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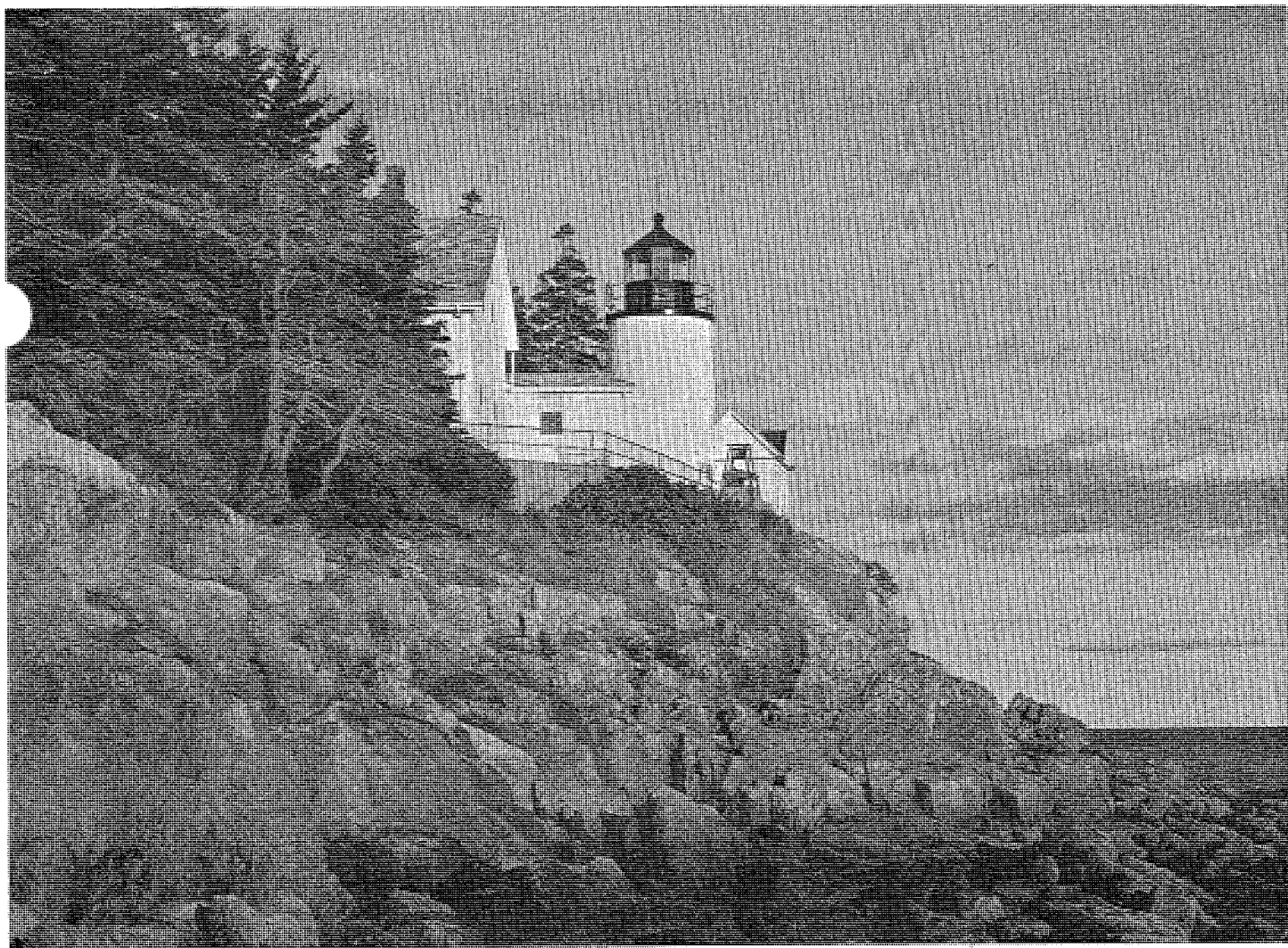
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ABOVE THE COVER: Acadia National Park, Bass Harbor Lighthouse, Maine

A solitary lighthouse perches on a rocky outcropping in Acadia National Park. This park combines unusual ocean and mountain scenery along the rugged coast of Maine. NPCA works for legislation that protects Acadia's watersheds from pollution from nearby landfills.

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Pictured above are the students attending the "Operation of Climatological Networks" class in Kansas City, MO, March 21-31, 1994. Twelve of the 15 students are data acquisition program managers (DAPM) or hydrometeorological technicians (HMT), and the other three, cooperative program managers (CPM). Under the Modernization and Associated Restructuring (MAR) of the National Weather Service, DAPMs will have overall responsibility for the cooperative observing sites in their areas of responsibility.

Front row: Charles E. Ridge, class coordinator and instructor; Billy Beams, DAPM Amarillo, TX; Trina Heiser, HMT Washington, DC

area; Mike Teague, DAPM Tulsa, OK; Gerald Lindsey, DAPM Indianapolis, IN; and Mike Wyatt, instructor.

Second row: Randall Settje, CPM Des Moines, IA; William Patterson, DAPM Boise, ID; Michael Nadolski, DAPM Detroit, MI; Larry Wirth, HMT Hastings, NE; Dan Klinger, CPM San Francisco area, CA; Tadd Kowalzyk, DAPM Mt. Holly, NJ; and Donald Hughes, CPM Columbus, OH.

Third row: Alan Dunham, DAPM Boston, MA; Donald Oettinger, DAPM Houston, TX; Gerald Shultz, DAPM Los Angeles, CA; and Robert Collins, DAPM Chicago, IL.

## EASTERN REGION

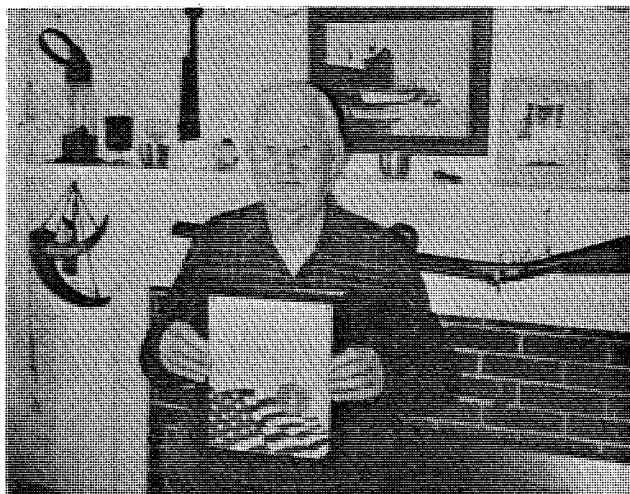


PETER DEVORE (CENTER), accepted a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Mr. Devore is an operator at the water treatment plant in SANFORD, ME. The climate station at the plant was established in 1953, and Mr. Devore has been the weather observer for the past 20 years. At right is Dennis Knowles, Superintendent for Sanford Water district, and Tom Hawley (left), Hydrologist, Portland, ME. Photo by Jim Donahue.

