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## Secretary Praises Flood Forecasts

Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans issued a statement on May 2 commending the Weather Bureau for "outstanding" performance in forecasting widespread flooding in the Midwest, and for moving vigorously to alert the Nation to the critical situation.

Singled out by the Secretary as having served the Nation "in the highest traditions of the Commerce Department," were: Dr. George P. Cressman, Weather Bureau Director; William E. Hiatt, Associate Director for Hydrology; Roy L. Fox, Central Region Director; Verne Alexander, Regional Hydrologist; Ray E. Johnson, Hydrologist-in-Charge; and the staff of the Kansas City River Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo.

The Secretary paid tribute also to the Weather Bureau meteorologists and hydrologists in the field, whose timely warnings made it possible to mount a full-scale attack on the problem in ample time for the population in the areas to prepare for damaging floods.

## Phillips Attends Executive Institute



Captain John O. Phillips, Associate Director of C&GS for Geodesy and Photogrammetry, is attending the Federal Executive Institute's fourth session, Apr. 27 - June 20. The Institute was established in May 1968 to broaden the knowl-

edge and to enhance the effectiveness of men and women in the highest echelons of the Federal service. The fourth session includes some 60 participants from 32 Federal departments and agencies in Washington, D.C., in nine states, and in the Canal Zone.

## Carolina Weather Facility Dedicated



John P. Swain, Vice-Chairman of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority, cuts a ribbon to dedicate the expanded Weather Bureau facility there on Apr. 19. Left to right: Congressman Nick Galifianakis; Dr. Terrell L. Noffsinger, Chief, Special Weather Services Branch, WBH; R. E. Rush MIC, Raleigh-Durham. (Raleigh News and Observer)

## ESSA WORLD Wins Top Award

Two ESSA PI publications-- ESSA WORLD and "Hurricane Information and Atlantic Tracking Chart"--took top awards in the Federal Editors Association's contest for Government publications produced in 1968. ESSA WORLD won first place in the House Organ category; "Hurricane Information and Atlantic Tracking Chart" captured second place in the leaflet category. The plaques were presented in a ceremony held in Washington, D. C., May 6.

## Bice Elected to Rotary Club Post

Ernest G. Bice, meteorologist in charge at Brownsville, Tex., has been elected Governor of Rotary International District 593 which constitutes 41 Rotary Clubs in the far South Texas area. As District Governor, Mr. Bice will attend a special District Governor's Training Session at Lake Placid, N. Y., and later will represent the District at the International Convention in Hawaii.

## Seven State Magnetic Survey Completed

The Coast Survey has completed a four-month survey of seven states to determine the changes that have occurred in the magnetic field at 17 locations over a five-year period. The locations surveyed were near Mena and Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Vinita and Carmen, Okla.; Hereford and Van Horn, Tex.; Trinidad and Cortez, Colo.; Espanola, Deming, and Nogales, N. Mex.; Glendale, Ariz.; Rolla, Mo.; and at the University of Oklahoma and Fort Sill, Okla.

## Weather Observer Honored

Frank J. Southmayd of Franklin, New Hampshire, received a service award pin and citation signed by Dr. George P. Cressman, Weather Bureau Director, for 50 years of service to the Bureau as an official weather observer, Apr. 9. Mr. Southmayd, who has been the recipient of the Thomas Jefferson and the John Campanius Holm awards, became an official observer in 1919, carrying on a family tradition of providing weather services since 1893. Data provided by Mr. Southmayd resulted in a Climatological Summary produced by the Bureau in cooperation with Franklin Developments, Inc.; and listed the means and extremes for the period 1931-1960. Mr. Southmayd holds the longest record of any official weather observer in New England.



State Climatologist Robert Lautzenheiser (left), and substation network specialist James W. Park (right), present Mr. Southmayd with pin and citation. (The Laconia Evening Citizen)

## Strub Gets Minneapolis Award



Joseph H. Strub, Jr., (right), meteorologist in charge at Minneapolis, Minn., received the "Outstanding Achievement Award" of the Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Apr. 22. Mr. Strub was cited "for long devotion to public service and outstanding professional skill in forecasting 1965 and 1969 floods in the basins of the Mississippi, Minnesota, St. Croix, and Red River of the North."

## Electromagnetic Courses Offered

ESSA and the University of Colorado are cosponsoring "The Electromagnetic Science Series of Short Courses," in Boulder, Colo., during the summer of 1969. The objective of the series is to provide high-level, short, intensive courses conducted by recognized authorities for persons employed in electromagnetic science. The courses are Communication Systems and Time-Variant Electromagnetic Propagation Media, June 16 - July 3; Environmental Effects on Antenna Performance, July 7 - July 12; and HF Ionospheric Radio Propagation, Prediction Methods, and Applications, July 7-18. For further information contact: Professor S. W. Maley, Electrical Engineering Department, College of Engineering, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo. 80302.

## Townshend Lectures on Earthquakes

John B. Townshend, chief of the Coast Survey's College, Alaska Observatory, presented a lecture on "Earthquakes--Past, Present, and Future," at the University of Alaska on Apr. 7. Mr. Townshend outlined the general pattern of earthquake activity throughout the world, with special emphasis on the history of earthquakes in Central Alaska.

