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## MID-WINTER MEETING

The Mid-winter Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Members of the Corporation of the Institution was held at the headquarters of the American Meteorological Society, 45 Beacon Street, Boston on January 14, 1970. January 1970 is the 40th anniversary of the Institution, and it was fitting that this meeting be held at the AMS.

The AMS is in the building that was formerly the home of Harrison Gray Otis (1806-1848). It was designed by Charles Bulfinch who designed the State House. His great-great-grandson was the designer of the Institution's Bigelow Building.

Otis served as the third Mayor of Boston. During his term of 1831, it is noted that Mayor Otis discontinued the rights of pasturage for cows on the Common, a right enjoyed by certain householders since 1660. It was stated that "had the cows behaved with proper respect to the ladies, Mayor Otis would never have interfered with their ancient privileges."

The house remained in the hands of the Austin and Wadsworth families for over eighty years. Austin was a shipping merchant. In 1931 the deed was transferred to Mrs. Helen Hooper Brown (whose husband was once Congressman from New York State).

The house was given to the American Meteorological Society by Miss Eleonora Sears. It was her intention to restore the house as her own residence, but abandoned the idea. Miss Sears was a noted woman pedestrian. She would walk 47 miles between Boston and Providence in the 1920's and 1930's which was reported throughout the world. She was usually accompanied by a dozen breathless newspapermen and her chauffeur who kept well supplied with sandwiches and beverages. Her record for the distance was nine hours and 53 minutes. Years later President Kennedy suggested that the U.S. Marine officers should be able to hike 50 miles in 20 hours.

The house has four floors with 37 rooms. This was a home where distinguished visitors (President Monroe, Henry Clay, and Daniel Webster) gathered for brilliant parties with lavish furnishings. For instance, on the landing in the stairway from the entrance hall to the second floor, a two-gallon blue and white Lowestoft punch bowl was filled every afternoon at four to assist the weary to the second floor drawing room. Guests at the parties numbered from 20 to 300.

## W.H.O.I. IN FLORIDA

W.H.O.I. has recently signed a one-year lease of a warehouse and pier space in the port of Palm Beach, Florida, to support the joint operations of the DRV's SEA CLIFF, to be operated by a Navy crew. The use of R/V LULU will be shared for the period of the joint agreement after delivery of the submersibles sometime this winter.

Mr. Joseph Blair has been assigned as W.H.O.I. Supervisor of the facility. The postal address is:

W.H.O.I.  
P. O. Box 10607  
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

The telephone number is: (305) 842-0716

The port is an active submersible area being the home port of Grumman's DRV BEN FRANKLIN and the Perry Submarines.

William O. Rainnie

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## AUTO DECALS

Everyone is reminded that the only authorized bumper decals are the new blue W.H.O.I. decals to be affixed to front and rear bumpers, on the driver's side of the car.

A. L. Wessling

## ATLANTIS II LIGHTERS

New ATLANTIS II cigarette lighters are available from the stock room at \$3.50 each. These are Zippo lighters with the seal of the Institution on one side and the ATLANTIS II on the other.

## NODC GUIDE

The "Guide to Submission of Data," the first in the NODC Bulletin Series, seeks to define a set of general guidelines that should be considered in submitting data, analytical products, or information to NODC.

Copies can be obtained free from the National Oceanographic Data Center, Building 160, 2nd and M Street, S.E., Washington D. C. 20390.

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John Schilling, Editor.

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## FILM LIBRARY

In the past year our film library has grown from 25 to 34 films.

The films were sent out from the Institution approximately 200 times during the year 1969.

Percentage wise the films were distributed as follows:

56%	Jr. Highs and High Schools
13%	Colleges and Universities
12%	Clubs and Civic Groups
12%	Elementary Schools
6%	Business Organizations
1%	Overseas

Already in 1970 more than 50 films have been reserved. This year our films may prove to be even more popular. Anyone interested in reserving films may contact Graphic Arts, Ext. 260 or 261.

## STAGING AREA MARINE SERVICES BUILDING

The staging area on the ground floor of the Marine Services Building has been provided for use of personnel readying equipment for a cruise and for temporary placement of instruments upon return from a cruise.

The actual area available will be marked on the floor. Personnel desiring to use portions of this area should schedule such use by contacting A. L. Wessling, Ext. 379, for assignment of space. Scheduling should be requested as far as possible in advance of departure or return so that maximum use of space may be made.

Equipment placed in staging area after unloading must be removed within five (5) working days after ship's arrival. The staging area is not intended to be a storage area.

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## ALIENS PLEASE REPORT

All aliens in the U. S. must report their current addresses to the Immigration and Naturalization Service during the month of January.

Punch-card forms may be obtained at any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service or any post office. These should be returned by January 31.

Please check with the proper authorities and complete these forms.

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### NEW JOURNAL

The American Meteorological Society announces the publication of a new Journal of Physical Oceanography as a quarterly under the editorship of Prof. Robert O. Reid of Texas A&M University.

Anyone wishing to subscribe should contact the AMS, 45 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, rates are \$20.00 to non-members and \$10.00 to members of the AMS.

Manuscripts should be submitted to Prof. Robert O. Reid, Dept. of Oceanography, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Additional information can be obtained in the PIO Office or at Ext. 270.

### NEW APPOINTMENT

Dr. Victor E. Noshkin has accepted a one-year appointment as marine scientist with the Atomic Energy Commission in the Environmental Sciences Branch of the Division of Biology and Medicine in Washington, D. C. His job will be "scientific liaison for contracts dealing with oceanography in general."

### CONGRATULATIONS

William F. Fitzgerald of the Chemistry Department successfully completed all his requirements for Ph.D. on December 2. Bill becomes the second person to obtain his doctorate under the joint MIT-WHOI program. Formal awarding of the degree will take place in February. Congratulations on a job well done.

### FOUND

Found one slide rule. Describe it and it is yours. Contact C. Lorenzen, Ext. 313.

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Joseph P. Blair  
Plant Manager  
O.E./W. Rainnie  
West Palm Beach



Anne C. Collins  
Laboratory Assistant  
G&G/D. Ross  
Main 109; ext. 216



Denise Franklin  
Laboratory Assistant  
G&G/W. Schevill  
LMS 1-20; ext. 300



Charles J. Peters  
Machinist  
Admn/D. LeBlanc  
MSB 233; ext. 245



Charles, C. Robbins  
Carpenter  
Admn/E. Phares  
LO S 115; ext. 211



Charlet E. Shave  
Clerk/Typist  
Admn/A. Henderson  
Chall.; ext. 376

The old horse stalls have been restored in the Carriage House where they have placed projection equipment. The rest of the Carriage House has been remodeled into a small auditorium. The brick wall was built at a steep angle, possibly first designed to follow a garden wall. It attains its equilibrium at about six feet.

The Mid-winter Meeting took place in the Carl-Gustaf Rossby Memorial Board Room and the Carriage House.

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Dear Mr. Fye,

It is a good feeling to know that people care about you. We appreciate your kindness of thought and generosity. He will tell Joe Pete but we are not really sure he will understand it all. He is sure he will know someone is thinking about him.

Thank you all so very much. We will try to put it all to a good use.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Orr Sr.

#### JOSEPH ORR

The response to the Joseph A. Orr Christmas Fund was very heartwarming. Over \$400 was received and given to his parents on Christmas Eve. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for taking a minute out of a busy Christmas Season to think of Joe.

Paul M. Fye

Mrs. Orr has expressed the desire to use the money to provide something for Joe and his roommates that will make their days much nicer.