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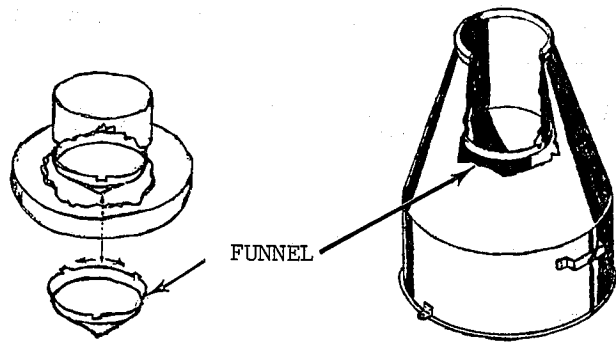
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COVER: THERE ARE SOME ALASKAN RESIDENTS WHO DON'T MIND THE COLD WEATHER. PHOTO TAKEN AT BARTER ISLAND, ALASKA.

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ALASKA REGION

Since the last newsletter, with the holiday season and leave taken by yours truly, the Cooperative Program in Alaska came to a near halt.

To date, twenty-nine of the MMTS units have been installed. Two of the units have gone bad. We were able to send replacement units to Angoon and Cooper Landing 6 W. The observers at both stations were able to switch units and both stations were returned to service. Many thanks to the observers at these stations for their help.

Two new climate stations were installed. The station at Houston was located at the City Hall with the city personnel as observers. The second station was located at Delta Junction 4 SE; the observers are Patsy and Stuart Price. The aviation and climate station was reopened at Skwentna with Lisa Wentworth as the new observer. The station at Dutch Harbor was relocated to the new terminal building. Reeves' airline personnel are still the observers. The station at Wrangell was relocated from the Federal Building in Wrangell to the airport. Wrangell Air Service personnel are the observers. The station at Hoonah was put on the inactive list. We are attempting to locate new observers.

We were planning to reopen the climate station at Tenakee Springs in southeast Alaska. Joni Gates, the observer who operated the station from 1976 thru 1981 agreed to reopen the station. High water with winds near 90 mph did considerable damage to the waterfront. Many of the buildings were lost or damaged when the pilings were torn loose. The weather equipment was installed on a platform along the waterfront. We have received no word as yet to the status of the equipment.

Last fall at the beginning of the snow season, funnels on the recording rain gages were removed as well as the collectors and measuring tubes on the non-recording rain gages. These items were removed for the winter. When the snow season is over and there is no chance for freezing temperatures to occur, the funnel should be attached to the top part of the recording rain gage and the collector and measuring tube should be assembled with the 8-inch overflow can.

We have received tapes from some Fischer-Porter gages with missing data because of erroneous times and dates that do not match the red numbers on the tapes. To help eliminate most of the problems, we request all observers with recording rain gages to time check the gages at least once a week.

EASTERN REGION

COOPERATIVE OBSERVER AWARDS

The following persons are recipients of top Cooperative Observer Awards for 1984:

THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARDS

Ray Burkholder - Pandora, OH

JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARDS

James Ambrose, Jr. - Belhaven, NC
 John Melvin Brown - Kingstree, SC
 Francis Donovan - West Medway, MA
 Sara M. Francis - White Gate, VA
 Joe C. Minor - Boone, NC
 Trula W. Price - McCormick, SC

We congratulate each of you for your outstanding work which has earned you this distinctive award.

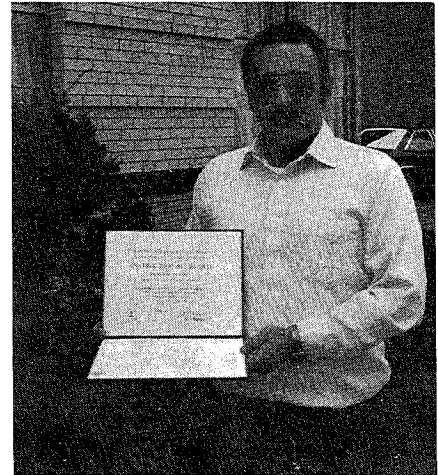
Arrangements for presentation of your award will be made by the field representative for your area.



