

## 25 years ago . . .

### Two University Professors Called to Washington\*

Dr. Robert G. Fleagle, professor of atmospheric sciences, University of Washington, has been appointed a scientific adviser to the Office of Science and Technology, Washington, D. C., for a one-year period that began in June. In his new assignment, Dr. Fleagle is technical specialist in atmospheric sciences and oceanography for Dr. Jerome Wiesner, science adviser to President Kennedy. The Office of Science and Technology, which Dr. Wiesner heads, is part of the Presidential Executive Office. Dr. Fleagle's primary responsibility is to evaluate United States programs in the atmospheric sciences and oceanography and to advise Dr. Wiesner on these programs in relation to their national and international objectives.

A member of the University of Washington faculty since 1948, Dr. Fleagle is well known for his research on the vertical motion of air and on the theory of largescale atmospheric disturbances. He studied at the Imperial College, University of London, as a senior postdoctoral fellow of the National Science Foundation and was the 1959 recipient of the Meisinger Award of the American Meteorological Society. He received his bachelor's degree in physics at Johns Hopkins University in 1940 and was awarded the M.S. and Ph.D. at New York University

in 1944 and 1949, respectively. During World War II, he served as meteorological officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Dr. Edward S. Epstein, who was recently promoted to associate professor of meteorology at the University of Michigan, was almost simultaneously granted a year's leave of absence to accept assignment in Washington, D. C., as consultant to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Dr. J. Herbert Hollomon.

Prof. Epstein has been affiliated with the University of Michigan since 1959 as research associate, lecturer and assistant professor. His bachelor's degree was earned in astronomy at Harvard in 1951, and was followed by an M.B.A. in statistics at Columbia University in 1953. He then entered the Air Force and was trained in meteorology at Pennsylvania State University, receiving an M.S. in 1954. His work in the Air Force included assignments at the Geophysics Research Directorate, the Air Research and Development Command, and the Atmospheric Research Observatory, Arizona State College. After his tour of duty was completed, he returned to Pennsylvania State University for further graduate study. ●

## 50 years ago . . .

### Chicago Seminar Organized\*

The first program meeting of the Seminar was held October 20th with an attendance of 36 men and one woman. During a short business session before the program, by-laws, to govern the seminar, were adopted. Ten men joined at this time giving us a membership of 34. I believe this to be a good beginning and expect a gradual increase.

Travelling honors go to Lt. J. A. Ackerman and Sgts Corry and Butler who travelled a distance of 120 miles from Chanute Field, Rantouil, Illinois to attend the meeting.

R. C. Schmidt of the Weather Bureau Airport Station, Chicago, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the construction and interpretation of Cross Sections of the Atmosphere. Slides used to supplement charts in colors increased the instructiveness and interest in the lecture. Discussion followed.

The second part of the program was a display of synoptic and auxiliary charts which included the upper air winds, aerometeorograph, and radiometeorograph soundings plotted on emagrams, and isentropic charts. Discussion of these charts and an analysis of a recent synoptic chart was led by H. L. Jacobson of the Chicago Weather Bureau Airport Station. The meeting as a whole was of a very high standard and the program committee has promised more of the same.—*Max M. Feinsilber, Secretary.* ●

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