

Leventhal Named Head NOAA Policy And Planning

Paul L. Leventhal, former journalist and special counsel to the Senate Government Operations Committee, has been named Assistant Administrator for Policy and Planning in NOAA. He assumed the new position as part of the NOAA reorganization.

During much of 1977, Leventhal, under a Ford Foundation grant, wrote a book on nuclear proliferation, to be published this spring by Random House. In connection with the book, he was a research fellow at the Harvard Program for Science and International Affairs, with guest privileges at the Brookings Institution.

Leventhal was special counsel for the Senate Government Operations Committee from 1972 through 1976. His responsibilities included the reorganization of atomic energy and governmental enforcement functions within the Executive Branch and the study of Federal science policy and research and development activities.

From 1969 to 1972 he was press secretary to New York Senator Jacob K. Javits, and also served as campaign press secretary to New York Senator Charles E. Goodell in 1970.

A former journalist, Leventhal was Congressional correspondent for the National Journal in 1972. From 1961 to 1968, he did political and investigative reporting for Newsday, the New York Post, and the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A native of New York City, Leventhal received a bachelor's
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Black Heritage Week--NOAA's First



Where have all the joggers gone? The tow-path along the C & O Canal lies dreaming under a blanket of snow, waiting for the winter to pass. (Photo by Bob Williams.)

Gulf Stream Lost Heat in Last Winter's Severe Cold

Last year's severe winter in the eastern United States caused the Gulf Stream system to give off unusually large quantities of heat to the atmosphere, according to a recent report by Dr. Ants Leetmaa of ERL's AOML.

The Gulf Stream carries heat as well as water, and helps regulate the planet's temperature. In winter, the Stream transports enormous quantities of waterborne heat energy northward, and yields up large amounts of this energy to the cold winter atmosphere.

Last year, the Gulf Stream system seems to have given up more heat than usual, leaving the northwestern Sargasso Sea chilled to depths as much as 100 meters (300 feet) deeper than in more moderate years.

"The main surprise here is that a single severe winter could so disrupt recent warming trends," according to Leetmaa, an oceanographer with Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratories in Miami, Fla.

In recent issue of "Science," Leetmaa described an exploratory cruise aboard the NOAA
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NOAA Science Leaders To AAAS Meeting

More than a dozen NOAA personnel will participate this month in the prestigious annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the Sheraton Park and Shoreham Americana hotels in Washington.

Arrangers for scientific sessions at the conference include David S. Johnson, Director of NESS; Brian J. Rothschild of NMFS; Dr. J. Murray Mitchell, Jr. of EDS; and Dr. Frederick G. Shuman, Director of NWS
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Black Heritage Week, February 13-17, will be the first in a series of Awareness Weeks newly designated by NOAA Administrator Richard A. Frank.

During the week, NOAA will celebrate the wealth of contributions Black Americans have made to our society, our life, and to NOAA.

The kickoff day—February 13—features a program at the Department of Commerce Auditorium, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sam McCoy will be the toastmaster for the occasion.

There will be songs by the D.C. Youth Chorale, a greeting by Richard A. Frank, and a skit. The keynote speech will be delivered by Marion Barry, Councilman-at-Large, D.C. City Council. This will be followed by a group sing led by the D.C. Youth Chorale.

Many activities are sponsored during mid-week, February 14-16, in celebration. Because NOAA locations are so scattered, programs will be held in each location.

As a closing to the week-long festivities, there will be a Soul Luncheon at Waters Caterers in Rockville, Md. Eleanor Green will be the toastmistress; entertainment will be by Gil Scot-Heron and Clint Holmes. Deputy Administrator-Designate James (Bud) Walsh will greet the assembled celebrants; the keynote speech will be given by A. Waldon Rougeau, Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, Department of Labor. The luncheon will end with a group sing.

Mr. Frank has announced the establishment of a series of Awareness Weeks to be celebrated within NOAA. In addition to Black Heritage week in February, there also will be American Indian Week in April, Asian/Pacific Americans Week in June, Hispanic Heritage Week in
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Tax Bite on Charter Boats Delayed by NMFS Ruling

Charter fishing boat owners can delay paying Federal taxes on income from their vessels and use the funds to construct new, or reconstruct used, vessels, under a new ruling adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service's Fishing Vessel Capital Construction Fund program.

