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## Senate Recommends Increase In 1970 ESSA Appropriations

The Senate Appropriations Committee has recommended Fiscal Year 1970 appropriations totaling \$157,727,000 for ESSA operations. This is an increase of \$1,385,000 over the \$156,342,000 provided by the House Appropriations Committee. The Senate recommended increases of \$700,000 in salaries and expenses and \$685,000 in research and development. It noted that the increase in salaries and expenses will provide \$300,000 and 15 new positions for air pollution forecasts; \$100,000 and 6 new positions for aviation weather forecasts and warnings; and \$300,000 and 15 new positions for the basic communications network. The increase in research and development would restore the \$509,000 reduction in base program proposed by the House, and provide \$176,000 for BOMEX. The House and Senate recommendations now must go to conference for resolution of the difference prior to final appropriation enactment.

## Rockney Heads WMO Instrument Commission

Vaughn D. Rockney, chief of the Weather Bureau's Overseas Operations Division, was elected president of the World Meteorological Organization's Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observations during its fifth quadrennial session held recently in Versailles, France. Dr. Sidney Teweles, chief, Data Acquisition Division (WB), and Christos Harman-tas, chief, Upper Air Equipment Section, Equipment Development Laboratory (WB), also attended the session.

## President Signs Legislation Raising Travel Allowances

President Nixon has signed the bill increasing government employees' maximum daily travel allowance from \$16 to \$25. However, the increase does not take effect until the individual departments and agencies amend their travel regulations. In ESSA, the amendment is expected to be ready and become effective about the first of December. Employees will be notified of the effective date of the increased travel allowance.

## KLZ Denver Honored for Weather Broadcasts



Denver radio station KLZ was given a Weather Bureau public service award October 23, for its contribution to public safety in more than 29 years of broadcasting weather information. Left to right: Keith Leatherwood, supervising aviation weather forecaster, Denver; Hugh B. Terry, KLZ president, and Marshall Grace, Denver MIC, who presented the award.

## 1970 Givers' Payroll Deductions Scheduled

Payroll deductions for the 1970 Combined Federal Campaign and/or United Givers Fund will start in pay period No. 2 (December 28, 1969 - January 10, 1970), check dated January 22, 1970.

As stated on the pledge card, the minimum pledge for payroll withholding is 50¢ each payday for those paid every two weeks or twice monthly. If none of the suggested payroll deductions shown on the card is adequate to cover your total gift, complete the blank box on the left showing the amount you wish deducted each pay period. Withholding authorization may be revoked by written request to the Payroll Section.

The last deduction for 1969 will be in pay period No. 1 (Dec. 14-27, 1969), check dated Jan. 8, 1970.

## Seven-Year Galveston Bay Survey Completed

A nine-man Coast Survey field party, headed by Lt. Mark E. Harbert, USESSA, has completed the final phase of a seven-year survey of Galveston Bay, Tex. Begun in 1962, the Texas survey included Galveston Harbor, Trinity Bay, Galveston Bay, East Bay, West Bay, and San Luis Pass.

## Winston Authors Chapter in Climate Series

Jay S. Winston, of the National Environmental Satellite Center, is the author of a chapter in "Climate of the Free Atmosphere," recently published by the Elsevier Publishing Company in the World Survey of Climatology series. The chapter by Dr. Winston is titled "Global Distribution of Cloudiness and Radiation as Measured from Weather Satellites."

## ERL Man Returns From Argentine Hail Meeting

Byron B. Phillips, of ERL, has returned from Argentina where he participated in the Scientific Conference for Hail Suppression. The conference, sponsored by the Province of Mendoza, included representatives from France, Germany, Italy, and Russia. A seven-member panel reviewed hail suppression research around the world and recommended a program for beginning hail control in the Mendoza area.

## High-Seas Forecast Program Expanded

The San Francisco Weather Bureau Forecast Office has increased its high seas marine bulletins to three per day, by adding a bulletin for broadcast at 2300 GMT. Arrangements are being made through the Pacific Weather Patrol to include information on this additional service in the appropriate publications and to issue a "Notice to Mariners" advertising its availability.

