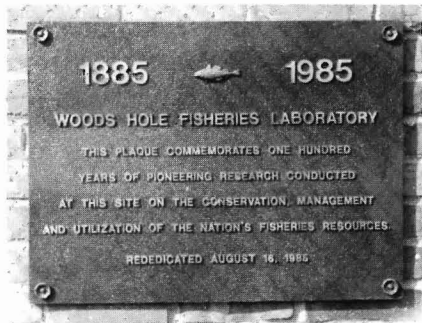


and so forth, and I have always wondered whether or not those who did so knew what was underneath the veil before they removed it. Well, in this instance, I can assure you, I have no idea what is underneath. The trouble is that I am sort of at a disadvantage because I am going to lift that curtain on the far left, and as you can see, I really will not be able to see what is beneath it very well, so I am still somewhat neutral about it. With that, I will go and do it.

[Dr. Edwards unveils the Centennial Plaque to applause.]

"For those of you who cannot see it, and for myself as well, the inscription reads: '1885 to 1985, Woods Hole Fisheries Laboratory. This plaque commemorates one hundred years of pioneering research conducted at this site on the conservation, management and utilization of the nation's fisheries resources. Rededicated, August 16, 1985.'"



The Centennial Plaque.

Concluding Remarks

Mr. Hennemuth:

"We are now approaching the end of our Centennial week. I would just like to leave you with a few thoughts.

"During the week, sentiments concerning the Laboratory's history and future have been very well expressed by

all who participated in our Centennial week, and I wish to thank all of them for their contributions, making this a very successful week indeed.

"The roles played by various people remains to be explained. We, here at the Laboratory, are part of the Federal Government which is the trustee of the resources which are the common property, at least off our shores, of all United States citizens. Our role, in the primary agency mandated to study these fish resources, is to help the Government provide the appropriate stewardship. That role has been very well exercised in the last hundred years and we pledge ourselves to exercise it as well, or better, in the future.

"However, there is a shared responsibility. Our responsibility is to provide the information, but it is the responsibility of the citizens of this country to ensure that, first, they are getting the appropriate information, and secondly, that it is used properly to conserve and manage the resources so that we may, in fact, benefit from them for many years to come. There are increasingly difficult problems to be dealt with in determining what the health and status of these resources are. The fish we harvest are no better than their environment; also, we can no longer assume that it is a pristine, natural environment anywhere in the world, from the estuaries on the northeast coast, which are particularly stressed by pollutants, to Antarctica, where pollutants are now easily measurable in its own waters. Our task is a difficult one and we can continue to do it only so long as the public supports us.

"Before concluding these proceedings, I would like to thank the Laboratory staff, for, they have done a marvelous job in helping prepare and execute this successful Centennial Celebration. You may see some of the fruits of their labor on display in the Aquarium, and I do hope that anyone who has not yet visited the exhibits will do so.

"I would especially like to thank Dr. Marvin Grosslein who, as chairman of

the Centennial Committee, had the responsibility of assuring that everything ran smoothly and well. Marvin is an excellent example of the whole staff. Our staff is very competent and is always willing to turn out and do more than what one can reasonably expect when the need arises. This staff is a credit to the Federal Service, and from my point of view, makes my job so very much easier to do.

"I would like to refer you to the list of sponsors, at the back of the program, who very generously helped us with some of the events of this Centennial Celebration which we otherwise could not have done. Finally, I express my deep appreciation to Mr. Peterson, Mr. Gordon, and Dr. Calio for their support.

"I would like to end these Rededication proceedings with a Benediction by Reverend Burton who will remind us that our successes and our future are not entirely in our own hands."

Benediction

Rev. Jeanette Burton:

"We have been reminded of the past. We are very aware of the present. But, I remind you that the future is in the hands of God. He has given us all these resources. He has made you responsible for the research, and many of us as a consumer. I remind you that as God has given us through His grace and His love all of this vast creation and all of these resources, and if we are to leave anything for the future, we are to use wisely what has been given. Go forth remembering all that you have comes from God. Go forth, enjoy it, research it, and use it, but appreciate the Giver. God's blessing be upon each one of us as we go forth to serve in His Name and for His Glory, Amen."

Mr. Hennemuth:

"I thank you Reverend Burton, and I thank our distinguished guests and speakers, and you the audience, for participating in the Celebration of our Centennial."

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