Under the regulation change, a vessel is now qualified for the program if it is documented by the Coast Guard to operate in both the fisheries and the coast-wise trade.

An additional qualifying factor for charter fishing vessels is that they be certified by the

Gulf Stream (From p. 1)

ship Researcher to the north-western Sargasso Sea last spring, to observe the effects of the record-breaking winter.

The area surveyed was roughly between 67 and 73 degrees west longitude, and 32 and 38 degrees north latitude. Instruments that sense temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and other physical properties of the sea were used in the investigation.

Ordinarily, seasonal cooling in this area in winter creates a "pool" of water with temperatures of about 64 degrees Fahrenheit (18 degrees Celsius), with a well-mixed layer extending from the surface to about a thousand feet (350 meters), according to Leetmaa.

The main thermocline—a layer where water temperature and density change sharply—occurs under this very stable layer of so-called "18-degree water." Thus, Leetmaa wrote, vertical shifts of the thermocline indicate changes in the volume of the pool of 18-degree water—and the extent to which the ocean has been cooled by the atmosphere.

"Most winters don't have much effect on the volume—or temperature—of the persistent pool of 18-degree water. But another winter like the last one could cool it down more, increasing the pool's volume and pushing the thermocline still deeper," Leetmaa said.

U.S. Coast Guard to carry more than six passengers. This requirement can be overcome by providing proof that the vessel is used for commercial purposes.

The Capital Construction Fund program allows fishing vessel owners to keep Federal taxes they otherwise would pay on income from the operation of their vessels, provided the taxable income involved is reserved for the construction of new vessels, or the reconstruction of used ones.

The taxes deferred eventually are repaid to the government through a reduction in the future depreciation allowed on vessels constructed or reconstructed under the program.

Share your NOAA quarterly magazine!

Beginning with the next issue to be distributed, the magazine will be provided to NOAA units at the rate of about one for every three to four employees. Please read it and pass it on to others in your organization.

OCZM Awards \$10 Million to Louisiana

NOAA has awarded a \$10,636,000 loan to the State of Louisiana's Hospital Service District #2 under the Coastal Energy Impact Program.

The loan, from the Office of Coastal Zone Management, will be used to construct a new hospital in Morgan City in St. Mary Parish. It is the first loan granted under the Impact Program.

Lakewood Hospital is presently a single story, parish-owned general hospital constructed in 1955 as a 46-bed facility. It has since been expanded to 96 beds. It will be replaced with a 160-bed hospital that will be designed to allow vertical expansion and a consolidation of the hospital's services into a more functional relationship.

Morgan City's location, as the center of offshore oil production, makes Lakewood Hospital one of the first and primary receiving hospitals for oil-related injuries.

Heritage (From p. 1) September, Handicapped Week in October, and Women's Week in November.

Mr. Frank said: "I am sure each of you would agree that NOAA's EEO situation has been improving each year. However, NOAA is still highly underrepresented with minorities and women in all of our scientific and professional disciplines. I would like to solicit your help and support of the new awareness programs by encouraging active participation."

Leventhal (From p. 1) degree, magna cum laude, in 1959 from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and a master's degree from New York's Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in 1960.

AAAS (From p. 1) National Meteorological Center.

Presenting papers are C. Gordon Little, ERL; Vincent J. Oliver, NESS; Normal Phillips, NWS; Dr. George P. Cressman, NWS; Dr. Joseph Smagorinsky, ERL; William Brewer, former NOAA General Counsel; Dr. Donald Gilman, NMC; Robert W. Knecht, OCZM; and, jointly with Benson Solomonson, NASA, Donald Wiesnet, NESS, and Eugene Peck, NWS.