## Workshop Considers Form of Buoy Data

William Haggard, Director of the National Weather Records Center, Herbert Meyers of EDS headquarters, and Dr. David Shaw, ESSA Regional Oceanographer, represented EDS at the National Data Buoy Development Project Workshop, October 30. Although the proposed national data buoy system is several years from realization, the workshop was held to define uniform codes and formats for environmental data to be transmitted to shore stations from Coast Guard platforms. Participants, including representatives of EDS, ESSA headquarters, the Weather Bureau, National Oceanographic Data Center, and the Navy, agreed on the need for quality control of the data and sampling techniques.

## Eastern Region Supervisors Attend Class



Eastern Region meteorologists in charge, principal assistants, and supervisors attended a course entitled "Operations and Personnel Management for Supervisors" at Eastern Region headquarters, Oct. 20-24. Lecture and discussion leaders included Silvio G. Simplicio, Eastern Region Director; Charles G. Knudsen, Deputy Director, ERH; Samuel Smith, Chief, Administrative Branch, ERH; Nicholas E. Rizzo, Personnel Officer, ERH; Guy H. Dorsey, ESSA Personnel Officer, and members of his staff, Paul Murphy, Jack Ralston, Andrew Husser, and Bernard D. Hull.

## Professional Weather Broadcasters Meet

Three Weather Bureau men addressed the American Meteorological Society's Third Conference on Weathercasting, which met in Chicago, November 7-8. Robert G. Beebe, Industrial Meteorologist, discussed the rating of television weathercasters as professional or non-professional. Arthur H. Hosick, Central Region User Services Representative, presented a paper on the uses of weather information, and C. M. Palmer of Southern Region Headquarters described the ESSA Weather Wire.

## USDA/ESSA Committee Sponsors Conference

The USDA-ESSA Weather Committee, chaired by Dr. Gerald Barger of EDS, sponsored a conference November 5-6 at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The conference, called Outlook-Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, was the first in a new series of meetings of people concerned with weather and its effects on plants and animals as contributors of material support for man's existence.

## Public Service Awards Given in Utah

Weather Bureau Public Service Awards were presented to two Salt Lake City TV weathercasters at the October meeting of the Utah Branch of the American Meteorological Society. Mark Eubank, KUTV, and Robert Welte, KSL-TV and radio, were cited for "the excellence of their weathercasts and their contributions to weather services in the intermountain area." Hazen H. Bedke, Director of the Weather Bureau Western Region, made the presentations.

## Climate and Terrain To Be Chapter Subject

The Environmental Data Service has been asked by Dr. Frederick Betz, Jr., of the Coastal Plains Regional Commission to develop a chapter on climate and its effects on terrain for his book on terrain evaluation. EDS officials are particularly interested in this subject because an understanding of these effects is fundamental to an understanding of man's inadvertent weather modification, a problem staff members are now evaluating in several urban environments.

## Antarctic Feature Named for Harry Thomas



Harry F. Thomas, engineering technician in the Equipment Development Laboratory of the Weather Bureau's Systems Development Office, has been notified by the National Science Foundation that a geographical feature-- Thomas Spur--in the Queen Maud Mountains, Antarctica, has been

named in his honor. Mr. Thomas spent a year at Amundsen-Scott Station during the 1959-60 continuation of the International Geophysical Year.

## Last Leg of Oahu Geodetic Survey Finished

A two-year geodetic survey of Oahu, Hawaii, has been completed by the Coast Survey. The last leg of the survey, which began in February, was conducted by an 18-man C&GS field party, headed by Carl A. Annis.

## Mitchell Views Future of the Atmosphere

Dr. J. Murray Mitchell was one of four keynote speakers at an AMS meeting on "The Future of the Atmosphere," held in conjunction with the October 20 dedication of a Meteorology and Space Sciences Building at the University of Wisconsin. L. A. Joos, ESSA Central Region Climatologist, gave a contributed paper on the possible effects of irrigation on the climate of the Great Plains.

