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### **RAY GIRARD TO RETIRE**

Raymond A. Girard, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Administration and Technical Services, will retire on Dec. 30, after a 36-year Government career. In 1930, Mr. Girard became a clerk with the General Accounting Office and served thereafter with the Patent Office, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the National Production Authority. From 1953 to 1965, he worked at the Department of Commerce, first as a budget and management analyst and later as a supervisory budget analyst with the Budget Review and Evaluation Staff in the Office of the Secretary. In this position, he had primary responsibility for evaluating the policies, programs, and budgetary requirements of the Weather Bureau, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Patent Office, and the National Bureau of Standards. He transferred in 1965 to the Coast and Geodetic Survey, where he held the post of Assistant Director for Administration until the creation of ESSA and his appointment as Director of its Office of Administration.

### **EXPLORER CREW LAUDED FOR GULF STREAM WORK**

The crew of the USC&GSS EXPLORER was honored for its contribution to the Gulf Stream project at a special shipboard muster on Nov. 15. Grant Lewis, Harold J. Gough, Harry M. Braudrick, David E. Hylton, and Nick A. Smith, Sr., received outstanding performance awards at the ceremony which was attended by Captain John C. Bull, Atlantic Marine Center Director, and Dr. Werner A. Baum, incoming ESSA Deputy Administrator.

### **ESSA MEN CONFER AT HUNTSVILLE SPACE CENTER**

Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, and representatives from Science and Engineering, Planning and Program Evaluation, the National Environmental Satellite Center, the Institutes for Environmental Research, and the Weather Bureau, participated in a joint ESSA/Marshall Space Flight Center conference Dec. 15 at Huntsville, Ala. During the conference, they described ESSA's programs and its study of environmental space platforms, and were briefed on MSFC's operations.

### **ESSA MEN GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER**

Twenty-two ESSA men, representing the WB, C&GS, ITSA, and IAS, are participating in the 1966-67 Antarctic Research Program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. They are stationed at the Byrd, Plateau, and South Pole stations and on the USNS ELTANIN, a research vessel. Fifteen of the scientists will spend the winter in Antarctica, remaining until Dec. 1967. The others will conduct their research during the Antarctic summer and return next March. Acting as station scientific leaders are James B. Pranke (C&GS) at the Plateau Station and Richard B. Weininger (ITSA) at the Pole Station.

### **ALASKA TIDE GAGE NET COMPLETED**

With the installation of a continuous recording tide gage at Cold Bay, Alaska, the network of tide-gage stations for the new Alaska Seismic Sea Wave Warning System is complete. Other stations in the network are located at Sitka, Seward, Kodiak, Unalaska, Adak, and Shemya. The warning system is scheduled to begin operation in 1967.

### **NEW TEAM COMMANDS SURVEYOR**

Commander Norman E. Taylor, who has served as Executive Officer of the USC&GSS SURVEYOR since June, has been given command of the ship. Replacing him as Executive Officer is Commander Harley D. Nygren, formerly Deputy Director of Planning and Program Evaluation, ESSA.

### **HURRICANE WARNINGS REVIEWED**

Representatives from Weather Bureau headquarters, the Southern and Eastern Regions, and hurricane warning centers met in Miami last week for the annual review of hurricane warning services and operational procedures.

### **WIEDER TO HEAD BOULDER GROUP**

Dr. Bernard Wieder, an IER physicist, has been chosen to head the Radiodetermination Group, Ionospheric Telecommunications Laboratory. Dr. Wieder joined the Boulder Laboratories of the Department of Commerce in 1951, and served in the Plasma Physics Section from 1960 to 1965.

### **TASK TEAM PLANS FEDERAL R&D PROGRAM**

An interagency Task Team established by the Interdepartmental Committee for Applied Meteorological Research (ICAMR) has completed its recommended Federal Plan for a coordinated program of research and development on subsynoptic scale phenomena leading to improved basic, aviation, agricultural, and air pollution weather services. The Team, chaired by Dr. Mikhail Alaka of the Weather Bureau's Systems Development Office, representing the Department of Commerce, is composed of members from the Department of Defense, the Federal Aviation Agency, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The recommended plan will be reviewed by the ICAMR and forwarded to the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research for his action.

### **SPECIAL AERONAUTICAL CHARTS IMPROVED**

The C&GS Controller Chart series has been expanded, both in information content and in number, to serve the needs of FAA air traffic controllers. New information added to all charts in the series includes jet route mileages, minimum enroute altitudes, and reporting points.

### **DUNN OFF TO DACCA**

Dr. Gordon E. Dunn, Director of the Weather Bureau's National Hurricane Center, left Miami last week to attend a WMO Organizational Group meeting at Dacca, Pakistan. A few years ago, Dr. Dunn assisted the government of Pakistan in establishing typhoon protection measures.

### **CAB HEARS ESSA MEN**

S. V. Wyatt, Chief of the Weather Bureau's Aviation Safety and Quality Control Group, was the Bureau's spokesman at the Civil Aeronautics Board hearing in connection with the Aug. 6 Braniff accident near Falls City, Nebr., in which all 42 persons aboard the plane were killed. Weather conditions and service were among the factors highlighted in the hearing, held Dec. 7-9 at Omaha. Legal counsel was provided by Hugh Dolan of ESSA, and Dr. Edwin Kessler (NSSL), Stuart Bigler (WB Data Acquisition Division), and H. Martin (WB Aviation Service Operations Meteorologist) served as Technical Advisors to Mr. Wyatt. Weather Bureau personnel who testified were M. Pautz, C. Chappel, B. Brown, and N. Prosser.

### **FEDERAL CAMPAIGN LEADERS HONORED**

Dr. White presented award certificates to six Washington-area ESSA employees in recognition of their outstanding achievement in the 1967 Combined Federal Campaign. ESSA personnel in the Washington area gave 127 percent of their quota, exceeding the percentages achieved by other large Commerce bureaus. George C. Allen (WB), Darathea H. Cartwright (EDS), Raymond A. Girard (ESSA), Richard O. Quill (ESSA), Guy P. Meredith (C&GS), and Marion G. Talcott, vice-chairman of the ESSA campaign, received certificates in the Nov. 23 ceremony.

### **CAMPBELL DISCUSSES ANTARCTIC PROGRAMS**

Dr. Wallace H. Campbell, chief of the Geomagnetism Group (IER), spoke Dec. 6 at the Department of State at the invitation of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. His talk covered the development of upper atmospheric physics programs in Antarctica, including particle and field phenomena of the auroral zone and the polar cap region, as well as the potential and future development of Antarctic investigations.

### **NOTED WEATHERMAN DIES**

Charles C. Williford, Meteorologist in Charge of the Weather Bureau station at Springfield, Mo., from 1932 until his retirement in 1956, died Dec. 10. "C. C." was noted in the Ozarks for his informal weather broadcasts which he embellished with regional folklore, homespun philosophy, and general advice.

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

Length of service awards were presented to the following personnel of C&GS' Executive and Technical Services Staff: Gilbert K. Fissell and John J. Rafferty, 30 years. Edmund C. Durringer, Angelo A. Ferrara, Rex B. Finley, James A. Murphy, Ole K. Schmidt, William F. Thut, and Gordon J. Walker, 25 years. Julius Zdynak, 20 years.

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