Commerce Advanced Managerial Seminar was held in Seattle, Wash., November 8 through 11, 1977. Seated: William Gremley, EDA, Seattle, Wa., David E. Olsen, WSFO Great Falls, Mont; William Alder, WSFO Salt Lake City, Utah; Kenneth Holmes, WSO (ARTCC) Salt Lake City, Utah; 1st Row Standing: Tak Miyahara, NMFS, Northwest Region, Seattle, Wa; Thomas B. Gray, ERL, Boulder, Co; Luci Linville, Bureau of Census, Seattle, Wa; Paul Hudson, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Co; Raymond Kraatz, NMFS, Northwest Region Seattle, Wa; 2nd Row Standing: Robert Anderson, NWS, Seattle, Wa; Richard Wagoner, NWS, Salt Lake City, Utah; John N. Peirce, NWS, Anchorage, Alaska; Richard N. Grubb, ERL, Boulder, Co; Herbert Jaenicke, NMFS, Auke Bay, Alaska; Robert Peters, EDA, Seattle, Wa; John Woodward, EDA, Seattle, Wa. The seminar was coordinated by the Employee Development Division of Northwest Administrative Service Office, Seattle Wash.

President Carter Names 18 New Members to NACOA

President Carter has announced the appointment of 18 persons to be members of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere. They are:

For terms ending June 30, 1978:

Werner A. Baum, chancellor of the university and professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin;

Marne A. Dubs, director of ocean resources for the Kennecott Copper Corporation;

Alfred A. H. Keil, Ford professor of engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Michael R. Naess, senior executive vice president and director and chief operating officer, Services Group, for Zapata Corporation in Houston, Texas;

George M. Sullivan, mayor of Anchorage, Alaska;

Jack R. Van Lopik, dean of Louisiana State University's Center for Wetland Resources.

For terms ending June 30, 1979:

Sarah Chasis, staff attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council in New York;

H. J. Cofer, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Rich-SeaPak Corporation;

Donald L. McKernan, direc-

tor of the Institute for Marine Studies and professor of marine affairs and fisheries at the University of Washington (also designated chairman of the Committee);

Sharron Stewart, of Lake Jackson, Texas, a member of the Energy Development Fund, Energy Conservation Task Force, and the Governor's Energy Advisory Council;

James B. Sullivan, founder and co-director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, Washington, D.C.;

Warren M. Washington, senior scientist and group leader at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

For terms ending June 30, 1980:

Louis J. Battan, director of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics and head of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Arizona;

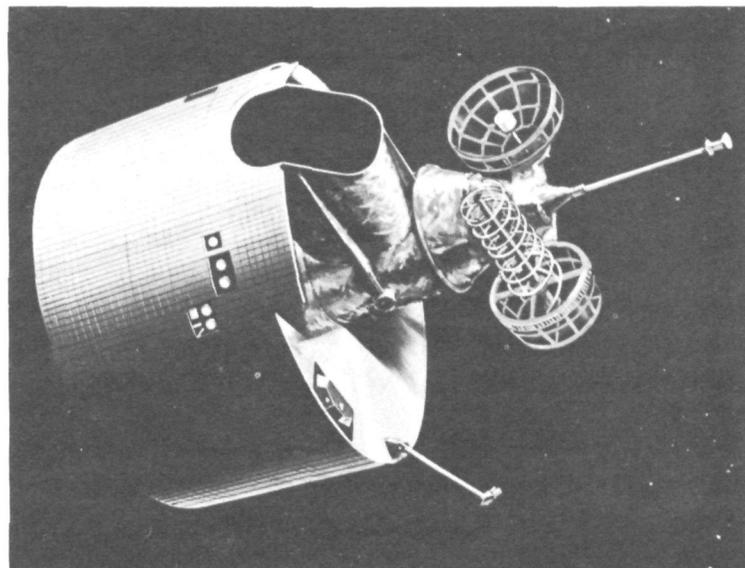
John A. Biggs, former director of the Washington State Department of Ecology;

Albert W. Gatov, vice president of the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Commission and chairman of its Seaport Policy Commission subcommittee;

Otto Klima, vice president and general manager, Re-entry and Environmental Systems Division, General Electric Company;

John A. Knauss, dean of the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island;

Evelyn F. Murphy, secretary of environmental affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (also designated vice chairman).