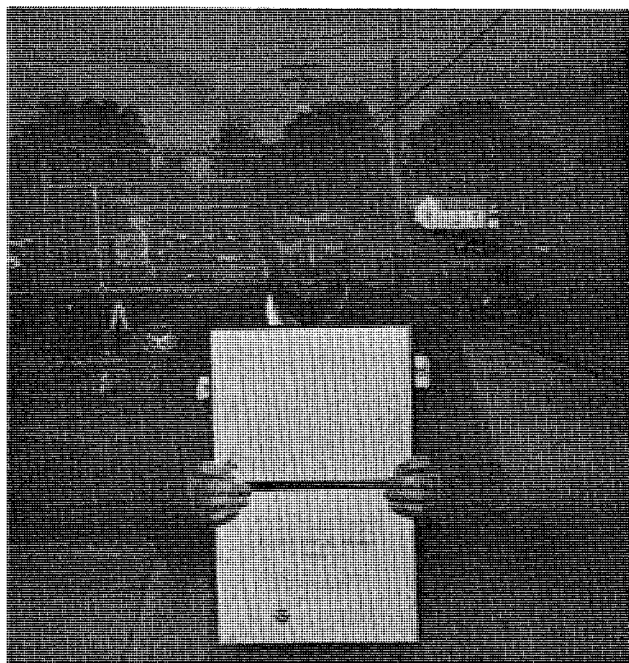


BRIGGS BUNKER, OBSERVER, NORTH CONWAY, NH, accepted a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Tom Hawley (left), Hydrologist, Portland, ME. Photo by Jim Donahue, CPM/Portland, ME.

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**RICHARD SANBORN**, who has been the **OBSERVER** at **EPPING, NH**, FOR 20 YEARS, accepted a **LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** from Jim Donahue.



A **25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** was presented to the **ED THOMAS WATER PLANT, BURLINGTON, NC**. Accepting the award on behalf of the Plant was Tom Murr. Presentation and photo were made by Phil Duncan.



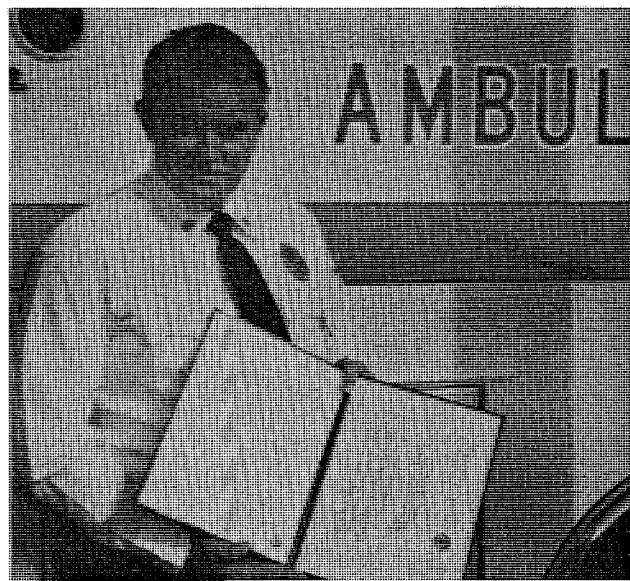
**CECIL "CEC" OEHLER (CENTER)**, **OBSERVER, PROSPECT, OH**, was presented the **JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD** at a ceremony held at the Prospect

Senior Citizens Center. Each year this award is presented to only 25 of the more than 12,000 cooperative weather observers in the United States.

He retired from Standard Oil in 1977. Then returned to work at the Marion County Engineers Department and retired in 1989.

Cecil is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Prospect. He is presently an active member of the Prospect Lions Club and the Prospect Senior Citizens. He also enjoys gardening and hopes to travel some in the future.

Presentation was made by Alan Ringo, (left), Hydrologist, Cleveland, OH; and Dick Hathaway, (right), OIC, Columbus, OH.



A **25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** was presented to the **FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE SUNNY POINT MILITARY OCEAN TERMINAL, SOUTHPORT, NC**. Fire Chief Warren Frazier received the award on behalf of the entire department. Phil Duncan made the presentation and took the photo.

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A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CHASE CITY, VA. Accepting the award on behalf of the Public Works Department are Winthy Hatcher, Annette Tharpe, and Stanley Duckworth.

Phil Duncan made the presentation and took the photo.

TOM COLBERT, OBSERVER, GARLAND 1 SW, PA, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD.

Presentation and photo were made by Don Wolfe.



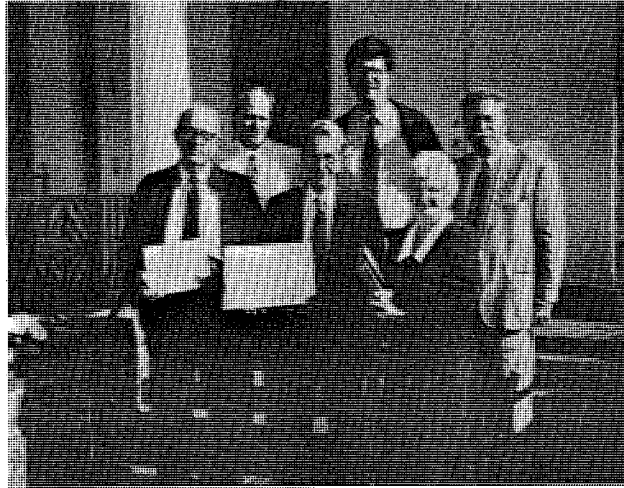
A 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to JOHN D. WILSON, OBSERVER, FARMVILLE 2 N, VA, at his Radio Station WFLO.

Presentation and photo were made by Phil Duncan, CPM Raleigh, NC.

JACQUELINE PRICE, OBSERVER, BUFFALO MILLS, PA, was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. She is also the Post Master at Buffalo Mills.

Don Wolfe, CPM, Pittsburgh, PA, made the presentation and took the photo.

