisenhower Theatre of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts during the opening ceremonies of "The United States in the World," an international conference cosponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Studies Association, and the Smithsonian.

The gold medal was established in 1970 in honor of Mr. (Continued on page 2)

### D. B. Mitchell Is Appointed NCC Director

Daniel B. Mitchell, Deputy Director of the Environmental Data Service Center for Experiment Design and Data Analysis (CEDDA) has been appointed Director of EDS' National Climatic Center in Asheville, N.C. He succeeds Thomas D. Potter, recently appointed Deputy Director of EDS.



Mr. Mitchell

At CEDDA, Mr. Mitchell was primarily responsible for the management and processing of data from large-scale international (Continued on page 2)

### Seal Skin Waiver Extended by NMFS

Approximately 19,000 Cape fur seal skins can be imported from the Republic of South Africa from the 1976 harvest if that nation meets specific conditions set by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The action by Robert W. Schoning, NMFS Director, extends a 1975 waiver to a moratorium placed on imports by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Under the provisions of the waiver, a limited number of the skins can be imported provided the following conditions are met:

-The skins must have been taken within the Republic of South Africa, in accordance with its laws, and by, or under, the auspices of that nation.

-The Republic must certify that none of the skins were taken from Namibia;

-No more than 70,000 Cape fur seals may be killed in any one year, subject to continuing evaluation of the management program. If more than 70,000 are killed in an annual harvest, no skins from that harvest can be imported into the United (Continued on page 2)

### Five NOAAites Congratulated By President

Five NOAA people were honored by President Ford for their efforts, which, in response to his Special Cost Reduction Campaign, resulted in significant cost savings or energy conservation. First year measurable benefits of achievements of the 15 Department of Commerce employees honored by the President totaled over a million dollars.

Congratulatory letters from the President were presented recently by Dr. John W. Townsend, Jr., Associate Administrator, to:

-Nicholas A. Garifo, an Electronics Engineer in the Facilities and Schedules Branch of the National Weather Service Communications Division, who was honored for his achievement involving a scientific and technological application which contributes to a more economical operation of a facsimile circuit. The savings during the first year will total (Continued on page 3)

Seventeen NOAA facilities across the country will celebrate the agency's sixth birthday the end of next week, highlighted by one of the most extensive exhibits on NOAA ever developed, to be on display at the Sterling, Va., Research and Development Center near Dulles Airport on Route 606, three miles west of Route 28.

In addition, 33 Open Houses are planned for other locations on other dates.

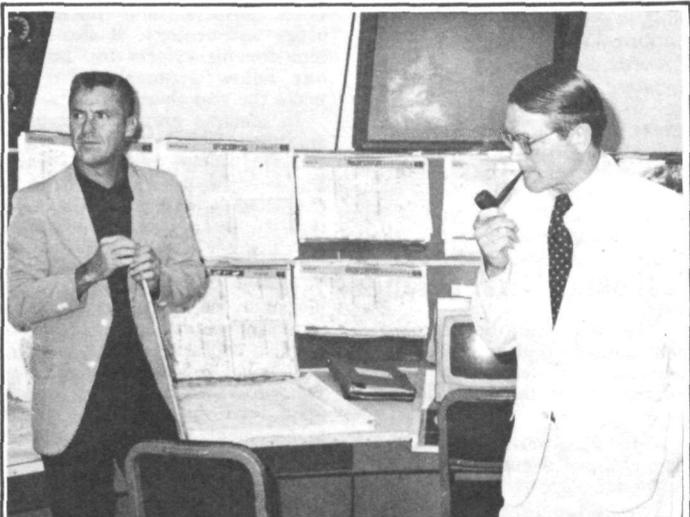
Many thousands of persons are expected to visit the various open houses being staged to better acquaint the public with NOAA and its activities. News media publicity on the events will spread the message to millions more.

At the National Weather Service Research and Development Center in Sterling, activities will be held Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2. Friday is designated as school day for area students, while Saturday's event is open to the general public.

The Sterling exhibit will include demonstrations of weather radar, a research wind tunnel, geodetic surveying from a portable tower, weather balloon launching, remote tide gages, aerial surveying, trawler net use, and construction of aeronautical charts by computer.

Additionally, visitors will be able to watch the actual recording of satellite pictures as they are received from 22,250 miles (35,800 kilometers) out in space in a "real time" exhibit explaining how satellites are used for environmental monitoring and weather forecasting. The satellite exhibit was part of the Bicentennial exhibit at Kennedy Space Center, Fla., this summer. Each visitor will receive a print of a satellite picture.