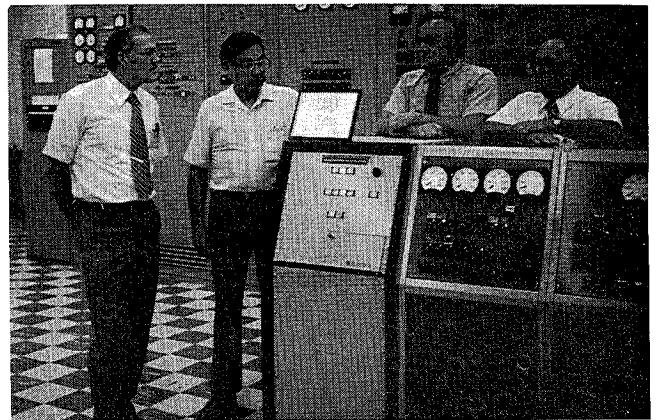
Congressman Joseph D. Early (left) is shown presenting the John Campanius Holm Award to Francis Donovan (second from left), Cooperative Observer at West Medway, MA.

Mrs. Donovan (second from right) and Thomas McGuire (right), Deputy MIC, WSFO Boston, MA, were present.

Thomas Holmes, OIC Worcester, MA, made arrangements for presentation of the award. Picture taken by Vincent Nunziata, CPM/NY.



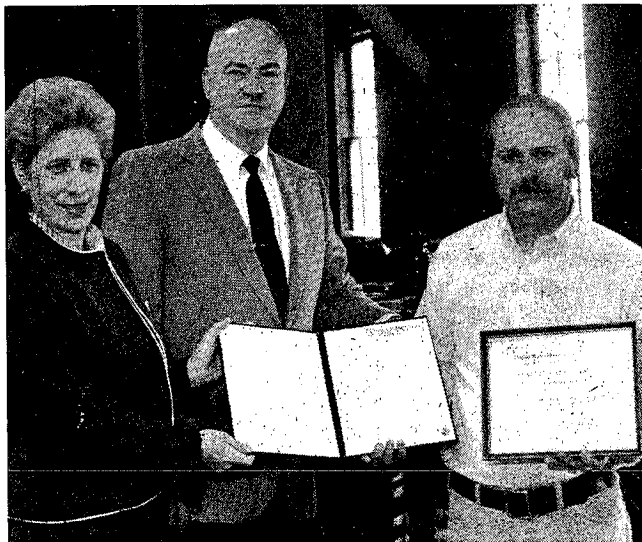
Patrick Nuzzo is shown accepting a 50-year Institutional Award on behalf of the City of Bradford Water Department, Bradford, PA. Presentation was made by Stan Smith.



Wayne Denicort (left), Supervisor of Stations, and District Operators Robert Fraser (right) and Charles Cameron (second from right) are shown accepting a 50-year Institutional Award presented to The Colton Hydro Dispatch Office, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.

Presentation was made by Ray West (second from left), Cooperative Program Manager, WSFO Albany, NY.

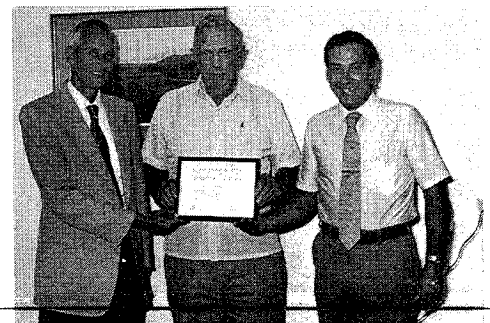
From left to right: Messrs. Denicort, West, Cameron and Fraser.



Art Brochu (right) is shown accepting a 100-year Institutional Award on behalf of the Union Water Power Company, Lewiston, ME.

Presentation was made by Betty Borger, Chief, Regional Cooperative Program Staff and James Donahue, Cooperative Program Manager, WSMO Portland, ME.

