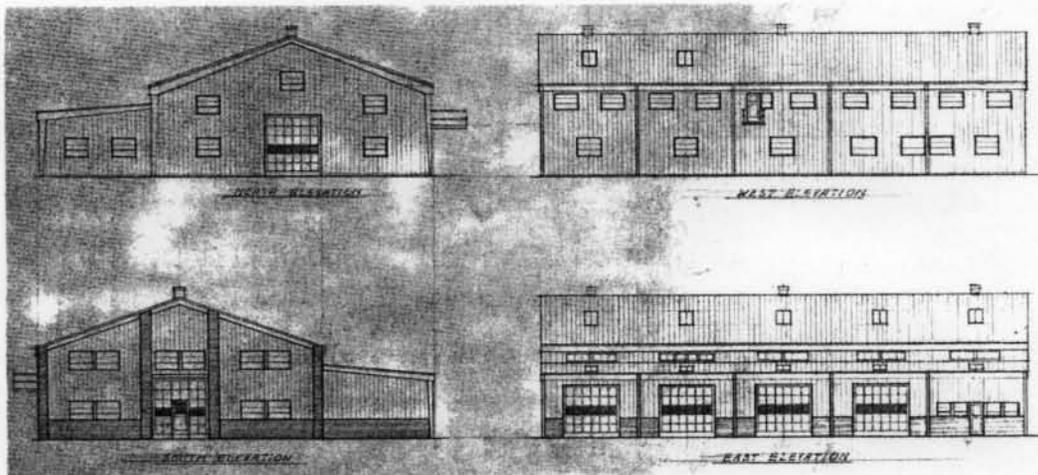


Latest Addition to a Growing Woods Hole



Preliminary architect's drawings by Fred Ittleson of the new Butler building are shown above. Combining storage, office and laboratory space, its construction is now northeast of Fram Cottage and Meteor House. Made by the Butler Manufacturing Company, of steel and aluminum panels, the building will be erected by the Commonwealth Construction Company of Cochrasset, Mass. Final plans for occupancy are not firm but every available inch seems to have been spoken for. It is hoped that the building will be completed in July. Plans are underway for the occupancy of Challenger House by the business office by summer. Challenger House, for many years a residence dormitory for summer employees and visitors, presently shelters the Development and Public Information officers and some underwater sound activities as well as still providing some overnight accommodation for guests.

Future Contents of the Newsletter

It is planned that the following categories of news and notices, with possible additions, will be published: summaries of WHOI committee reports, ship schedules and positions, visitors to WHOI, new systems, services and procedures, activation and cessation of grants and contracts, oceanographic meetings of all sorts including Journal Club notices, lost and found (George Ferris type), recent book accessions to WHOI, the Institution Calendar, Institution memoranda, arrivals and departures, news of "old hands", marriages, births and deaths, cartoons, classified ads (space permitting).

There is a slot in the mailbox behind the reception desk in the LO building, where news items may be left. At present, issues will appear every other week. Items for the next issue should be ready by 13 April.

The following have consented to act as "reporters" for the Newsletter: Margaret Chafee, Joan Rongner, Ann Langenheim, Barbara Gill, Jeanne Backus, Barbara Johnson, Mabel Bradley, Florence Mellor and Helen Hayes.

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Journal Club Notice:

Professor Dr. George Wust will speak on "Deep circulation in the Mediterranean Sea", on 4 April, replacing Dr. William Schevill who will be rescheduled.

EDITORIAL

As this first number of the Institution Newsletter goes to press, the editors are not unconscious of making history in a small way. History, however, has recorded both good and evil acts. Naturally we hope that we are on the side of the angels. It is our hope also that the Newsletter will perform a useful and welcome function, keeping all of us informed of Institution activities, in a way that will be conducive to the congenial spirit of the "good old days" in a growing organization that can no longer maintain that spirit entirely by direct personal contact. A piece of paper is not a substitute for a friendly smile or a welcoming handshake. That is one situation where do-it-yourself has a genuine place.