In addition to hourly weather balloon launches and twice-daily fly-overs of NOAA's Buffalo aircraft used in aerial surveying, vis- (Continued on page 4)



Commerce Secretary Elliot L. Richardson last week inspected the National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center in Miami, where he is shown discussing activities with Director Dr. Neil Frank, (left). The Secretary, Dr. Robert M. White, NWS Director Dr. George P. Cressman and Dr. Frank flew from Washington to Miami aboard NOAA's new P-3 aircraft, viewing several coastal areas considered especially vulnerable in the event of a hurricane.

**NOAA Awards Luncheon**

You may still make reservations to attend NOAA's 6th Anniversary Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m. in Bolling Air Force Base Officers' Club. Contact the key person listed on the poster announcing the Luncheon in your building.



A NOAA UNIT CITATION was presented recently to the NOAA Ship Davidson for sustained superior performance during Calendar Year 1975.

In a memorandum to the ship, R. Adm. Allen L. Powell, Director of the National Ocean Survey, stated, "The ship's field season was most productive and successful as well as the longest in the fleet. The cooperative, positive attitude of the entire ship's company aided in accomplishing the ship's missions and reflected most favorably on the Department of Commerce, NOAA, and NOS. There were many outstanding individual and collective contributions which made this success possible."

R. Adm. H. R. Lippold, Jr., (right), former Director of the Pacific Marine Center, presented the Citation, which was accepted on behalf of the ship's company by Cdr. Michael H. Fleming, who was the ship's Commanding Officer when she earned the award.

## Bernard A. Rugg Dies

Bernard A. Rugg, Weather Service Specialist at the National Weather Service Office in Burlington, Vt., died on September 13. He had served at WSO Burlington since 1948, except for a short period in 1955 when he was assigned to the National Weather Records Center in Asheville, N.C.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey, and eight children—Kathleen, Thomas, Michael, James, Patrick, Margaret, Martin, and Mary.



**FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS METEOROLOGIST IN CHARGE OF SEVERAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICES, Robert E. Cardinal, MIC at the WSO in Yakima, Wash., has received a Department of Commerce Bronze Medal. He was cited for his outstanding technical ability in providing agricultural forecasts while at Klamath Falls, Oreg., and for his office management and public weather services provided the Yakima area.**

## D. B. Mitchell

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al scientific experiments, such as the International Field Year for the Great Lakes and the Global Atmospheric Research Program Atlantic Tropical Experiment.

Mr. Mitchell joined EDS after a 30-year Air Force career, during which he had extensive experience in developing and managing large scale automatic data processing systems for the collection, processing, and analysis of environmental data from ground-based, aircraft, and satellite systems. His last assignment was Commander of the AF Global Weather Central. Previously, he was Commander of the First Weather Group in Vietnam, which was responsible for providing environmental support to all U.S. Air Force and Army units operating in Southeast Asia. During World War II, he was a fighter pilot in the First Air Commando Group in Burma.

Mr. Mitchell holds a master's degree in meteorology from the University of Chicago and is a professional member of the American Meteorological Society.

## Seal Skin Waiver Extended

States:  
—No skins can be imported from animals that were nursing, pregnant, or less than eight months old at the time of taking;

—The skins must be taken in a manner not deemed inhumane by the Director of NMFS.

—No skins can be imported for which a required permit has not been issued by the Director of NMFS.

Mr. Schoning said that information submitted by the South African government indicated the Republic's inspection program



Continuing a tradition, representatives of NESS, NASA and RCA pose with a celebration cake signifying the turn-over by NASA to NESS of operational control of the RCA-built NOAA-5 satellite. Left to right are Michael Garbacz of NASA, Al Butera of NESS, and Dwayne Kaeding of RCA.

## Dr. White Is Honored by Smithsonian

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Maury, a 19th century U.S. Naval officer recognized as the founder of the science of oceanography. The Smithsonian awards the medal for distinguished contributions in underwater ocean science, an interdisciplinary field of immense complexity whose understanding is one of mankind's greatest challenges.

Dr. White is being honored for distinguished service as the first Administrator of NOAA, and for his participation in fostering research on a national level in the ocean sciences.

The citation notes that Dr. White has "combined the skills of a gifted administrator with those of a human scientist," and that he has pioneered an international cooperation in marine biology and ecology. It also lauds him for his efforts to "protect our fellow mammals who still make the seas their home."

