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THIRTEEN PRESENTED BRONZE MEDALS

Thirteen ESSA employees were presented Department of Commerce Bronze Medals (the highest award a Commerce agency can give an employee) by Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator, in a June 1 ceremony. Recipients were: (C&GS), I. Y. Fitzgerald, Fred B. Engelbrecht, Robert E. Glacken, Byron P. Roberts, James Smith, and Charles R. Wittmann; (WB), Donald S. Foster, Stanley J. Lacy, Charles G. Reeves, and Charles F. Roberts; (ESSA), Shirley Edwards and Raymond P. Hogan; (EDS), John L. Baldwin. Harold C. McComb, Weather Bureau Central Region, received a Bronze Medal for superior service May 22 from Dr. Werner A. Baum, ESSA Deputy Administrator.

MU ANNOUNCES GRADUATE PROGRAM

Dr. Helmut Landsberg, former Director of the Environmental Data Service, now Research Professor in the Institute for Fluid Dynamics and Applied Mathematics of the University of Maryland, has announced a newly approved Graduate Program in Meteorology at MU. The fall semester of 1967-1968 will feature courses in Descriptive and Synoptic Meteorology; Dynamic Meteorology; Special Topics in Meteorology; Seminar in Meteorology; and Research for Thesis. Deadline for application for the fall term is July 15, 1967. Application blanks may be obtained from the office of the Graduate School, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. 20740.

ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSES MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY

ESSA Administrator Dr. Robert M. White will deliver the main address at the Third Annual Conference of the Marine Technology Society at San Diego, Calif., on June 6, 1967.

FIRE WEATHER PLAN ANNOUNCED

A revised plan for a National Fire Weather Service was announced by Dr. Robert M. White on May 24. Dr. White said the plan will extend to all major forested areas of the Nation fire-weather services now available only in certain portions. It was designed by ESSA's Weather Bureau in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management; state foresters; and other agencies concerned with fire suppression activities in forest and range lands.

ESSA EMPLOYEES COMPLETE COMMERCE COURSE

The following ESSA employees have successfully completed the Department of Commerce Middle Management Course held from May 16-19, 1967: Ernest A. Brown, Bernard F. Cooke, Kenneth C. Fichtel, Andrew J. Kennedy, Joseph F. Kulikowski, Ray E. Moses, Herbert Meyers, James R. Neilon, William M. Richardson, Jr., Alvin F. Seebode, and Dale E. Westbrook.

HANSEN, HARRIS CONTRIBUTE TO BOOK

Investigating the Earth, a new secondary school science textbook sponsored by the American Geological Society and supported by the National Science Foundation, was published in May. Two ESSA employees, Dr. Donald V. Hansen of the Institute for Oceanography, and Miles F. Harris of the Scientific Information and Documentation Division, contributed to the book, which adopts a unified approach to the study of man's physical environment. The book is published by Houghton-Mifflin Company.

WEATHER BUREAU GETS TURBULENCE RESPONSIBILITY

Management responsibility for ESSA's part of the National Clear Air Turbulence program has been assigned to the Weather Bureau. Dr. Harry Foltz (OMO), DeVer Colson (SDO), Harold A. Bedient (NMC), and Charles Roberts (OMO), will develop a five-year plan for operations and for research and development.

OCEANOGRAPHER VISITS ODESSA

The USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER spent four days at Odessa, the Soviet Union's Black Sea port, May 11-15. Open house was held for Russian visitors, including Georgiovich, former captain of the Soviet Ocean survey ship LOMONOSOV. During the open house, there were continuous showings of the U.S. Information Agency film on ocean exploration. When the ship left Odessa, Soviet scientist Alexai Metalnikov accompanied the vessel. He will debark in Bombay, India. From Odessa, the ship went to Port Said, Egypt, where she arrived May 18. Twenty-one Egyptian marine scientists and newsmen and U.S. Embassy personnel accompanied the ship during her Suez Canal transit.

PRICE ELECTED TO HEAD ACADEMY

Saul Price, Regional Climatologist, Pacific Region, has recently been elected President-elect of the Hawaiian Academy of Sciences. The Academy has 1,300 members and has received national recognition and funding for its work in science education. Mr. Price has also been re-elected to his fourth successive term as Treasurer of the local chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi.

