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RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS MEET

"Research Management -- The Quantitative Approach" was the theme of the Twentieth National Conference on the administration of research, held at Miami, Oct. 25-28. Walter A. Hahn, Director of Planning and Program Evaluation, was a member of a panel concerning the evaluation of individuals and groups engaged in research. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology, Chalmers W. Sherwin, was program chairman. Also present were: Meritt N. Techter, Director of Systems Development, Weather Bureau, and ESSA Deputy Administrator-designate, Werner A. Baum, from New York University.

COST CONSCIOUSNESS STRESSED

President Johnson has directed a special sustained Government-wide effort to reduce Federal spending in buying supplies, equipment and other material. On Oct. 28, Administrator Dr. Robert M. White directed all management control centers to start an ESSA-wide increased economy program in these areas. ESSAites should adopt a "make do" attitude. One area where immediate savings may be realized is by reducing the number of long-distance phone calls.

SURVEYS SET FOR FLORIDA

Six men using a 26-foot launch, a 20-foot barge, and a 16-foot skiff, will spend the next two or three months performing the first hydrographic surveys since 1881 on Florida's Banana and Indian rivers. The surveys will be conducted by a Coast and Geodetic Survey "launch party," one of two recently authorized to investigate reports by the boating public of changes in areas covered by C&GS nautical charts.

ESSA's FEB REPRESENTATIVES

ESSA employees who represent the Department of Commerce on Federal Executive Boards in their respective areas are: W.L. Thompson, Regional Director, WB, Fort Worth, Tex.; Roy L. Fox, Regional Director, WB, Kansas City, Mo.; Captain Philip A. Weber, USESSA, Chief, Field Office, C&GS, Los Angeles, and J.W. Osmun, Regional Director, Honolulu.

LANDLUBBERS BEWARE!

A ship-motion simulator so real it almost makes one seasick watching it is now in operation at the Weather Bureau's Test and Evaluation Laboratory at Sterling, Va. The device, capable of simulating roll, pitch, and yaw, was developed to make dry-land tests of shipboard meteorological equipment. It consists of a platform slung between three telephone-like poles. Cables attached to the platform are strung through pulleys at the tops of the poles and then down to small motors which, when operated singly or in combination, rock the platform simulating a ship in heavy seas.

LASER MEASURES 10 MILES TO FRACTION OF INCH

Geodesists of the C&GS are optimistic over results of a laser geodimeter used for measuring distance. During a recent laser experiment, the 10-mile distance between Building No. 1 of the Washington Science Center, Rockville, Md., and Tyson's Corner, Va., was measured in full sunshine to a fractional inch accuracy. The standard instrument normally used for that purpose was unable to measure the distance. C&GS technicians believe 10 miles is not the limit of laser capability for this purpose.

ESSA/CALIFORNIA TEAM UP

Weather Bureau's Associate Director for Hydrology, William E. Hiatt, joined California officials at Eureka yesterday to take part in the dedication of the new high-speed radio data collection network for river and rainfall information. This network, installed cooperatively by the State of California and ESSA, will make reports continuously available to the river forecast center at Sacramento from an expanding network of stations in the flood-producing watersheds of the state.

TEXAS BIG ON NAWAS

With the installation of National Warning System (NAWAS) phones at 16 Texas Weather Bureau stations last month, all 24-hour stations in WB's Southern Region now have NAWAS emergency warning capability.

CATALOG ISSUE IS PLANNED

Catalogs listing all available nautical charts for Alaska including the Aleutian Islands will be issued free to mariners by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. The catalogs will be accordion folded, similar in format to roadmaps. The new catalog is similar to those previously issued for the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

CONFERENCE HELD ON TORNADO PREDICTION

A conference to coordinate research and development plans for improved predictions of tornadoes and severe local storms was held last week in the Gramax Building. Organizations taking part included the Techniques Development Laboratory; the National Severe Storms Laboratory; the National Severe Storms Forecast Center; WB Central Region headquarters; the National Meteorological Center; the Weather Analysis and Prediction Division, and the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology. Speakers on current programs and requirements were: Dr. M.A. Alaka; DeVer Colson; Donald Foster; Robert Helbush; Lester Hubert; Lawrence Hughes; Dr. Clayton Jensen; Dr. Edwin Kessler; Dr. William H. Klein; Albert Pearson; Ronald Reap; Dr. Wayne Sangster; Dr. Robert Simpson; Dr. John Stackpole and Kenneth Wilk.