## EASTERN REGION



GEORGE W. MADISON, OBSERVER, PALMYRA, VA, was presented the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD at a ceremony held at the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors meeting. Each year this award is presented to only 25 of the more than 12,000 cooperative weather observers in the United States.

Mr. Madison was remembered for the key role he played in providing the National Weather Service with helpful information during Hurricanes Camile and Agnes and at other times of heavy rains. The rain gage is just down the road from his house and Mr. Madison would monitor the rainfall all night when asked to do so.

Mr. Madison is a decorated combat Army World War II veteran; served his community as the first Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop #54; is a charter member and past chief of the Fluvanna County Volunteer Fire Department; was past president of the Lions Club; and is an active

member of the Palmyra United Methodist Church; and the Fluvanna County Historical Society.

He retired after serving 37 years as mail carrier for Route 2, Palmyra, VA.

Presentation was made by John Newkirk, DAPM, Sterling, VA. Other National Weather Service attendees from the Sterling office at the award presentation included: Gary Szatkowski, Deputy MIC; James Smith, HMT; and Trina Heiser, HMT, who took photo.

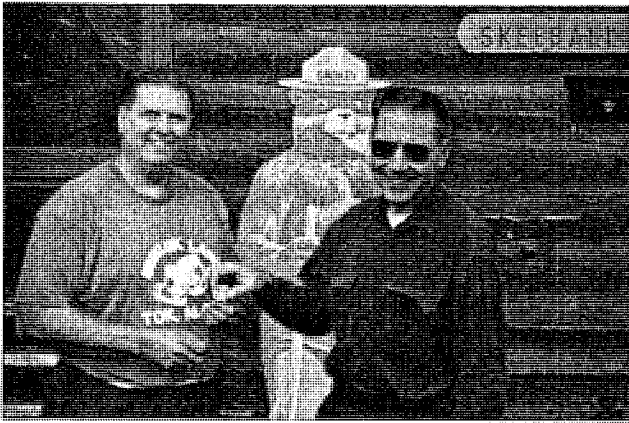
Front row left to right: Henry C. McGehee, Mr. Madison's neighbor who took weather observations during his absence, George Madison, and Lilian D. Madison. Back row left to right: John Newkirk, Gary Szatkowski, and James Smith.



REBECCA HARVEY, OBSERVER, PAMPLIN CITY, VA, was presented a ~~20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE~~ AWARD. Mrs. Harvey's son takes care of the observation program when she is away from home.

Phil Duncan made the presentation and took the photo.

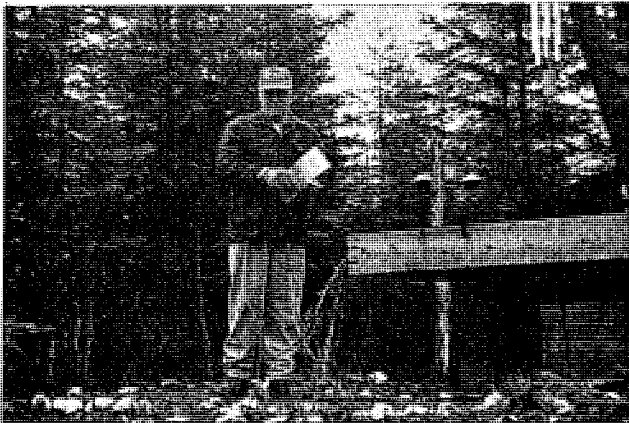
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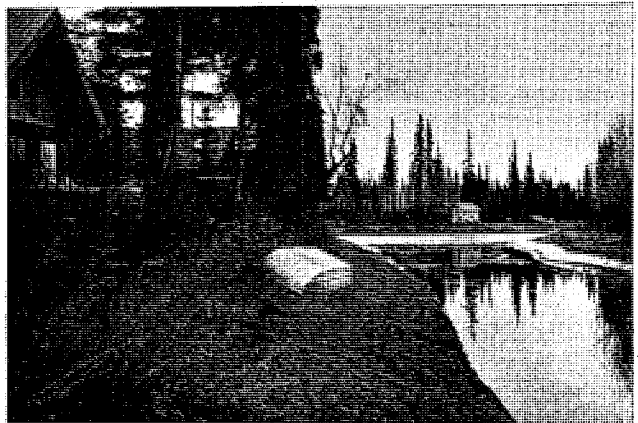
GEORGE JACOBS, OBSERVER, TOK, AK, received a 25-YEAR SERVICE PIN from George Cebula, RCPM. Tok is 250 miles northeast of Anchorage.



George Cebula at newly installed staff gage on the Kenai River at Kenai Keys, AK.



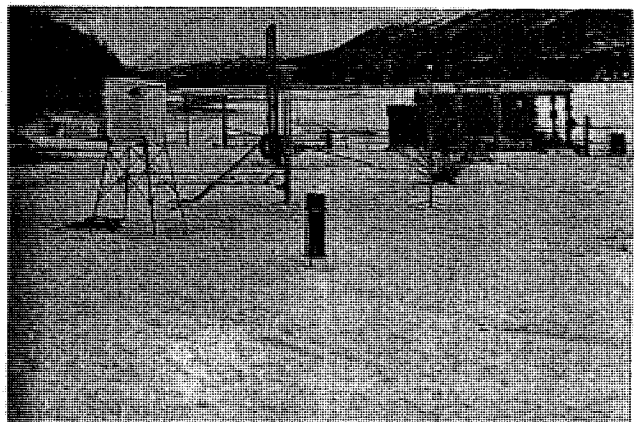
Freddy Miller, River Observer at Kenai Keys, AK.



Looking east from the staff gage at Kenai Keys, AK. Kenai Keys is just outside of Sterling, about 100 miles south of Anchorage.



Coop and Contract Station at Port Alsworth, AK. The station is located on the east shore of Lake Clark, about 160 miles southwest of Anchorage.



Looking northeast from the station at Port Alsworth, AK. The station has been operated by the Alsworth family since June 1960.