### Glacier Named for Whitney



A glacier in the Queen Maud Mountains, Antarctica, has been named in honor of Raymond L. Whitney, meteorological technician at EDS' National Weather Records Center. Mr. Whitney was a member of the U. S. Antarctic Expedition from August 1960 to January 1962, and also assisted in the Body Microflora

Studies Program at the South Pole station. He received the Antarctic Service Medal in 1965 from the Department of Defense. After his Antarctic assignment, Mr. Whitney served in the WB Alaska Region. He transferred to NWRC in 1964.

### ESSA Secretary Honored



Mrs. Marguerite L. Johnson, secretary to the State Climatologist for Missouri for eight years, has been named "Columbia, Mo., Secretary of the Year." Mrs. Johnson, who serves as president of the 53-member Columbia chapter of the National Secretaries Association, will compete with other secretaries at the National Secretaries Association's division meeting to be held May 15-18, in Springfield, Mo., for the title "Missouri Division Secretary of the Year."

### Colorado Airport Surveyed

The Coast Survey is conducting a two-week survey of Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo.

### Upper Air Award Goes To Hilo



The Hilo Weather Bureau Office has been named the winner of the Pacific Region's "Upper Air Station of the Year" award for 1968. This is the second successive year that Hilo has won the award. Paul H. Kutschenreuter, Pacific Region Director, presented the plaque and a group cash award to the staff on Apr. 10. Twelve full-time weather stations in the Pacific compete for the award. Hilo weathermen

contributing to the prize-winning effort are shown with Mr. Kutschenreuter (center). Left to right: Colby A. Foss, electronic technician; Raymond G. Busniewski, official in charge; Howard R. Tatum; Roy R. Sodetani; Alvin H. Gushikuma; Teruo Nagami, who now works for the FAA; and Mark T. Takata. Not shown: Ronald M. Aranita and H. Arashiro, who are now assigned to other Pacific stations.

## NAGE Represents Salt Lake City Employees



An agreement between Local R14-27 of the National Association of Government Employees and the Weather Bureau Western Region was recently signed. Local R14-27 is composed of shift-rotating professional forecasters assigned to the Salt Lake City WB Forecast Office. Local officers are: Bernard Dubofsky, president; Carroll A. Elford, vice-president; and William J. Alder, secretary-treasurer. Pictured at the signing are, seated left to right: Lloyd H. Magar, Regional User Services Representative; W. J. Gully, Personnel Officer; Bernard Dubofsky, William T. Chapman, MIC, Salt Lake City WBFO. Standing: William J. Alder and Carroll A. Elford.

## Scientific Services Conference Held

The 1969 Scientific Services Division Conference was held at Weather Bureau headquarters, April 28 - May 1. Participants were: Phil Williams, Salt Lake City; Julius Badner, WBH; Harlan K. Saylor, NMC; Lawrence A. Hughes, Kansas City, Mo.; Jeter A. Pruett, Fort Worth; John M. Porter, WBH; Charles F. Roberts, WBH; Carlos R. Dunn, Garden City, N. Y.; Wayne E. Sangster, Kansas City, Mo.; Fred L. Zuckerberg, Garden City, N. Y.; Paul L. Moore, Fort Worth; Maurice E. Pautz, WBH; Karl R. Johannessen, Associate Director, Met. Operations, WBH; Edward D. Diener, Anchorage, Alaska; Leonard W. Snellman, Salt Lake City; Edward M. Carlstead, Honolulu, Hawaii; William H. Klein, WBH; Edwin B. Fawcett, NMC; and Harry R. Glahn, WBH.

## La. Builds Tornado Spotter Network

As a result of renewed emphasis on tornado spotter networks, four Louisiana State Departments--State Police, Highway Department, Forestry Commission, and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, as well as sheriffs' offices throughout the State--have agreed to cooperate in this effort. The combined resources of these Departments assures that there will be approximately 2500 radio-equipped mobile units or base stations participating in the program.

## Dr. Gigas Returns to Germany



Dr. Edwin F. Gigas, internationally known geodesist and cartographer, who has been employed in the Coast Survey's Office of Aeronautical Charting and Cartography since 1966, is returning to his native Germany on May 12. While working in the United States, Dr. Gigas organized and directed the creation of an automated data base for aeronautical charting information, resulting in significant progress toward automation of cartography. During his 53 years' government service in the U. S. and abroad, Dr. Gigas has authored 264 technical papers, including four books on cartography.

## Service Awards

The following personnel are eligible to receive length-of-service awards during May: 40 years - George N. Brancato, St. Louis, Mo. 30 years - Edgar L. Van Tassel, Scottsbluff, Nebr. 25 years - Ralph H. Colby, Fargo, N. Dak.; Joseph H. Strub, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.; and James M. Maxwell, Kansas City, Mo. 20 years - Marvin J. Marshall, St. Louis, Mo.; Arthur C. Strong, Jr., Chicago; and Robert D. Clark, Grand Junction, Colo.

Wesley O. Means of the C&GS Mid-Continent Field Area's Reconnaissance Party G-32 is due a 20-year award.

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