In remarks prepared for presentation, Secretary Ripley said that Dr. White was one of the leading scientist-administrators in the United States. He also said that the international conference provides a "most propitious op-

portunity for recognizing leadership in exploring knowledge about a domain on which we are all dependent—the earth's water system."

Secretary Ripley also stated that in honoring Dr. White during the celebration of the American Revolution Bicentennial, "we also are celebrating the father of oceanography in the United States—Matthew Fontaine Maury, who published his classic *Physical Geography of the Sea* in 1855."

The Maury medal was designed by the medalist C. P. Jennewein. It depicts on one side a portrait of Mr. Maury as a young man, and on the obverse, the Smithsonian Institution's oceanographic submersible Johnson-Sea-Link. The only other recipients of the medal have been Edwin Link and J. Seward Johnson, awarded in January 1971.

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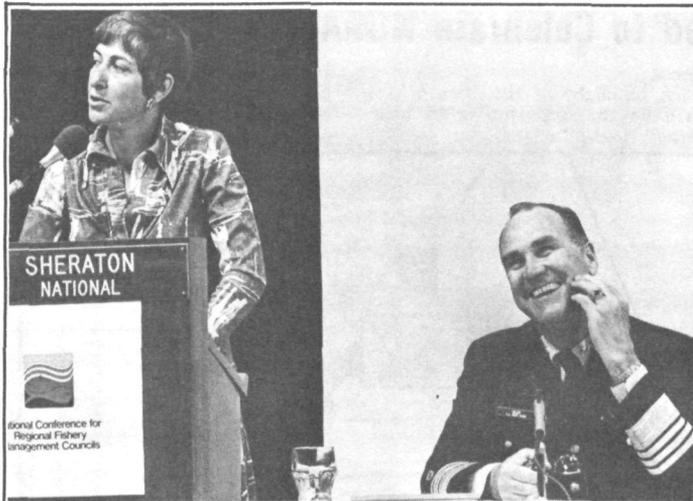
## Marine Bird Study Contract Awarded College of Atlantic

The College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine, has been awarded a \$79,220 contract by the Environmental Research Laboratories to assess the effects ocean currents have on breeding colonies and food habits of marine birds at Norton Sound in the northern Bering Sea area of Alaska.

The contract, which extends work done last summer at Bluff and Sledge Islands off Alaska's Seward Peninsula, is part of a major environmental study managed by ERL for the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management as a portion of the Bureau's Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Assessment Program. These studies seek to determine the probable ecological impacts of oil exploration and development activities on Alaska's outer continental shelf.

A major focus of the research is to learn population patterns, abundance, and food dependencies of marine birds in coastal habitats at King Island off the Peninsula.

Research results will include information on the role of circulation patterns of ocean currents in carrying oil pollutants to seabird colonies and feeding areas.



Ambassador Rozanne L. Ridgway, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries Affairs, makes a point—obviously enjoyed by Adm. Owen Siler, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard—while addressing the National Conference for Regional Fishery Management Councils, held last week in Arlington, Va. Purpose of the Conference was to brief recently-appointed members of the eight regional councils on their duties and responsibilities under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.

Under the Act, which goes into effect March 1, 1977, a 200-mile fishery conservation zone is established off the coasts of the United States, over which the U.S. will exercise exclusive fishery jurisdiction. Eight regional councils will prepare management plans for the fish stocks within their regions, and carry out other duties designed to protect and better utilize fishery resources.

Also speaking at the conference were Sen. Warren Magnuson and Sen. Ted Stevens, Rep. Robert L. Leggett and Rep. Edwin Forsythe, Secretary of Commerce Elliot L. Richardson, and numerous NOAA and NMFS officials headed by Dr. Robert M. White and NMFS Director Robert W. Schoning.

## Fishery Councils To Hold First Local Meetings

The eight Regional Fishery Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 will hold their first meetings within their respective areas during the next 45 days, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Major items on the agenda for the initial meetings include election of officers, organization of the Councils and staffs, practices and procedures to be followed, and fishery management activities.

The Councils have responsibility over fisheries within the 200-mile fishery conservation zone adjacent to the states within their regions. They will, among other things, prepare and submit to the Secretary of Commerce fishery management plans for their areas, comment on applications for foreign fishing, and conduct necessary public hearings.

The meetings will be open to the public.

## Connecticut Given More CZM Funds, Time

Balanced use of the heavily developed Connecticut coast fronting Long Island Sound may be ensured as the result of a three-month grant extension and \$90,484 supplemental award to the State from the Office of Coastal Zone Management.