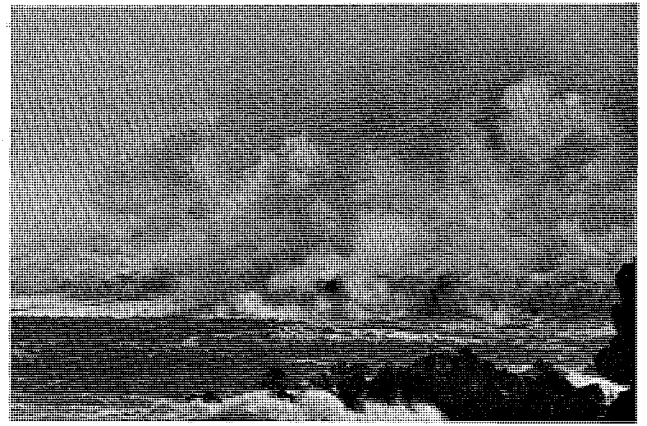
## PACIFIC REGION



DAVID LEE GRUBB was presented a SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD by CPM Ray Terada. Mr. Grubb retired AFTER 23 YEARS OF OBSERVING at Paiko Drive cooperative station. The observing duties will be continued by his daughter, Helen Bell, and her husband, Dr. Douglas Bell.



Pictured above are GEORGE SCHATTAUER, OBSERVER, KAAWALOA, with his lovely wife, Margaret, holding a 10-YEAR AWARD CERTIFICATE presented to him by CPM Roland Almarza.



Molten lava entering the ocean in the Kalapana area of the Big Island of Hawaii. Eruption activity has been continuing since January 3, 1983.

Photos by Roland Almarza, CPM, Area I, PR.

## SOUTHERN REGION



Recently a Department of State sponsored Middle East Technical Manager Hydrometeorological Workshop convened at Norman, OK. There were 18 Middle East participants at the workshop from Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Oman, Tunisia, Palestine (PLO), and Mauritania. The purpose of the workshop was to promote world peace and international scientific advancement. The group of distinguished visitors spent one week in Washington, DC and one week in Oklahoma. One of the topics on the agenda was the Cooperative Observer Program. Bob Manning

(Southern Regional Cooperative Program Manager) participated in the workshop and made a presentation on the Cooperative Observers Program and how true volunteerism works in the United States. Also, a field trip was made to the Chickasha, OK, coop station in Beverly Reese's (HMT, Norman) area of responsibility. Pictured below is Ms. Reese explaining the various types of weather equipment at the station. The visitors were very impressed with the Nation's Cooperative Observer Program and voiced interest in starting something similar in their countries.

### GATES RECOGNIZED BY WEATHER SERVICE



Local weather expert and Times employee LEROY GATES was recognized recently by the U.S. Department of Commerce for COMPLETING 40 YEARS AS A COOPERATIVE OBSERVER for the National Weather Service.

According to Elbert W. Friday, Director of the National Weather Service, Mr. Gates has furnished records over a period of years which "have made a significant contribution to our knowledge of the climate of the United States."

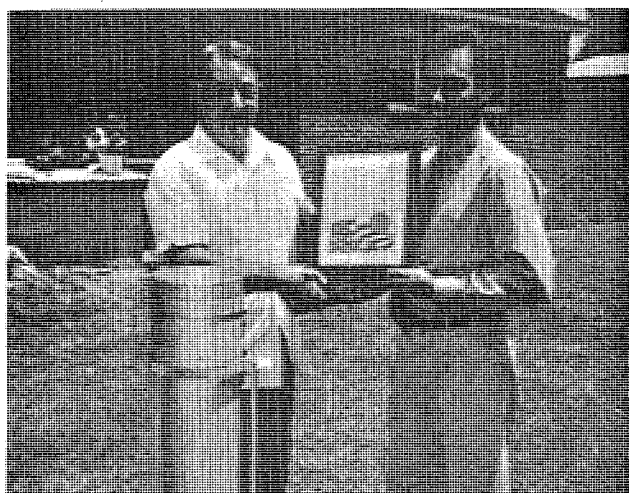
Mr. Friday added, "The observations which you and others have taken through the years are in constant use, and are and will continue to be important in helping solve problems concerning the conduct of our industry, commerce, and agriculture."

Mr. Leroy was also commended last year, along with the city of Thomasville, which was recognized by the National Weather Service for 100 continuous years of weather recording.

A 40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to LEROY GATES, OBSERVER, THOMASVILLE, AL. William Kent, CPM/BHM, made the presentation. Assisting him were former CPM, Ron Ferguson (right) and Jeff Garman (not pictured) from the Weather Service Office, Mobile, AL.



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**THOMAS E. FISCHER, OBSERVER, PLANTERSVILLE, AL,** received a **35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD.** Roger McNeil, Hydrologist, WSFO/BHM, made the presentation.



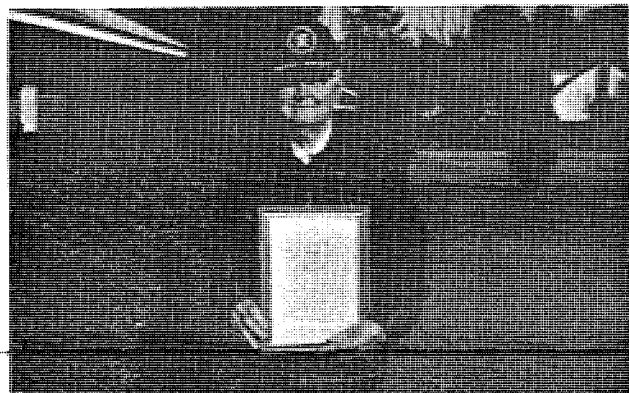
**WILLIE JEAN ARRINGTON, OBSERVER, GREENSBORO, AL,** received a **25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD.** William Kent made the presentation.



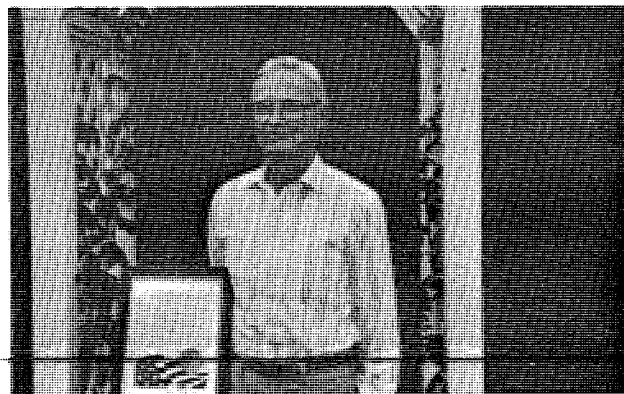
A **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** was presented to **CHARLES R. PORTER, OBSERVER, HIGHLAND HOME, AL.** Pictured with Mr. Porter are his grandchildren, Kerry and Jonathan. William Kent presented the award.



**B.B. WILLIAMSON, OBSERVER, LIVINGSTON, AL,** was presented a **25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by William Kent.