NEW LOOK FOR GOES SATELLITE—Once NASA's Space Shuttle is operational, it is expected to be the launch vehicle for NOAA's geostationary satellites, GOES D through F. This sketch shows the expected new configuration of the spacecraft. GOES C, in the original configuration, is scheduled for launch this May.

Nearly Three-Quarters of Continent Covered by Snow

About 72 percent of the land mass of North America—an estimated 6.8 million square miles (17.5 million square kilometers)—was snow covered during parts of January, surpassing the snow cover of a year ago, NOAA satellite pictures have shown.

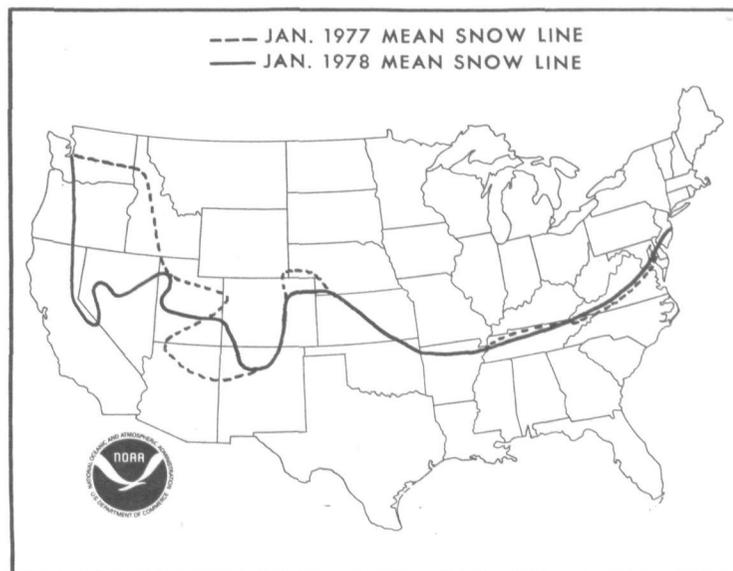
Parts of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah which escaped snow last year were covered during January 1978, according to Donald R. Wiesnet, Senior Research Hydrologist with National Environmental Satellite Service.

Presenting the findings at the

Eastern Snow Conference in Hanover, N.H., last week, Wiesnet said this January's North American snow cover was the most extensive in the 12 years NOAA satellites have been making these measurements.

Wiesnet and his fellow scientist Michael Matson noted that except in the western United States, the snow cover line for this January in the continental U.S. was almost identical to that of a year ago.

In January 1977, about 70 percent of the North American land mass was snow covered.



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Nancy Pridgeon, Editor
Warren W. Buck, Jr., Art Director

NOAA NEWS

Mechanical difficulties delayed publication of NOAA NEWS from February 3 to February 10. NOAA NEWS is published biweekly—the next edition will be published February 24. Deadline for submission of articles is ten days prior to issue date.

NOVAC's Arts and Crafts Bazaar...The Most Successful So Far



Among the active NOAA volunteer organizations is one called NOVAC. That stands for NOAA Voluntary Action, Inc., and the organization prides itself on action. It recently celebrated its sixth anniversary.

Each year NOVAC holds an Arts and Crafts Bazaar. This year's bazaar, held on December 1, was a big success, according to Meredith (Rusty) Beeg, NOVAC Board Chairman and NOAA Personnel Administrative Officer.

"It was twice as successful as it has been in the past," Rusty said. But funds are always needed so NOVAC can continue its dedicated work.

To finance its work, NOVAC holds a membership drive each November (membership fee: whatever you care to give) and schedules many special fundraising activities.

There presently are about 600 members, and the membership is open to anyone in NOAA.

As reported in the 11/25 NOAA NEWS, NOVAC originally was organized to provide day care assistance to NOAA

parents, and has since assisted 16 families to find adequate care in existing centers and homes with direct subsidies totaling nearly \$9,000.

The Arts and Crafts Bazaar also will help finance the NOVAC program of emergency financial aid to newly arrived student employees or NOAA employees who have not received paychecks on time through some administrative error. More than 300 individuals have used this program.