The time and money will help the State complete a balanced plan for relieving conflicting pressures on the coast from recreation, beach home construction, wildlife refuges, farmland, fishing, energy production, and other competing purposes.

Through the supplemental funds, Connecticut hopes to strengthen its Coastal Area Management Program (CAM), now in the second year of development. OCZM awarded the State \$290,000 to conduct the second year work activities in September 1975.

Including the current supplemental grant, Connecticut has received nearly \$700,000 from NOAA to develop its program and added another \$372,000 in State matching funds. The supplement, officials said, will enable State planners to finish second year work activities, and initiate new ones, in the areas of public participation—coordinating the development of the program with local citizens, municipal and regional officials, and citizen advisory groups; offshore energy impacts—identifying areas along the coast that most likely will be affected by energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf; and organization authorities—devising methods for implementing a sound management program at both the State and local levels.

## resident's Special Cost Reduction Campaign (Continued from page 1)

\$480,000 in measurable benefits to the Government and will continue to accrue each month;

—Walter A. Hogge and Douglas E. Ford, Communications Management Specialists in the Telecommunications Management and Planning Division in the Office of Management and Computer Systems, Office of the Assistant Administrator for Administration, who conducted a study of NOAA's procedures for leasing of telecommunications circuits and made recommendations

which will result in first year cost savings of \$32,726; and

—Sandra M. Glover, a Telecommunications Assistant in the same office as Mr. Hogge and Mr. Ford, who, through study of alternative methods of providing telecommunications between NOAA's computer centers and remote locations made recommendations which will result in first year cost savings of \$13,130.

The fifth NOAA employee was John H. Kinney, Regional

Engineer of the National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region, in Juneau. He was honored for solving a long-standing construction problem—a project involving the erection and operation of a fuel storage tank farm and pollution abatement facility at an outlying field station in the Region. His redesign of the project resulted in a structural complex much safer against oil pollution than the previous design, as well as real and potential savings to the Government of over \$26,000.



Dr. Townsend (left) and Mr. Garifo.



Mr. Hogge



Mr. Ford



Mr. Kinney



Ms. Glover

# Open Houses Scheduled to Celebrate NOAA's Sixth Anniversary

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itors will be able to view documentary films on such subjects as tornadoes, fisheries, estuaries, and other environmental sub-

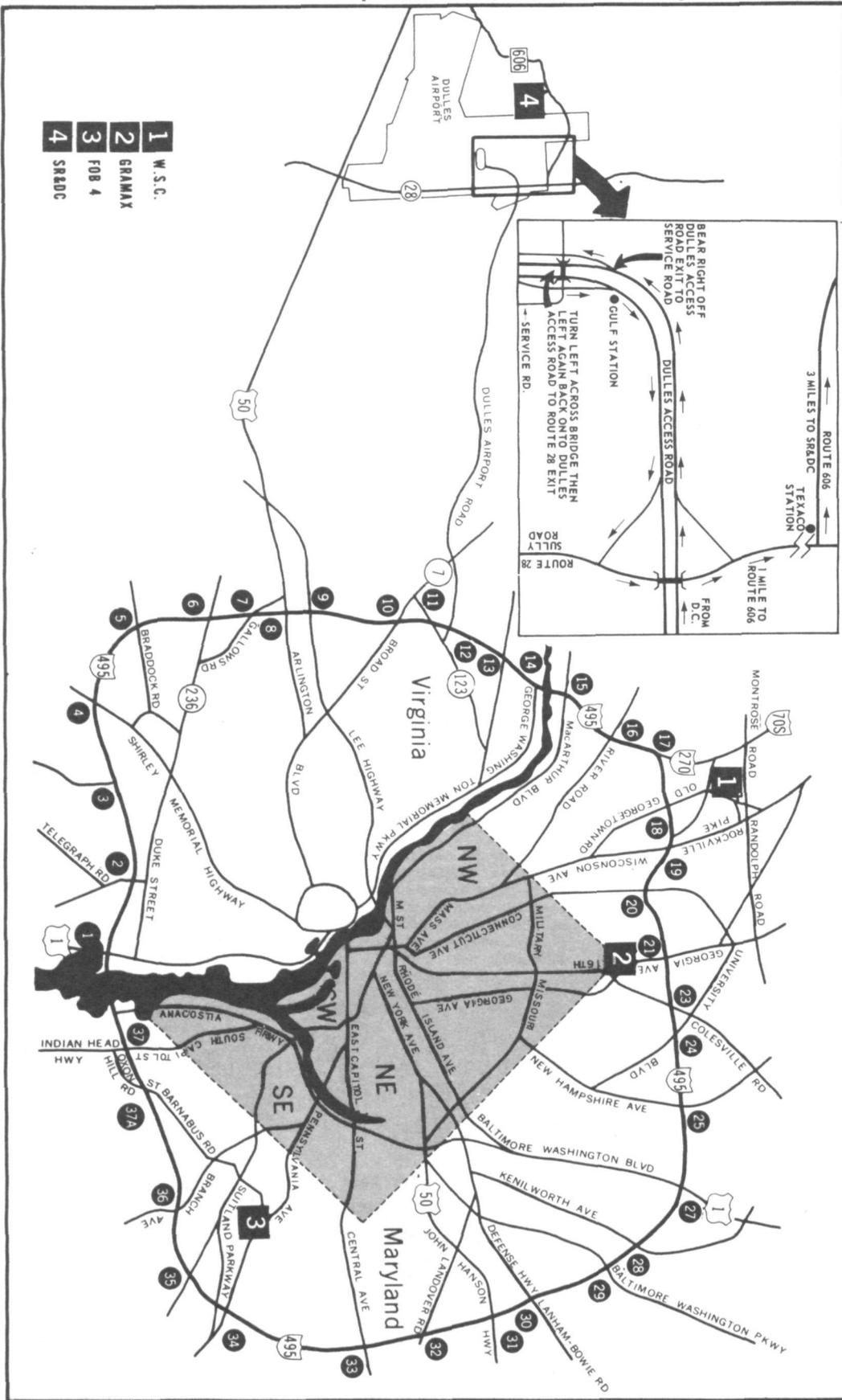
jects.