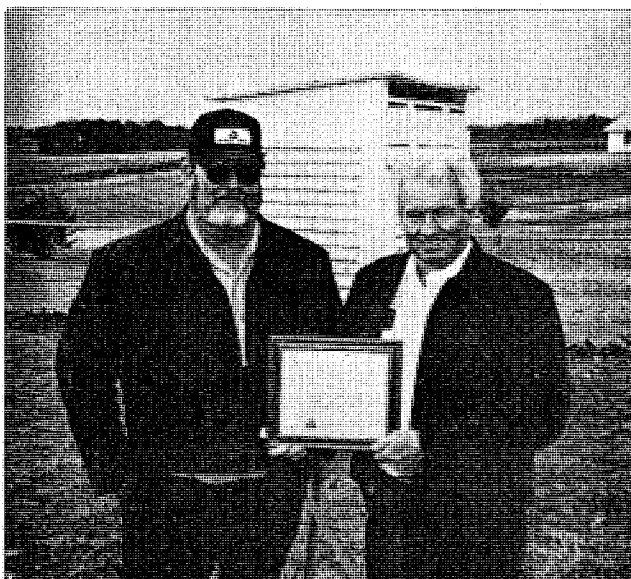


A **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** was presented to **CHARLES WESTON, OBSERVER, CLAYTON, AL,** by William Kent.



**FRED W. WOOD, OBSERVER, KINGSTON, AL,** was presented a **25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by William Kent.

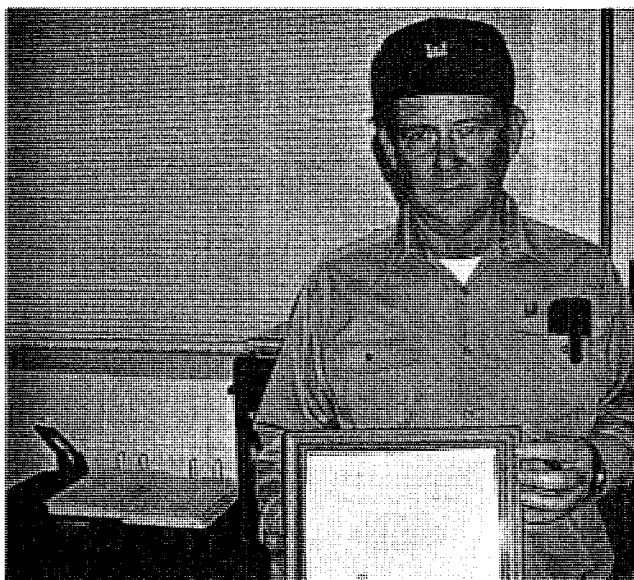
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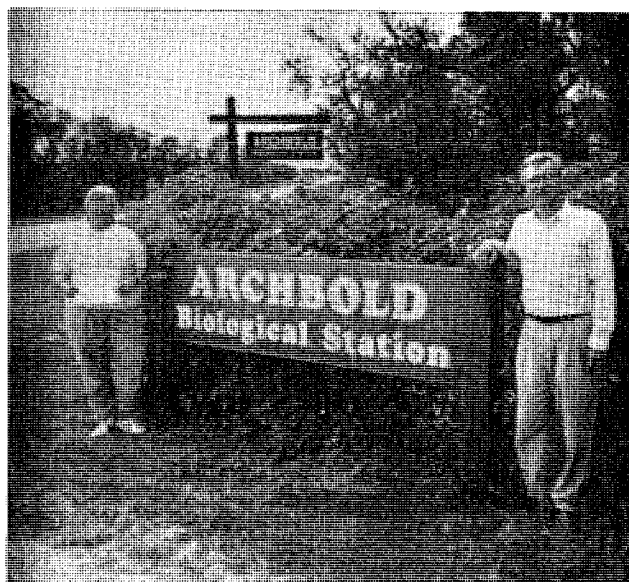
A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S COASTAL PLAINS EXPERIMENTAL STATION IN WINFIELD, AL, by William Kent. Pictured left to right: Supervisor Charlie Benton and Superintendent Randall Rawls.



ALTA GARNER, OBSERVER, AMITY, AR, received a 45-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Woody Currence.

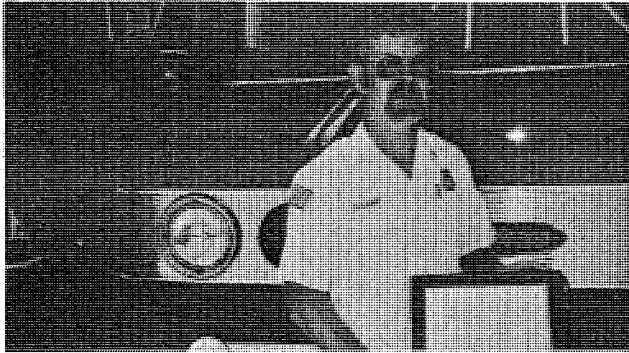


A 50-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CALION LOCK & DAM, AR. Harold Speers, Lockmaster, is shown accepting the award. Presentation was made by Woody Currence, CPM/LZK.



A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to ARCHBOLD BIO STATION, LAKE PLACID, FL. The award was presented to Nancy Deyrup, Research Asst. and Dr. John Fitzpatrick, Director of the station. Tom Clarke, CPM/LAL, made the presentation.

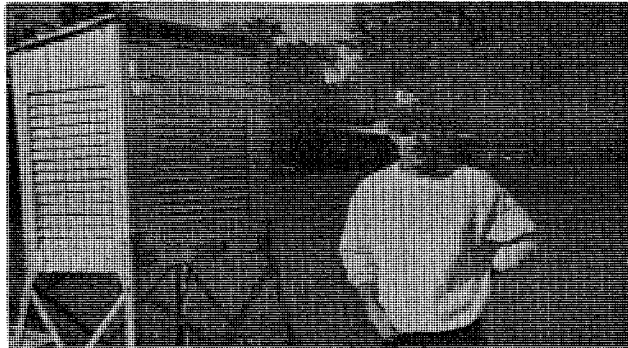
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A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to the CITY OF MONTICELLO, MONTICELLO, AR. Raymond W. Chisom, Fire Chief, is shown accepting the award. Presentation was made by Woody Currence.



JERRY TURNEY, OBSERVER, BENTONVILLE 4 S, AR, was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Accepting the award for Mr. Turney is Mrs. Turney. Woody Currence made the presentation.