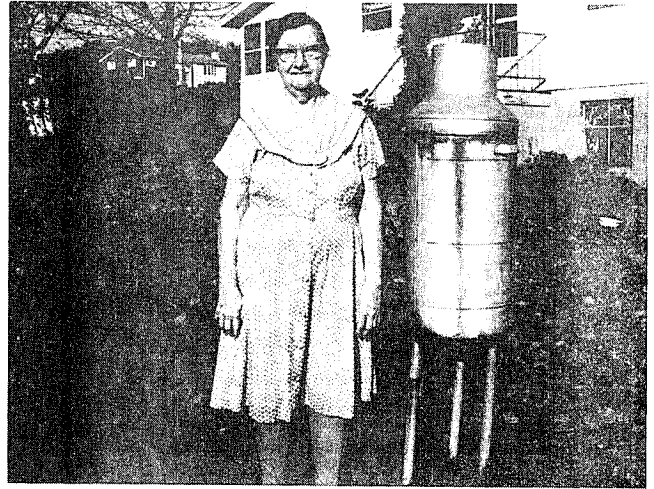
Photo by Mr. Simokaitis of The Lewiston Maine Daily Sun.



A 50-year Institutional Award was presented to the Board of the Hudson River Black River Regulating District for Conklingville Dam. Accepting the award are J. Lowell Fitzsimmons and John Anderson. Presentation was made by Ray West.



Maxine Leach, observer at Philippi, WV, was presented a 45-year Length-of-Service pin by Stan Smith.



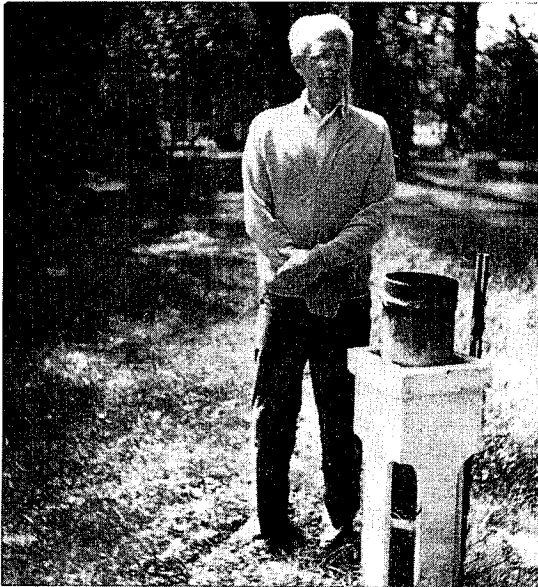
Edna M. Bush, observer at Home, PA, was presented a 30-year Length-of-Service pin by Stan Smith, Cooperative Program Manager, WSFO Pittsburgh, PA.



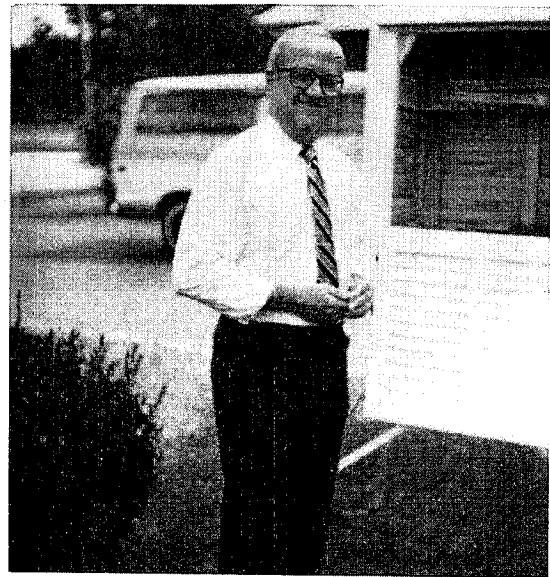
Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Gordon, observers at Spruce Knob, WV, were presented a 35-year Length-of-Service pin by Stan Smith.