SHEMYA BECOMES KEY LINK

Another key link has been added in the new Alaskan Seismic Sea Wave Warning System which will become operational next year. It is a continuous recording tide gauge installed at Shemya near the western tip of the Aleutian Islands. Now reporting its data to the Shemya Weather Bureau, it will eventually make its reports to the C&GS seismological observatory at Palmer, which will serve as headquarters of the new warning system.

'FIRST' FOR WB EASTERN REGION

Lieutenant (junior grade) Charles R. McIntyre, USESSA, will report to WBAS Atlantic City for permanent shore assignment on or about Nov. 7. He will be the first USESSA commissioned officer to be assigned to the WB Eastern Region. Lieutenant McIntyre received his commission in September 1964 and has been assigned to the USC&GSS PATHFINDER and the USC&GSS PATTON.

PRANKE APPOINTED PLATEAU STATION LEADER

James Pranke, C&GS geophysicist, has been appointed as Station Scientific Leader for the 1967 season at Plateau Station, Antarctica, by the Director of the National Science Foundation. Plateau Station is located on the high polar plateau at an elevation of some 11,000 feet. Temperatures lower than 120 degrees below zero were recorded there during the 1966 Austral winter. The station was activated in January 1966 at the terminal point of South Pole -- Queen Maud Land Traverse II. Pranke, presently assigned to the U.S. Antarctic Research Program, is scheduled to arrive in Antarctica in December.

PRIVATE WEATHER EYES LISTED

To help Weather Bureau field stations inform industry, state and local governments, and individuals, of the services available through private meteorologists, an updated "Professional Directory" listing a number of private or consulting meteorologists is now available from the Weather Bureau's Office of Public Information. The directory is reprinted from the "Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society."

CAPTAIN WAUGH ENDS CAREER

Captain Joseph E. Waugh, a top ranking official of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, retired Oct. 31 after 36 years of service with the Federal Government. He served as associate director of Geodesy and Photogrammetry.

AWARDS

Length-of-service awards in the National Weather Records Center for October have been made to Harry E. Torbitt, 35 years. Clyde M. Collier, Vincent E. Hagarty, George S. Pozner, Rudolph N. Rose, Gilbert E. Stegall, Ellis G. Sumner, and Bernice J. Torbitt, 25 years. Jack B. Icenhower, Betty M. Kanipe, William M. Mills, R.D. Robinson, and Virginia H. Wilson, 20 years; and Donald T. Rowland, WBAS, Alexandria, La., 30 years as of last August. The following WB Central Region personnel will receive length of service awards in November: Floyd H. Pearson, Detroit, 40 years. William L. Denmark, Champaign, Ill., 30 years. Harry W. Waldheuser, St. Louis; Joseph W. Berry, Denver; Henry J. Paul, Detroit; Robert L. Spengler, Grand Junction, Colo.; Robert A. Lafferty, Indianapolis; Edward L. McGuire, NSSFC, Kansas City, Mo.; and Earl A. Johnson, RFC, Kansas City, Mo., 25 years. George Whittaker, Peoria, Ill., and Iris Leon Greninger, Springfield, Mo., 20 years. Awards in the WB's Southern Region for November are: James A. White, WBO, Apalachicola, Fla.; John P. Geyer, WBAS, Dallas; Allan E. Elomaa, WBAS, Jacksonville, Fla.; Edward L. Manak, NHC, Miami; Troy V. Goodwin, WBAS, Midland; Charles S. Self, WBAS, Nashville, Tenn.; Lawrence A. McDonald, WBAS, Orlando, Fla.; Earl S. Morgan, WBAS, Orlando, Fla., and William O. Peterson, WBAS, Raton, N.M., 25 years, and John J. Drost, NHC, Miami, 20 years.

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