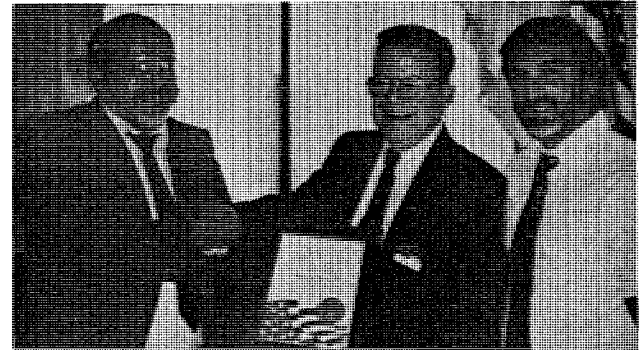
A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH STATION, TALLAHASSEE, FL. Tim Davis, Research Aid, received the award. Presentation was made by Tom Clarke.



RALPH AYERS, OBSERVER, CEDARTOWN, GA, was presented a 40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Pictured left to right: Robert Drummond, Mr. Ayers, and Van McKelvey. Mr. McKelvey is now the new observer since Mr. Ayers resigned. Presentation was made by Robert Drummond, CPM/ATL.



A 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to RAYMOND WALLS, OBSERVER, MURFREESBORO, AR, by Woody Currence.



A 40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to JAMES HARDIN, OBSERVER, NEWNAN, GA, at a luncheon meeting at the Kiwanis club in Newnan. Attending the presentation were: Carlos Garza, MIC/ATL; Ira Brenner, DMIC/ATL; and Robert Drummond, CPM/ATL. Pictured left to right: Garza, Hardin, and Brenner.

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A 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to ROBERT H. BROWN, OBSERVER, GODFREY 3 NE, GA. Presentation was made by Robert Drummond.



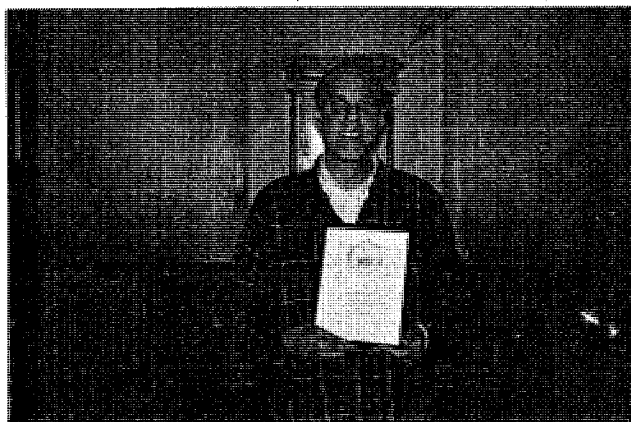
JOHNNY PHILLIPS, OBSERVER, DOUGLAS, GA, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Tom Clarke.



A 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to WILLIAM LEY, OBSERVER, QUITMAN, GA, by Tom Clarke.



RALPH YARBROUGH, OBSERVER, EDEN, GA, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Robert Drummond.



JOHN MADDOX, OBSERVER, ROME, GA, was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. The station has been in Mr. Maddox's family since 1855. Robert Drummond made the presentation.

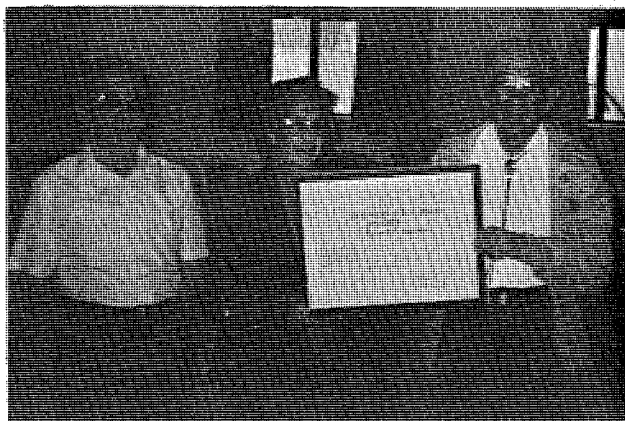


A 50-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to the MUNICIPAL POWER PLANT, NACHITOCHES, LA. Clifton Rachal (left) accepted the award. Presentation was made by Malcolm Moreau, CPM/BTR and Jay Grymes, State Climatologist, LSU/BTR.

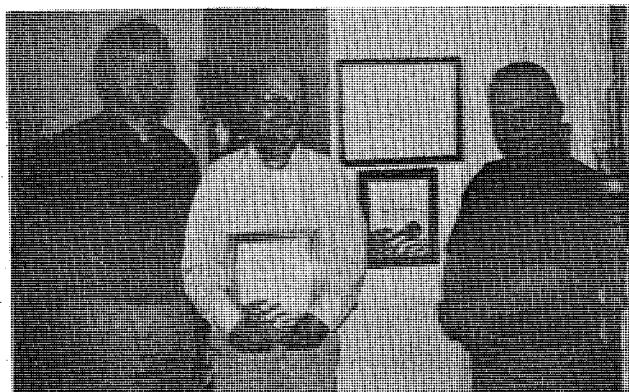
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A 35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to HANCE CHANCE, OBSERVER, ELIZABETH, LA, by Malcolm Moreau.



ROBERT S. SANCHEZ, ESTANCIA, NM, received the THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARD on Tuesday, February 8, 1994. The ceremony was held at the Estancia Senior Center. Presenting the award was Charlie A. Liles, Area Manager for NM. Mayor Jerry Chavez also presented a proclamation declaring February 8th "Robert Sanchez Day" in Estancia.



ROYNE FONTENOT, OBSERVER, EUNICE, LA, received a 35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Mr. Fontenot received the John Campanius Holm Award in 1992. Malcolm Moreau made the presentation. Pictured left to right: Jay Grymes; Royne Fontenot; and Malcolm Moreau.

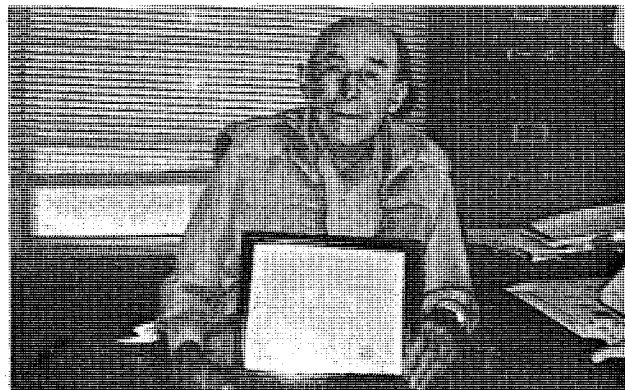
Mr. Robert Sanchez has taken temperature, rainfall, and evaporation readings since 1947. He has been assisted by his brother, Manuel, who has served as Mr. Sanchez's back-up when he is out of town. Robert Sanchez was the postmaster in Estancia before retiring with 38 years of service.