W. Hubbard Parkhurst, observer at Hammonton 2 NNE, NJ, was presented a 30-year Length-of-Service pin by James Smith.



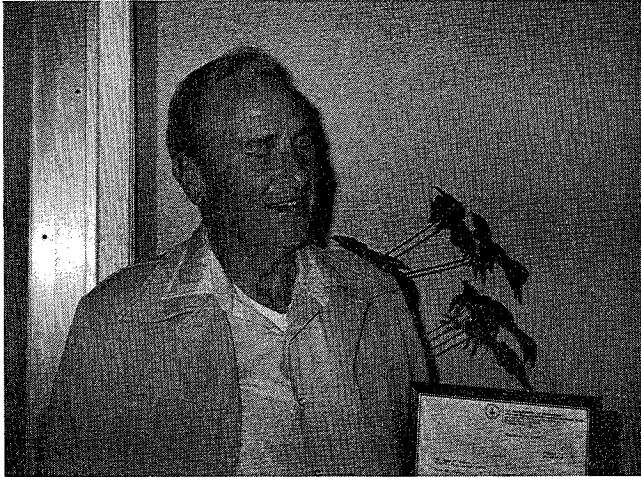
Albert L. Mathers, observer at Vienna Dunn Loring, VA, was presented a 35-year Length-of-Service pin by James Smith, Cooperative Program Manager, WSO Baltimore, MD.



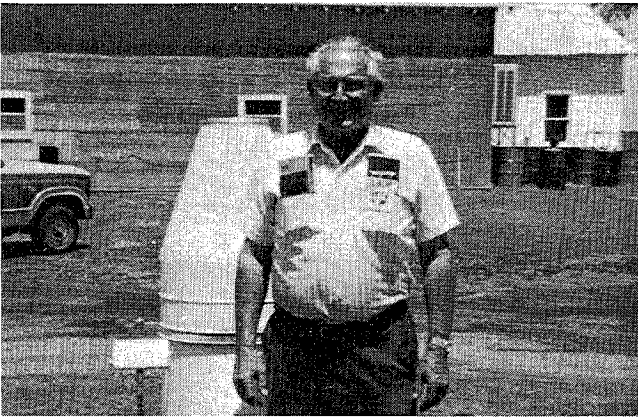
John Y. Burton, observer at West Point 2 SW, VA was presented a 25-year Length-of-Service pin by James Smith.

SOUTHERN REGION

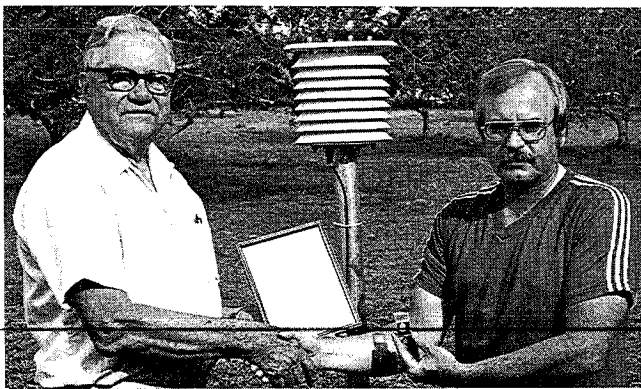
Space allocated for pictures in the last Cooperative Newsletter was limited, therefore in this issue we are publishing some of those.



Hugh Leard, observer at Purvis, MS, is shown accepting his 30-year award from Maxie Brown.



Thomas Logan of Mayfield, OK, was awarded his 35-year award. John Lambert made the presentation.



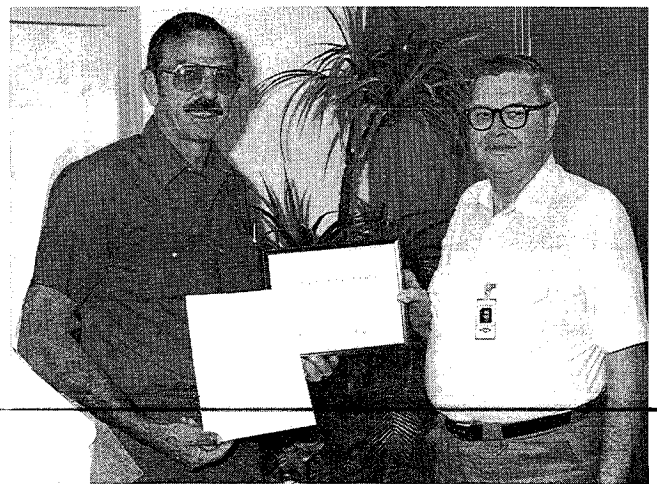
Norman J. Dietel, observer at Fredericksburg, TX, is shown accepting his 30-year award from Al Starnes.