NOVAC reaches into communities in Washington, D.C., and surrounding counties to extend whatever charitable assistance it can. Among its efforts have been direct grants to camps for retarded children, D.C. Village, Falls Church Community Service and Children's Hospital.

There will be an election of members of the Board, upcoming sometime in March, according to Rusty Beeg. More information on the election will be published as soon as it's available.

(The photos on these two pages were taken by Stefan Monica, C513, NOS.)



March 31 is End of Year for Performance Ratings

Since the current performance rating year ends March 31, 1978, it is not too early for supervisors and employees alike to reflect on upcoming annual performance ratings. The requirements and procedures for assigning these ratings are found in the NOAA Personnel Handbook, Chapter 18, Performance Ratings.

In past years, the CD-112 has been used for documenting both Outstanding and Unsatisfactory performance ratings. This year, the CD-112 will be used only for Unsatisfactory ratings. The recently issued CD-326, Recommendation for Recognition, is to be used for documenting all Outstanding ratings.

All performance ratings for supervisors must also include consideration of their involvement in Equal Employment Opportunity processes and programs.

During the month of April, all supervisors are required to meet with each of their em-

ployees to discuss, privately and candidly, the employee's performance during the past performance rating year (April 1, 1977, through March 31, 1978). The reports required in Chapter 18, Section 06, of the NOAA Personnel Handbook, are due May 15, 1978.

Privacy Act Must Be Considered in Information Release

Employees who, in the course of their official duty, disclose information about individuals must be alert to the requirements of both the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act (PA).

The Civil Service Commission has designated five elements of past and current information about employees that may be released. These are: Employee's name, grade, salary, position title, and duty station location, including duty station address and telephone number.

There may be cases when the sensitive nature of an employee's duties dictates that the above information not be disclosed. However, in most cases, oral or written requests for this information may be given either from personal knowledge or from official records. Whenever a response is made in writing a copy of the inquiry and of the response should be sent to the NOAA Privacy Officer (Assistant Administrator for Administration).

Other data may be disclosed at the discretion of the inform-

ant on the basis of personal knowledge but not from a record covered by the Privacy Act. Disclosures under these conditions do not require the consent of the individual. On the other hand, if a question about an individual cannot be answered without referring to a record, (except for the five items above), it is best to ask the requestor to submit a written request for the information, obtain the written consent of the individual to disclose the information, and record your reply as a disclosure under the

Privacy Act. Supervisors as well as employees should be cognizant of NOAA Directive 21-25 and 22-40 outlining the FOIA and Privacy Act procedures and policies.

Sound judgment must be used in releasing personal information about individuals. It is always proper to ask who wants the information and what use will be made of it. When in doubt as to how to handle a request, you should check with the Servicing Personnel Officer or FOIA/Privacy Officer.

NOAA Personnel Division Lists Current Vacancies

Announcement No.	Position Title	Grade	MLC	Location	Issue Date	Closing Date
241-78	Meteorological Technician (Weather Service Specialist)	GS-7/8/9/10	NWS	Allentown, Pa.	2/1/78	2/15/78
242-78	Meteorological Technician (Weather Service Specialist)	GS-7/8/9/10	NWS	Worcester, Mass.	2/1/78	2/15/78
243-78	Meteorologist (ARTCC Met) (12 positions)	GS-12	NWS	Boston, N.H. Leesburg, Va. Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Oberlin, Ohio	2/1/78	2/15/78
244-78	Geodetic Technician	GS-9	NOS	Rockville, Md.	2/1/78	2/15/78
245-78	Cartographer	GS-11	NOS	Silver Spring, Md.	2/1/78	2/15/78
247-78	Supervisory Computer Specialist	GS-12	EDS	Asheville, N.C.	2/1/78	2/15/78
248-78	Administrative Officer	GS-11	ERL	Norman, Okla.	2/1/78	2/15/78
249-78	Meteorologist (Advisory Aviation) (Meteorologist) (9 positions)	GS-12	NWS	Aurora, Ill. Indianapolis, Ind. Olathe, Kans.	2/1/78	2/15/78
250-78	Meteorological Technician (Weather Observing Specialist)	GS-8	NWS	Dayton, Ohio	2/6/78	2/21/78
251-78	Hydrologist	GS-12	NWS	Hartford, Conn.	2/6/78	2/21/78
253-78	Supervisory Meteorologist (Principal Assistant)	GS-14	NWS	San Francisco, Calif.	2/6/78	2/21/78
254-78	Electronics Technician (Senior) (Electronics Technician)	GS-11	NWS	Boise, Idaho	2/6/78	2/21/78
256-78	Physical Scientist (Environmental Analyst)	GS-13	EDS	Washington, D.C.	2/6/78	2/21/78
257-78	Statistician (Biology)	GS-13	NMFS	Washington, D.C.	2/6/78	2/21/78
246-78	Supervisory Geodesist	GS-15	NOS	Rockville, Md.	2/1/78	2/22/78