The Thomas Jefferson Award was started in 1959 to honor five observers out of over 11,000 nation-wide for unusual and outstanding achievements in meteorological observations.

Pictured left to right: Manuel Sanchez, Robert's brother; Mrs. Philomena Sanchez; and Robert Sanchez.

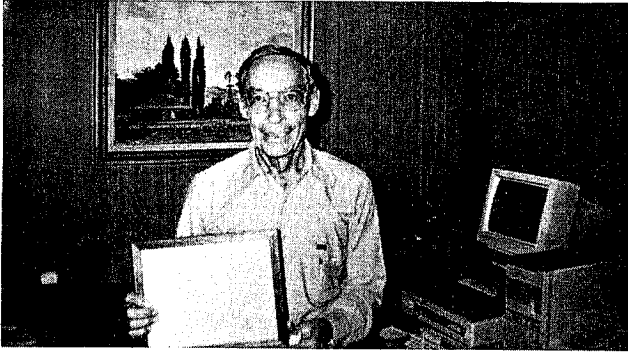


C. NEAL VAUGHN, OBSERVER, FORT SUMNER 5 S, NM, was presented a 40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Daryl Williams, CPM/ABQ.

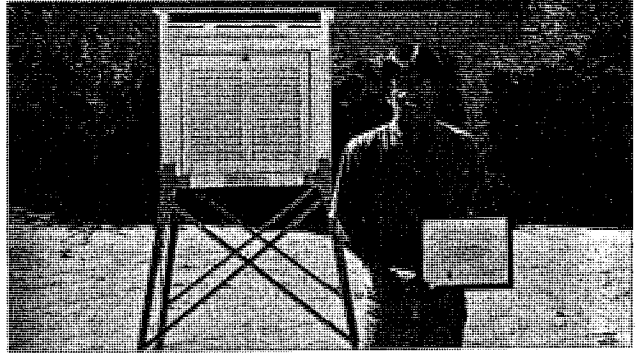


LEWIS D. CAIN, ALEMAN RANCH, NM, was presented a 35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Mr. Cain's ranch is in the heart of the Jornada Del Muerto desert plateau or the "journey of death" as it was called by the Spanish settlers who passed through this region along the route from Santa Fe and Chihuahua, Mexico.

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A 35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to W.A. "AL" SNIPES, CIRCLE F RANCH, NM. Presentation was made by Daryl Williams.



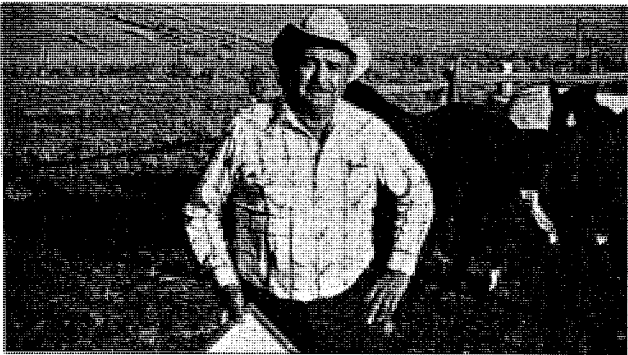
A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, SHIPROCK, NM. Leroy James, Water Plant Operator, accepted the award. Shiprock is on the Navajo Indian Reservation in the Four-Corners area of New Mexico. Daryl Williams made the presentation.



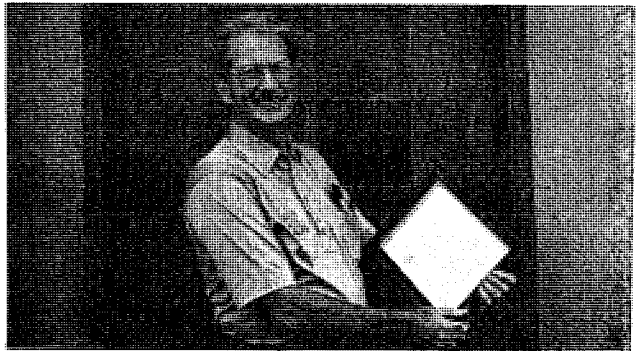
EDITHA BARTLEY, OBSERVER, GASCON, NM, was presented a 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Pictured with Mrs. Bartley is Charlie Liles, AM/MIC, WSFO/ABQ, and Daryl Williams.



RADIO STATION KRTN, RATON, NM, was presented a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Daryl Williams. Accepting the award was Jim Roper, station general manager (retired). KRTN provides temperature and precipitation reports twice daily to the National Weather Service in Albuquerque.

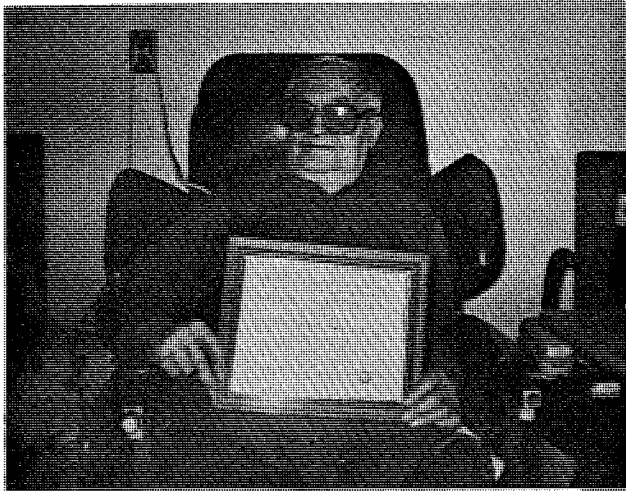


RAMON TRUJILLO, OBSERVER, BLACK LAKE, NM, received a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Black Lake was the site for the scenes from the TV Series "Lonesome Dove". Presentation was made by Daryl Williams.



A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to RADIO STATION KSIL, SILVER CITY, NM. Ben Noe, Program Director, is shown accepting the award. Presentation was made by Daryl Williams.

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A 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to RAY L. BLACK, OBSERVER, DES MOINES, NM, by Daryl Williams.