Shown left to right accepting their 25-year award for observing duties at Keiser Exp. Station, Keiser, AR, Bobby Covington, Donna Poyner, and Tom Evrard. Larry Arnold presented the award.



Shown accepting their 25-year award for observing duties at Radio Station KWYN, Wynne, AR, are Bob Cauldwell (center) and Ken Bock (right). Norman Prosser (left) presented the award.



Ernie Pyles (right) is shown accepting a 25-year award on behalf of the Dow Texas Operations at Freeport, TX. John Shelton (left) presented the award.

CENTRAL REGION

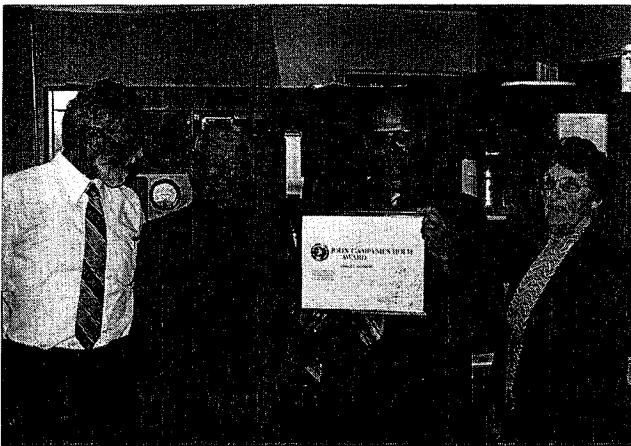


The coveted Thomas Jefferson Award was presented to Westcliffe, Colorado Observer Marvin Rankin by Area Manager Maurice Pautz of Denver at a special ceremony in the Custer County Courthouse. The County proclaimed the first week in October to be "Marvin Rankin Week." Additionally, Mr. Rankin was presented with a 45-year LOSA by WSO Pueblo Official in Charge, Ralph Gallegos. Mrs. Rankin proudly displays this award while posing with her husband, Colorado's longest serving Cooperative Observer.



Raymond Crosier, Oakdale, NE, was presented the John Campanius Award by Tom Sinclair, CPM/Omaha, NE.

There were 35 people in attendance at the presentation. Mr. Crosier is also the Mayor of Oakdale.



Orville C. Altenbern of the Altenbern Ranch near DeBeque, CO, poses between Grand Junction Official in Charge, Derry Newby, and the Area Manager for Colorado, Mr. Maury Pautz, as he accepts the John Campanius Holm Award. Mrs. Altenbern looks on. The presentation was made during a tour of the Grand Junction Weather Station.



Harold Finley (right) of Carrollton, MO, is shown receiving the John Campanius Holm Award from Jack Burns, Service Hydrologist. Photo by John Loveless.



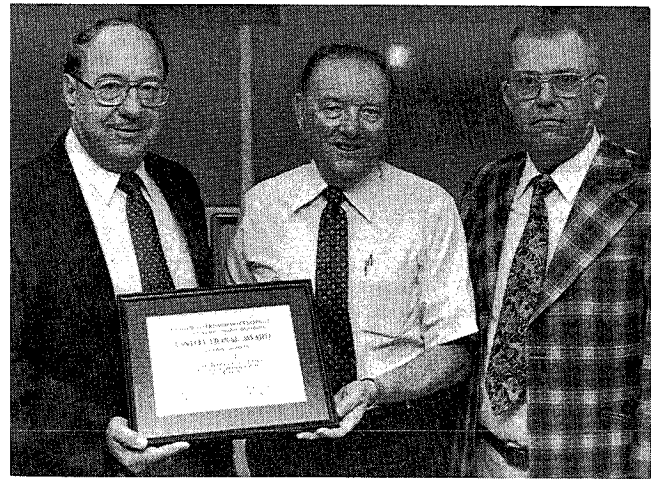
Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus French, Edison, NE, were presented the John Campanius Holm Award by Tom Sinclair.



