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GORDON DUNN TO RETIRE



Dr. Gordon E. Dunn, Director of the Weather Bureau's National Hurricane Center in Miami, who officially retires Jan. 13, was honored by more than 200 of his friends and associates at a retirement party on Dec. 12. Dr. Robert M. White, ESSA Administrator; Dr. Werner A. Baum, ESSA Deputy Administrator; and Dr. George P. Cressman, Weather Bureau Director, were among those honoring Dr. Dunn for his more than thirty years of service with the Bureau and especially his twelve years as Director of the Miami facility.

As Director of the National Hurricane Center, Dr. Dunn originated the idea of hurricane preparedness conferences in the principal communities in the hurricane belt,

which resulted in a marked increase in hurricane preparedness and a significant reduction in hurricane casualties and damage. In 1961, he served as representative of the State Department in Pakistan where he made recommendations for that country's storm warning program. Recently, he served as a World Meteorological Organization expert on an Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East Conference in Pakistan. He has also served as an advisor and consultant for a number of Latin American and Caribbean meteorological services. Dr. Dunn is the recipient of the Medal for Freedom from the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Commerce Gold and Silver Medals for meritorious service. In 1966, he was given an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Miami. After retirement, Dr. Dunn plans extensive visits to Africa and Latin America.

RADAR COMMISSIONING SET

A new radar, known as WSR-57M, will be commissioned the week of Jan. 15 at Cape Hatteras, N.C. Cape Hatteras is a breeding ground of east coast storms and a major lookout for Atlantic hurricanes off the United States mainland. Max Cagle will be in charge of the radar station.

FGLI PROGRAM EXPANDED

The Federal Life Insurance Program has been broadened to conform to the new pay scale increases. If your base salary is \$8,000 or less, you have \$10,000 coverage; if more than \$8,000, your coverage is the next \$1,000 of annual salary, plus \$2,000 up to a maximum of \$32,000. The higher coverage is free until February 25, 1968. After this date, the cost of the insurance will increase from 25 to 27½ cents bi-weekly for each \$1,000 of coverage; the Government's contribution will also increase. The increased coverage is automatic.

A new optional insurance of a flat \$10,000 additional coverage is now available. You can take the entire \$10,000 or nothing and it can be cancelled at any time. Within the coming weeks you will be asked to sign a form rejecting or accepting the optional insurance. Rates will be \$3 bi-weekly for employees under 35; \$6 between 35 and 55; and \$20 over 55. Premiums will go up when you reach the next age bracket. You must pay full rates up to age 65 even if you retire. After age 65, the insurance is free to retirees. The optional insurance, like the regular variety, will decline in value at a rate of 2 per cent a month after age 65 until the insurance reaches 25 per cent of its free value. It will then retain at this level.

SNOWSTORM RESEARCH FLIGHTS PLANNED

The WB Eastern Region's Scientific Services Division is cooperating with Professor Jerome Spar of New York University and the ESSA Research Flight Facility in planning research flights into two or more snowstorms this winter during the period Jan. 5 - Mar. 31, if the research aircraft can be made available. Timely dissemination of the observational data to forecast offices likely to be affected by the storms is also planned.

NESC EXPERIMENT ACCEPTED FOR APOLLO FLIGHT

The National Environmental Satellite Center's Infrared Temperature Profile Radiometer has been accepted by NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center as a flight experiment aboard the Apollo-Applications 1A Mission, scheduled for mid-1969.

POLOS NAMED ALTERNATE ON RIVER COMMISSION

Anthony J. Polos, hydrologist in charge of the WB's Portland River Forecast Center, has been appointed by Secretary of Commerce Alexander B. Trowbridge to serve as alternate member to the Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission. The basic mission of the Commission is to prepare and keep current a comprehensive joint plan for the optimum development of the region's water and related land resources.