A highlight of the open house will be the opportunity to hear brief presentations by senior

NOAA scientists and to discuss their work with them. The exhibits will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days.

Other locations where NOAA facilities will hold Open Houses are:

- Amarillo, Tex., October 9
  - Anchorage, Alaska, October 11
  - Astoria, Oreg., October 4
  - Atlanta, Ga., mid-October, to coincide with commissioning of new radar;
  - Augusta, Ga.;
  - Beaufort, N.C.;
  - Billings, Mont.;
  - Boston, Mass., October 1;
  - Burlington, Vt., October 8
  - Charleston, W. Va., October 2-3;
  - Columbia, Mo., October 6;
  - Elko, Nev., October 2-3;
  - Fairbanks, Alaska, October 1;
  - Fairhaven, Mass., October 2, aboard the NOAA Ship Peirce;
  - Fort Worth, Tex., October 13-14;
  - Gloucester, Mass., October 7-8;
  - Honolulu, Hawaii, October 1-2;
  - Jacksonville, Fla., October 4-8;
  - Juneau, Alaska, October 1;
  - Lansing, Mich., September 30-October 1;
  - Lihue, Hawaii;
  - Limon, Colo., October 10;
  - Lincoln, Nebr., October 6;
  - Madison, Wis., October 9;
  - Memphis, Tenn., October 10;
  - Meridian, Miss., October 17;
  - Miami, Fla., October 1-2;
  - Montgomery, Ala., late October or early November, to coincide with radar dedication;
  - Norfolk, Va., October 10;
  - Palmer, Alaska, October 1;
  - Pascagoula, Miss., October 29-30;
  - Portland, Oreg., October 3;
  - Richmond, Va., October 4-8;
  - Roswell, N. Mex., October 2-3;
  - Sacramento, Calif., October 7;
  - St. Petersburg, Fla.;
  - Seattle, Wash., October 28 (Northwest Fisheries Center);
  - Seattle, Wash., November 19 (Pacific Marine Center);
  - Shreveport, La., October 22-23;
  - Sioux Falls, S. Dak., October 2;
  - Stephenville, Tex., October 3;
  - Tallahassee, Fla., October 30-31;
  - Terminal Island, Calif.;
  - Tulsa, Okla., October 2-3;
  - U.S. Naval Air Station, Intra-Alaska, October 1;
  - Waco, Tex., October date to coincide with radar dedication;
  - Wendover, Utah, October 5;
  - West Palm Beach, Fla., later to fit occupancy of new WSO building;
  - Wichita Falls, Tex., late October, to coincide with radar dedication; and
  - Woods Hole, Mass., October 17 or November 7
- Open Houses have already been held by NOAA facilities at the following locations:
- La Jolla, Calif.;
  - Medford, Oreg.;
  - Rockford, Ill.;
  - Toledo, Ohio.



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