McARTHUR DEPARTS FOR HOME PORT

The new hydrographic survey ship of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the USC&GSS McARTHUR, has left Norfolk, Va., for Honolulu, her future home port. The ship is scheduled to reach her destination July 8 after a 40-day, 8300-mile trip via the Panama Canal. The new ship will hold open house in Kingston, Jamaica, on June 4 and in Balboa on June 12.

YATES TO DIRECT NESC LAB

Harold W. Yates will be appointed July 3, 1967, as Director, Satellite Experiment Laboratory of ESSA's National Environmental Satellite Center. Mr. Yates has worked as a physicist for the U. S. Naval Research Laboratory doing research in atmospheric transmission and refraction, sky brightness measurement, and radiation detector evaluation. Since 1957, he has been working for Barnes Engineering Company. He has worked on and directed the development of the prototype models of the Satellite Infra-red Spectrometer.

FOUR ASSIGNED TO ICE ISLAND

A large floating island of ice which drifts with the winds and currents in the Arctic Ocean will be a six-month home for four ESSA employees. Robert Newland, Bennie Lightsey, Robert Fuller, and Elmer Tingle will be making surface and upper-air observations and maintaining the electronic equipment on Ice Island T-3.

SMEDLEY TO MANAGE UN PROJECT

Dr. David Smedley, Chief of the Foreign Branch, EDS, who has been selected to serve as Project Manager of the United Nations Development Program project to improve Caribbean meteorological services in the West Indies, has just returned from a preliminary three-month mission to those islands. During this time he consulted with the 13 governments participating in the project, which include all the former and current British colonies in the West Indies. Mr. Smedley is back in EDS for about a month, then will leave for Barbados with his family to begin the four year project.

AGREE TO STUDY TEXAS DATA

ESSA has just concluded a memorandum of agreement for a cooperative climatological study of Texas rainfall data with three Texas agencies: the Texas Water Rights Commission, the Texas Water Development Board, and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of Texas A. & M. University. Robert Orton, State Climatologist for Texas, will provide most of the ESSA input.

ESSA SCIENTISTS STUDY FLORIDA CLOUDS

During the period May 15 through May 26, E. W. Ferguson of the Applications Group of the National Environmental Satellite Center and Dr. H. K. Weickmann, Director, Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry Laboratory, Boulder, Colo., discussed current satellite data for the purpose of obtaining a census of cloud type and amount over southern Florida and the Florida Keys. Information provided by satellites was correlated with radar and surface observations in support of a preliminary study in locating areas that suggest a high potential for cloud seeding. It is intended to conduct similar studies for other drought areas across the nation.

DALE GETS PURDUE POST

Robert F. Dale, Central Region Climatologist, will leave ESSA in August to become Associate Professor of Agronomy at Purdue University. His responsibilities will include research and teaching in meteorology and climatology.

LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED

Length-of-service awards were presented to the following employees of the C&GS Office of Aeronautical Charting and Cartography. 35 years - David L. Hight and Price L. Neal. 30 years - William F. Hellman, David Janko, and Edith S. Adler. 25 years - Francis E. Thompson, James Anspach, Verne C. Carter, William J. Casey, Leonard L. Dreifuss, Sidney Feldman, Marion G. Fisher, Frank G. Holdampf, Edward M. Kindsfather, Eino E. Lahti, Robert O. Lee, William E. Richards, Felizita M. Romagna, Karl Schmuhl, Carolyne P. Watson, Gustav G. Weinel, Stephen Yachmetz, Jr., John M. Bayha, Louis Brisky, Leonard F. Cox, John A. Dabrowski, Frank R. Dameron, Joseph Goggin, Lee Hale, Hans M. Hanson, Rufus S. Houston, Joseph L. Kirk, Louis Milazzo, Howard W. Moritz, Harrington Newton, Charles R. Osner, Donald J. Rahn, John M. Savage, Robert S. Smith, Richard J. Vogel, Merle J. Wagner, Vernon S. Williams, Joseph L. Brockenton, Edward J. Carey, Caroline C. Meighan, and Craig H. Russ. 20 years - Grace O. Bethea, Marie R. Cox, Irving B. Dean, Ned T. Perry, William L. Greer, Frederick S. Knowles, Matthew McCree, Bernice H. Johnson, Hallie A. Ward, and Joseph F. Yasbec, Jr.

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