DR. KINCAID VISITS CRH



Dr. John F. Kincaid, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology (second from right), and Donald F. Moore, ESSA Assistant Administrator for Plans and Programs (second from left), were recent visitors to the WB Central Region Headquarters in

Kansas City. Operations were described by Roy L. Fox, Regional Director (right), and Capt. Edward B. Brown, C&GS Mid-Continent Field Director (left).

C&GS ACQUIRES HISTORIC MAGNETIC CHART

C&GS' Geomagnetism Division has acquired a print of the earliest known magnetic chart of the world, applying to the year 1700. The print bears the following inscription: "Reproduced by Photolithography, 1870, September, with the permission of the Principal Librarian of the British Museum, from the Copy (presumed to be of the original edition) preserved in the Library of the Museum." The magnetic chart was compiled and published in 1702 by Edmond Halley, Astronomer Royal of Great Britain, for whom "Halley's Comet" was named. The magnetic information on the chart was based on observations made at sea between 1698 and 1701 on the British ship PARAMOUR. Although it contains some now obvious errors including the portrayal of California as a large island off the west coast of North America, the general accuracy of the magnetic information on the chart is considered remarkable in view of the small amount of data available to Halley. Approximately in the center of South America appears the legend: "A New and Correct SEA CHART of the WHOLE WORLD Shewing the Variations of the COMPASS as they were found in the year M.D.C.C."

BALLOON TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR SET

The WB's Office of Meteorological Operations is scheduling a colloquium on balloon technology for Jan. 10 at WB headquarters. Leading the discussion on current programs and the potential of high-altitude balloons will be Robert Leviton of the Air Force's Cambridge Research Laboratory, Mose Sharenow of the Army's Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J.; and Christos Harmantas of the WB's Engineering Division.

SATELLITE TRIANGULATION PARTIES MOVE

Two C&GS Satellite Triangulation field parties are preparing to occupy new stations. One party will occupy South Georgia Island, and the other will set up on Tristan de Cunha Island.

ELEVEN COMPLETE COMMERCE COURSE

ESSA employees completing the Commerce Managerial Course during the week of Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 were: C&GS - Millard L. Cutler, Eino E. Lahti, William F. Langley, and John M. McAlinden. WB - Peter L. Ottman, Robert O. Cole, Helen L. Goddard, and Christos Harman-tas. ESSA - Albert V. Carlin and John Webber. USESSA - Lt. George M. Cole, Jr.

APPEAL TIME LIMITS CHANGE

The Civil Service Commission has extended to 15 calendar days all time limits of less than 15 calendar days for Federal employees filing appeals to the Commission, appeals to performance rating boards of review, and adverse action and other appeals to agencies subject to CSC regulations, effective January 30, 1968. The liberalized time limits will enable Federal employees to present more nearly complete appeals without having to request additional time.

SERVICE AWARDS

Length-of-service awards are due in December to the following WB Eastern Region employees: 30 years - William T. Connor, Charlotte, N.C. 25 years - William J. Wright, Jr., ERH; Raymond A. Wrightson and John B. McCarthy, Albany, N.Y.; and William E. Ray, Cincinnati. 20 years - Wayne P. Tummons, Asheville, N.C.; Elias J. Miller, Cape Hatteras, N.C.; Charles H. Lamb, Huntington, W. Va.; and Joseph R. Vazzo, Youngstown, Ohio.

WB Southern Region personnel eligible for service awards this month are: 30 years - Charles F. Bradley, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., and Clyde C. Johnson, Daytona Beach, Fla. 25 years - Harrison S. Manson, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Virginia H. Carswell, Augusta, Ga.; Ruth C. Jolly, Augusta, Ga.; Donald C. Russell, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Harold E. Lami, Mobile, Ala.; Eulah L. Hill, New Orleans, La.; M. Alma Cooke, Macon, Ga.; and Francis D. McCaul, Memphis, Tenn. 20 years - James A. Middleton, San Antonio, Tex.

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