Employee Leave Record-1978														Annual Leave			Sick Leave			Other Leave		
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How To Use This Chart:

During each pay period, mark the number of hours used with a symbol for the type of leave as follows:

- A - Annual S - Sick LWOP - Leave Without Pay C - Compensatory

Example:

Eight hours of annual leave taken on January 24 would be entered as

"8A" in the space for that day; eight hours of sick leave would be "8S." (Use of different colored pencils for the different types of leave would help.)

At the end of each pay period, under the columns headed "Annual Leave," "Sick Leave," and "Other Leave" enter the number of hours of leave earned and the total numbers of hours used during that pay period. Then add "leave earned" to balance entry from the previous pay period and subtract "leave used." Enter the difference in the "Balance" column.

DOC Offers Courses in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Did you know that training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an on-going program of the DOC Medical Division?

CPR is an emergency technique used whenever respiration or circulation is stopped. It is a way of getting vital oxygen to the body tissues, especially the brain.

It has been estimated that about one million persons in the United States experience an acute myocardial infarction or heart attack each year. More than 650,000 die annually of

heart disease. About 350,000 of these deaths occur outside the hospital, usually within two hours after the onset of symptoms.

Sudden death from heart attack is the most important medical emergency today. It seems probable that a large number of these deaths can be prevented by prompt appropriate treatment. In addition, any victims who die as a result of such accidental causes as drowning, electrocution, suffocation, drug intoxication, or automobile acci-

dents could be saved by the prompt and proper application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care.

The first program sponsored by the Medical Division was given for NOAA divers in Woods Hole, Mass., in 1976. Since that time, this program has been given on a regular basis for new trainees as well as for recertification of those previously instructed in this subject.

We urge those of you who have an interest in CPR to contact your Safety Officer for fur-

ther information concerning enrollment in this program.

Business Cards

Due to the overwhelming response to the resumption of business card printing, Mary Wyvill, NOAA Employees Association President, asks that you not order any more cards until the backlog can be cleared up. Another announcement will be made when printing is available once more.

FROM THE GALLEY



SMELT SKI-BURGER

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| 24 pan-dressed smelt, fresh or frozen (about 3 pounds) | 1/2 cup dairy sour cream |
| 1/2 cup milk | 1/3 cup finely chopped onion |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1/3 cup drained sweet pickle relish |
| 1 1/2 cups seasoned dry bread crumbs | 1/2 teaspoon prepared mustard |
| 1/3 cup melted margarine or cooking oil | 1 loaf (about 15-inch) Vienna bread, cut in half lengthwise |
| 12 bacon slices, cut in half crosswise | 12 slices pasteurized process American cheese |

Thaw frozen fish. Clean, wash, and dry fish. Combine milk and salt. Dip fish in milk, drain and roll in seasoned crumbs. Arrange fish in single layer in very well-greased shallow baking pans, 15 1/2 by 10 1/2 by 1 inch. Drizzle melted margarine or cooking oil over fish. Bake in extremely hot oven, 500 degrees F., for about 10 minutes or until fish flake easily when tested with a fork. While smelt are browning, panfry bacon slices until lightly browned but not crisp; drain on paper toweling. Combine sour cream, onion, pickle relish, and mustard; mix. Spread cut bread surfaces evenly with sour cream mixture and top each with 6 slices of cheese. Place sandwiches on baking sheet; return to extremely hot oven, 500 degrees F., just until cheese melts. Remove from oven. Wrap a half slice of bacon around each smelt and arrange 12 smelt in a row on each half loaf of bread. Return to oven and reheat, about 1 minute.