## Rights of Employees on Military Leave

Employees absent on military duty are entitled to be considered for all promotions for which they qualified before entering military service. They may also elect to have the full time of military service count as either a continuation of civilian service experience or on its own merits. Additionally, the employee is entitled to be restored to duty in his former position or to the position to which he was promoted during his absence within 30 days after discharge from active military duty.

## ESSA Club Sells Approved Business Cards

Business cards are available to ESSA employees in a format approved by the Department of Commerce and ESSA (see Administrative Order 201-24 and ESSA Manual 68-18). Employees requiring cards must receive approval from heads of Management Control Centers. The cards, printed black on white, will be sold to employees for \$3.50 for 100 plus \$1.00 for each additional 100 cards requested with the initial order. Checks should be made payable to the ESSA Employees Association. Direct inquiries to Henry Eichert, ESSA, C-1422, Room 013, Bldg. 2, Rockville, Md. 20852.

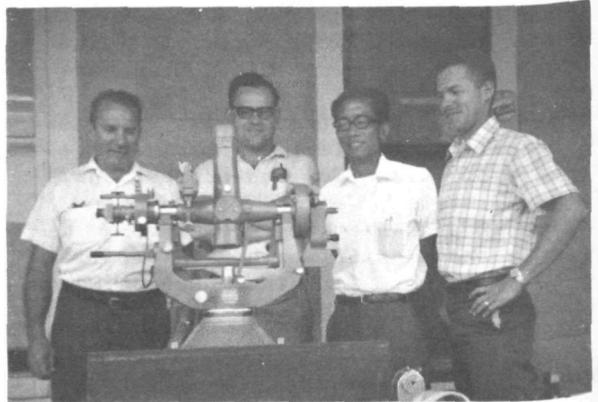
## Notify Payroll of Change of Address

Employees who have changed their address since January 1, 1969, should submit a new Form W-4 (Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate) to the Payroll Section as soon as possible, to ensure that the address printed on the tax withholding Form W-2 will be correct. In addition to the correct address, the new Form W-4 should include the number of tax exemptions claimed and, if additional tax deductions are needed, this should be shown.

## Length-of-Service Awards

Length-of-service awards were recently presented to the following employees, who are assigned to vessels and mobile field parties under the Coast Survey's Atlantic Marine Center: 40 years - Felix Divino. 30 years - Bruce J. Hicks and Paul D. Lewis. 25 years - Charles E. Beers, Clemmy C. Chadwick, Ralph H. Fortna, Stephen R. Marson, Leonard J. Shillenn, and Sam W. Smith. 20 years - John R. Bjork, Earnest H. Doak, Lloyd C. Gilden, James L. Jones, John D. Lewis, Jr., Arnold K. Pedersen, Walter H. Piner, Willie L. Smith, and Robert A. Lewis.

## Burmese Trainee Visits C&GS Field Party



U Hla Myint of Burma visited Astronomical Party G-46 during his year of training with the Coast and Geodetic Survey. He has now returned to the Burmese Survey. Left to right: Ed Pauster, Ernie Hansmann, U Hla Myint, and Lt. Gary Boyack.

## Ex-Military Entitled to More Retired Pay

Retired military personnel who are Federal employees and subject to the limitation of receiving the first \$2,000 plus one-half of the remainder of their yearly retired pay are, effective Nov. 1, 1969, entitled to the first \$2,337.46 plus one-half the remainder of their yearly retired pay in addition to their civilian salary.

## Deaths

Stanley S. Schworm, former meteorologist in charge at Richmond, Va., who retired in 1956 after 55 years of Weather Bureau service, died Oct. 29.

George E. Polka, aerospace observation specialist at the Weather Bureau Support Facility, Wallops Island, Va., died Nov. 3.

Percival Kriegh, cooperative weather observer at West Plains, Mo., for 32 years, died Nov. 1.

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