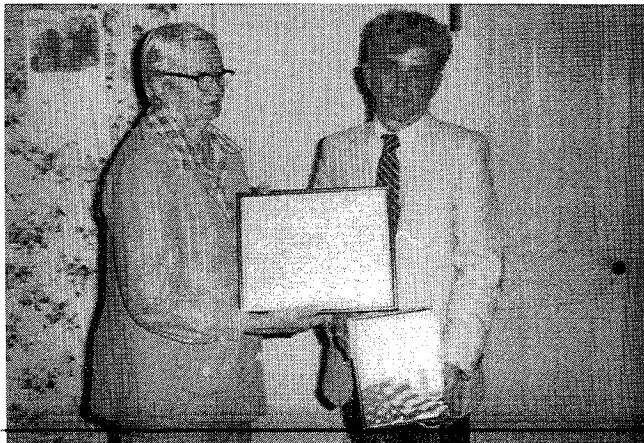
The John Campanius Holm Award was presented to Mable D. Wright at her ranch near Creede, CO, by WSO Alamosa Official in Charge, Harvey Teyler (center) and Area Manager for Colorado, Maurice Pautz.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Groves, Superior, NE, were presented the John Campanius Holm Award by Tom Sinclair.



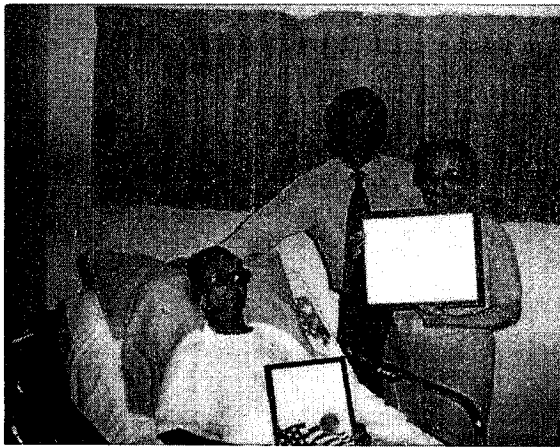
A 50-year service award was presented to May Seed and Nursery Company President Ed May (center), to mark KMA radio's 50th year of participation in the weather service's official cooperative weather observer program. Also pictured is Homer Farmer, manager of the cooperative program in Iowa. Presentation was made by the National Weather Service Iowa Area Manager Perry Baker.



Emma Meyer of Mora, MO, received the John Campanius Holm Award from Dewey Jobe, Official in Charge at Columbia, MO.



Everitt Davis, Deer Trail, CO, received a 40-year Length-of-Service Award from Bill Tate, CPM Denver.



Albert J. Beierle, Cooperative Observer, and his wife Bernice, Garrison, ND, are shown with their Holm Award and 35-year Length-of-Service certificate. Also pictured is Vern Roller, CPM, Bismarck, ND.

These people have been the best of observers over the last 35 years. Mr. Beierle is now paralyzed from the waist down due to cancer.



W. R. Davis, Holly, CO, was presented a 25-year Award by Mike Elias.

The following are Length-of-Service Awards under 25 years:

STATE YEARS

COLORADO

Merle J. Soth	Brighton	10
Nick Ruscetti	Trinidad	10
Ethel Kester	Blanca	10
Merl W. Entz	Salida	10
Betty Blanford	Sedalia	10

ILLINOIS

Stephan A. & Allie Clinton	Ina	10
Richard G. Brown	McLeansboro 2 ENE	10
Della M. Bork	Springfield	15
William Pranger	Carlinville #2	15
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Welsh	Peotone	15

KANSAS

Wilfred Dreiling	St. Peter 4 ENE	10
Olga E. Smith	Richfield 10 WSW	10
Orves Beeghly	Quinter	10
Bradd C. Batt	Lisco	10
Harry Minium	Morland	15

MICHIGAN

James Anderson	Grand Rapids	10
Casper B. Pick	Aitkin	10
Kathleen Hoppa	Tower 3 S	10
Carl Diederichs	Harmony	15
Rev. Roger E. Raebel	Red Lake Falls	15

KENTUCKY

Omer Wells	London 5 SSE	10
Rome Noel	Jonesville	15
Jack Johnston	LaGrange	15

MISSOURI

Meda M. Black	Polk 2 NE	10
Shirley B. Houston	Marble Hill	10
Velma Niewald	Freedom	10
Freda Trussell	Coloma	15