BEST FISH BUYS

According to the NMFS National Fishery Education Center in Chicago, the best fish buys for the next week or so are likely to be frozen dressed whiting and frozen smelt along the Northeast Seaboard; fresh whole fluke and fresh sea bass in the Middle Atlantic States, including the D.C. area; fresh speckled trout fillets and fresh Spanish mackerel in the Southeast and along the Gulf Coast; frozen cod fillets and frozen pan-dressed smelt in the Midwest; frozen scallops and frozen Pacific shrimp in the Northwest; and frozen whole Dungeness crab and fresh Pacific red snapper fillets in the Southwest.

Open House, Too

March 6-10 is ADMIN Week

The Assistant Administrator for Administration has designated the week of March 6-10, 1978, as "ADMIN WEEK" for the Office of Administration. NOAA employees in the Washington metropolitan area are invited to attend. The following ADMIN organizations will provide tours, exhibits, films, etc. as indicated.

OMCS - Monday,
March 6, 1978, WSC-5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
FOB-4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

AOD - Tuesday,
March 7, 1978, WSC-5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Personnel - Wednesday,
March 8, 1978, NBOC-2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Finance - Thursday,
March 9, 1978, NBOC-1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The activities of the week will culminate on Friday, March 10, with an ADMIN Employee of the Year Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Luncheon tickets can be obtained from any ADMIN Advisory Board Committee Member at \$7.50 each. More specific information concerning each

day's activities will be distributed to all NOAA employees in the Washington area prior to ADMIN Week.

Enroll Now for USDA Grad School

The Graduate School, USDA's schedule of "1978 Spring Quarter Courses" is now available.

The schedule includes hundreds of courses designed to help improve job performance. Courses are offered during the day, in the evening, and by correspondence.

Mail registration is now in progress and ends March 3.

In-person registration will be held March 20-25. Classes begin March 27 and end June 5.

For information and a schedule of 1978 Spring Quarter Courses, contact USDA Graduate School, Room 1031, South Agriculture Building, Washington, D.C. 20250; or call 447-4419.

Employees who are subject to state tax withholdings for the State of Pennsylvania may notice a minor change in their state tax for salary checks dated on or after February 22, 1978.



Participants in the Writing and Broadcast Seminar held October 4-6, 1977, at NWS's Technical Training Center in Kansas City, Mo., were: Standing (left to right) Frank Dillenkoffer, Instructor; Tom Brown Jr., WSO Nome, Alaska; Donald L. Ocker, WSFO Albuquerque, N.Mex.; Joe B. Cope, WSFO Philadelphia, Pa.; Russ Trowbridge, WSO Spokane, Wash.; Robert N. Lacey, WSFO Atlanta, Ga.; Paul E. Pettit, WSO Montgomery, Ala.; Richard S. Baker, WSO Green Bay, Wis.; Larry O. Guay, WSFO Juneau, Alaska; Blaine W. Amann, WSO Rochester, Minn.; James H. Dill, WSO Cincinnati, Ohio; Larry McEwen, Instructor. Seated (left to right) Neil J. Ingram, WSO Eugene, Ore.; Steven H. Porter, WSO Allentown, Pa.; Sammie W. Calhoun, WSO Valdez, Alaska; Carl R. Perkins Jr., WSO Lake Charles, La.; Charles T. Kashatok, WSO Kodiak, Alaska; Edwin S. Addison III, WSO Madison, Wis.; Dorothy K. Reetz, WSO Toledo, Ohio; Arthur Valdemar, WSO Springfield, Mo.; Freeman W. Stickney, WSFO Seattle, Wash.; Jayson Wollander, WSFO San Francisco, Calif.

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