A steadily expanding plant and staff make intercommunication increasingly difficult. Peanut butter club luncheons help, but not everyone can attend. We hope to take the place of casual word-of-mouth transmission of "the word" and of rumour and to be of service to the Institution and particularly the individuals that compose it.

It will be our editorial policy (what power!) not to print fan mail, but since this is our first issue we will use the exception printed below to prove the rule.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors:

I have reviewed the notes on forthcoming WHOI Newsletter with interest. For some time I have felt the need for better communication among the staff and wished that we had some form of internal publication that would keep each of us better informed. There have been many occasions when it would have been more convenient (and accurate) to pass the word in writing rather than verbally. Hence it is with considerable pleasure that I see that my small suggestion has been picked up and that we now have an editorial board of three people. I hope everyone will cooperate with you in putting out the Newsletter and that this will prove to be one of your more pleasant chores.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Paul M. Fye

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The Institution is momentarily expecting a visit from Assistant Secretary of the Navy James H. Wakelin, who is specifically concerned with research and development and oceanography. He is interested in visiting with staff members and getting an overall view of our operations. His arrival is slated for 4 April.

An AEC Advisory Committee consisting of I. E. Wallen, W. Chipman, D. E. Carritt, C. L. Dunham, and W. Stanhope is visiting the Institution from 30 March to 1 April to consult with personnel involved in AEC supported projects. Dr. Carritt will remain somewhat longer.

Jack Farlow, associated with the Institution during the IGY investigations will be here 1 April from Johns Hopkins University to consult with John Ryther.

Dr. Chester Newton, meteorologist, of the University of Chicago, is presently at the Institution and will be among those sailing on the Gulf Stream multiple-ship survey.

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Bio-Chem Luncheon Speakers (subject to change)

April 6 R. R. L. Guillard

April 13 R. F. Vaccaro

SHIP NEWS

The three ship synoptic survey of the Gulf Stream begins Monday with the departure of CHAIN followed in a day or so by CRAWFORD and ATLANTIS. Work will begin immediately with CHAIN making sixty-seven stations, CRAWFORD, sixty-two and ATLANTIS, fifty-four. Each ship will operate independently, parallel to one another, on north to south tracks from the Grand Banks to Bermuda. This first phase of the survey will be lead by Val Worthington subbing for Fritz Fuglister who has been in sick bay.

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Ship Design Committee, lead by its newly-appointed chairman, Dick Edwards, has begun a series of meetings with representatives of M. Rosenblatt and Son, naval architects, and Bethlehem Steel Shipbuilding Co. of Quincy to acquaint the participants with practical considerations of both shipbuilding and oceanography.

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WANDERINGS

Jim Hanks, who has been working on the life history of the moon shell (Polinices) with Hal Turner, will leave in a week for Dreams Landing, Annapolis, Md., where he will assume the position of assistant director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife laboratory there.

Sybil Campbell, Research Assistant in Geo-chemistry, will take an extended leave of absence beginning 15 April. She expects to sail for Greece and Asia minor on the S. S. Olympia on 23 April.

Joyce Lewin reports that she and Ralph have arrived safely at La Jolla where they will make their home and work at Scripps Institution.

Joe Creswell has returned for a visit from the Stanford Research Foundation.

Nicholas Rosa is leaving the Institution for an undisclosed position in the communications media world.

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The class in Biological Oceanography at Harvard University, taught by Bostwick Ketchum, sailed for a day's cruise on CRAWFORD, March 26.

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WELCOME

With Dr. Hersey's group for the next three of four months are Stephen Gould and Peter Barnes, Antioch Exchange students, and Paul Payne, a senior at M. I. T.

Hostess for the Oceanographic Wives Coffee Group held Friday noon 1 April was Mrs. Vaughan Bowen. On 8 April this group will meet at Mrs. Rossby's apartment in Challenger House with Mrs. Rossby as hostess. All are welcome. (Bring a sandwich.)

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It is with deep regret that we note the death of Henry R. Johnson, Research Associate in Underwater Acoustics, who had been with the Institution for twelve years.