NEBRASKA

Don Leibert	Sargent	10
Carol Guthrie	Odessa	10
Ralph Anderson	Potter 4 N	10
Cressel M. Anderson	Bloomfield	10
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Boydston	DuBois	10
Harlan Rennerfeldt	West Point	10

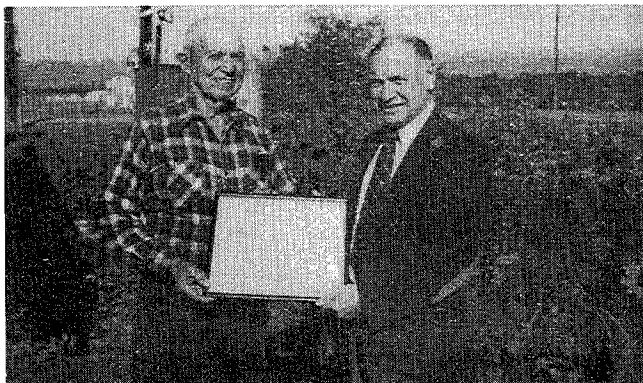
WESTERN REGION

Anaconda Copper Mining Company, Silver Lake, MT, was presented a 75-year Institutional Award by Dave Goens from the Missoula Weather Service Office. Ron Eccleston, the observer for the past seven years, accepted the award.

A 50-year Institutional Award was presented to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Parker Reservoir). Art Lessard, Meteorologist in Charge, Los Angeles, made the presentation. Karen Dorff accepted the award for the MWD.



Dual awards were presented to George Leubke in Froid, MT. Pictured on the right is Mr. Leubke, who was honored at a community gathering to receive the John Campanius Hold Award, along with a 45-year Service Award pin. To his right are Mrs. Leubke, David Olsen, Area Manager for Montana, and CPM Joe Johnston.



Charles O. Coulter was presented the John Campanius Holm Award on December 14, 1984.

William Henning (right), Meteorologist in Charge at Sacramento made the presentation to Mr. Coulter at the Exeter-Fauver ranch.

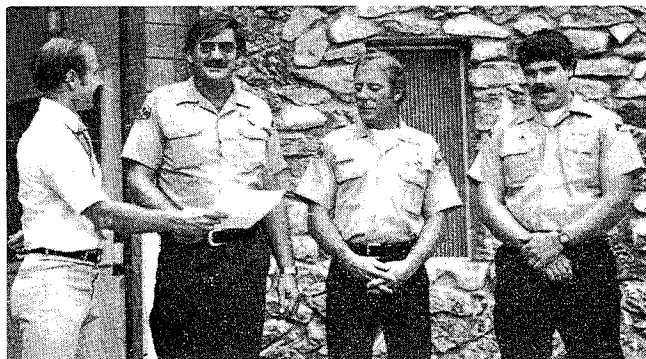


Inez Hassett of Winnett, MT, received her 40-year Service Award from the National Weather Service in Great Falls. On hand from the Great Falls office to make the presentation were David E. Olsen and Joe Johnston. She also received a Letter of Appreciation.

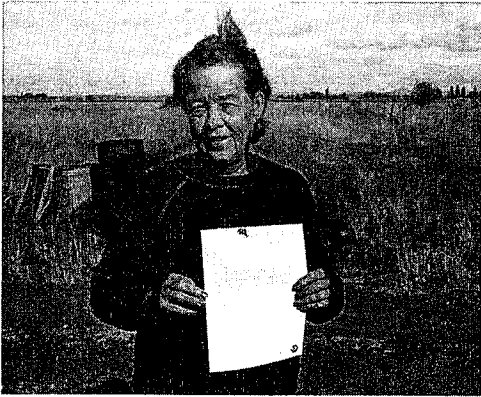


Harry Gibson, Kuna 2 NE, ID, was presented the John Campanius Holm Award for his dedication and outstanding performance as a cooperative observer for the past 34 years.

Pictured with Mr. Gibson are A. Dreumont, Area Manager at the Boise Forecast Office (left) and Ingve Olson, Cooperative Program Manager at Boise (right).



Dan Gudgel (left), Meteorologist in Charge, Weather Service Office, Bakersfield, California, presented a 25-year Length-of-Service Institutional Award to the Kern County (CA) Fire Department. Receiving the award on behalf of the Fire Department are (left to right) Captain Steve Thompson, Firemen Scott Park, and Steve Huckert.



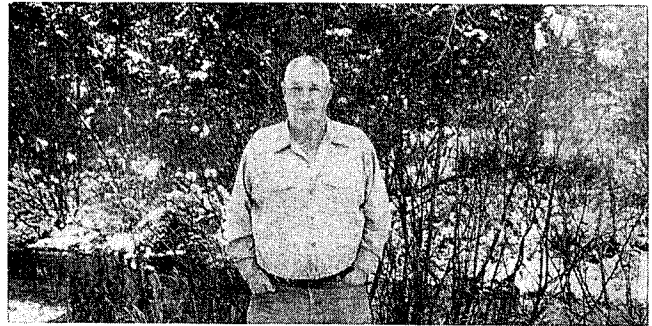
Mrs. W.T. Summers was awarded her 35-year service pin and Letter of Appreciation. Mrs. Summers operates a "b" network station about five miles SSW of Madras, OR.



Hazel Patek of Bridger, MT, was presented a 25-year Service Award, along with a Special Service award. The presentation was made by Joe Johnston at the local senior citizens' potluck dinner in Bridger. Hazel just received her new recording rain gage the same day.



Vera Easterday, Rome 2 NW, OR, was awarded her 25-year service pin and Letter of Appreciation. Vera was due her 25-year pin in 1983, but she was in the hospital for bypass surgery. Vera resides on the Easterday ranch with her husband Marvin. She has been a coop observer since 1958. Congratulations!



Jack Pickell, Warren, ID, was presented a 25-year Length-of-Service pin by Ingve Olson, CPM/Boise.

Jack has lived in the small goldmining town of Warren for the past 64 years. He recently retired as Postmaster, and the new Postmistress took over the weather station. The town is in the central mountains of Idaho and is snowed in seven months of the year.



Ted Eklund received a 25-year Service Award pin from the National Weather Service in Great Falls, MT. The Eklunds have been recording high/low temperatures and precipitation on a volunteer basis. The data is mailed each month to the National Climatic Data Center and published under the station name of Barber. Data from the Barber station first started near the old post office in 1941. Mrs. Eklund takes observations, too!

LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARDS

<u>STATE</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>		
	Auburn	15
	San Juan Bautista 3 SSE	10
<u>MONTANA</u>		
	Decker 8 NE	15
	Wibaux 2 E	15
	Haxby 18 SW	15
	Kremlin	10
	Logan	10
<u>OREGON</u>		
	Upper Olalla	15
<u>UTAH</u>		
	Timpanogos Divide #4	45
	Dewey	25
	Hatch	10
<u>WASHINGTON</u>		
	Rosalia	15
<u>INSTITUTIONAL</u>		
<u>OREGON</u>		
	Myrtle Point	25

The Association of American Weather Observers was established in 1983 as an organization with the objectives of improving cooperation, communication, and education for all weather enthusiasts.

The AAWO is composed of observers with amateur as well as professional backgrounds; farmers, doctors, teachers, students, and many others, all of whom share a common interest in the study of weather and climate.

There are now members in all 50 states and a number of foreign countries. Total membership is approaching 1,000.

The regular publication of the AAWO is known as the AMERICAN WEATHER OBSERVER. It is a monthly newspaper publication sent to each member. It is published in Belvidere, Illinois.

Included in each issue are articles by amateurs, professionals, various awards and recognition, and an opportunity for observers to share their data and their hobby and pastime with others around the country and around the world.

For a limited time only, through June 1985, the AAWO will be offering each and every US GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE OBSERVER an opportunity to join the new organization at a special rate of just \$10.00 for the entire year.

Persons wishing to participate in this program are urged to complete the enclosed form and return to the AAWO address listed.

The AAWO wishes to thank all Cooperative Observers for your many years of dedicated service and for your most gratifying display of the word, "COMMITMENT."

Sincerely,

Steven D. Steinke
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