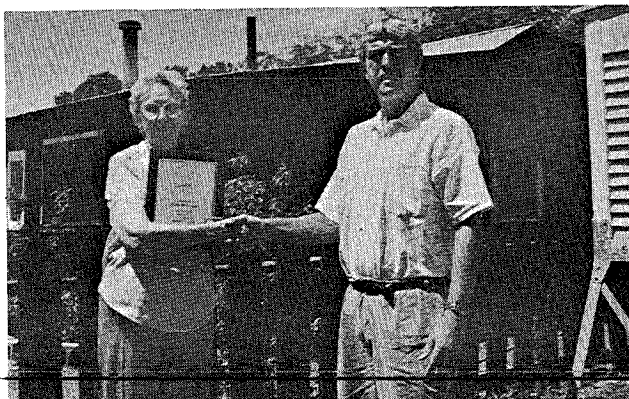
ANTON A. ALBERS received the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD for 1993. The award was presented by Norman MIC/AM Dennis McCarthy at the Lions Club at UNION CITY, OK.



Evelyn Albers helps and is standing by Mr. Albers. He has been the weather observer at Union City for the past 47 years. The station has been in his family for the past 70 years. (Prior to Tony observations were taken by his father 1923-1940 and a sister from 1940-1945; then Tony from 1946 to present.)

Also present at the awards ceremony were DAPM Tom Davis and HMT Carl Wilkins.

HAROLD "JACK" JACKSON, OBSERVER, TURQUOISE, NM, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Woody Currence.



ELOISE MCDORMAN, OBSERVER, FENCE LAKE, NM, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Daryl Williams.



THOMAS E. LOGAN (LEFT), OBSERVER, MAYFIELD, OK, received a 45-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. The award was presented by Carl Wilkins, HMT/OUN.

# SOUTHERN REGION

## CLEWELL MARKS 40TH YEAR AS OBSERVER



A **40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** was presented to **CLEMON G. CLEWELL, OBSERVER, WATONGA, OK.** The award was presented by Maxie Brown (right), HMT/Norman, OK.



Clemon G. Clewell (left) was congratulated on his 40-Year Length-of-Service Award by Al Abernathy the new HMT at Norman, OK.

**CLEMON CLEWELL**, official cooperative weather observer at Watonga, has been awarded the US government's **40-YEAR EMBLEM**.

He also received a **PLAQUE AND LETTER OF APPRECIATION** from the Department of Commerce for his outstanding contribution to the field of meteorology.

Since 1953 Clewell has been faithfully recording at 7 a.m. every day Watonga's temperature highs and lows and precipitation amounts. He said he has received some relief help occasionally from his family members and neighbors, including Ernie Hoberecht.

Clewell previously received the Holm Award, given to a limited number of outstanding observers across the nation each year.

Clewell has been instrumental in observing and reporting the weather to the National Weather

Service at Norman. At the end of each month, daily reports are mailed to the National Climatic Data Center, Asheville, NC, where they are published in Oklahoma climatological data and become part of the permanent record of the world's weather.

"Clewell is one of the many cooperative observers across Oklahoma who help make our job at the National Weather Service more efficient," said Maxie R. Brown, of the Norman-based center. "His dedication throughout the years has been a great service to the nation and to our job of observing and recording the world's weather."

"The National Weather Service, Norman office, joins the Secretary of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrator and the Weather Service Director in congratulating Clemon Clewell on this outstanding record of public service."



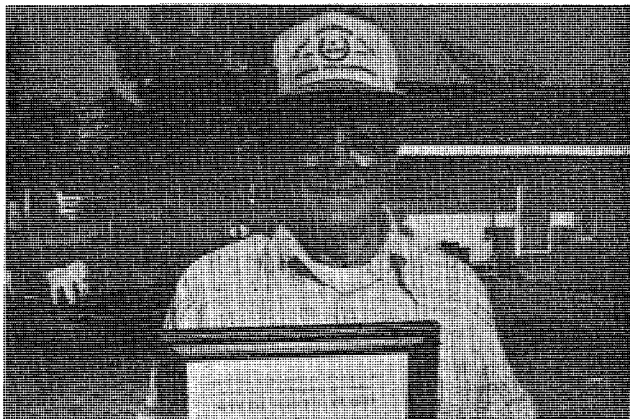
**LEE HARGUS, OBSERVER, BUFFALO, OK,** was presented a **40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD.** Pictured with Mr. Hargus is his wife. Presentation was made by Maxie Brown, HMT/OUN.



**WAYNE WOLFE, OBSERVER, LEHIGH, OK,** was presented a **40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Beverly Reese, HMT/OUN.



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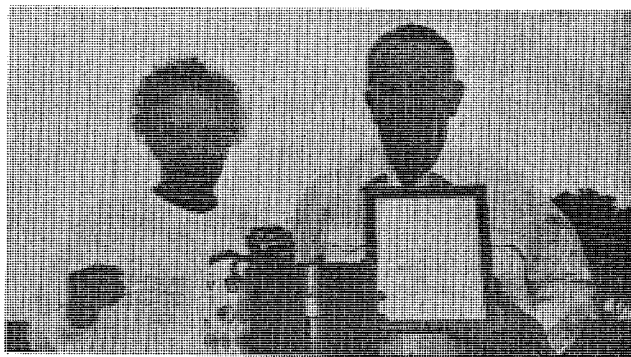
A 35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to ARCHIE C. THOMAS, OBSERVER, MORAVIA 2 NNE, OK, by Carl Wilkins.



ELAINE CUNNINGHAM, OBSERVER, MULHALL, OK, received a 15-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Maxie Brown.



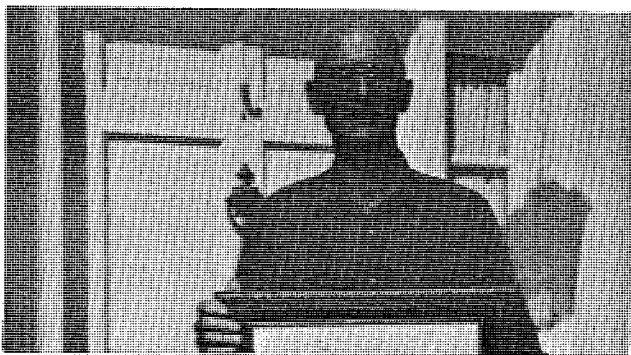
JEFFERSON L. WALKER, OBSERVER, HEADRICK, OK, received a 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD recently from Carl Wilkins.



MARVIN MILLER, OBSERVER, ROOSEVELT, OK, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Carl Wilkins. Mrs. Miller is pictured with her husband.



W. RAY CONKLING, OBSERVER, THOMAS, OK, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Carl Wilkins (right).

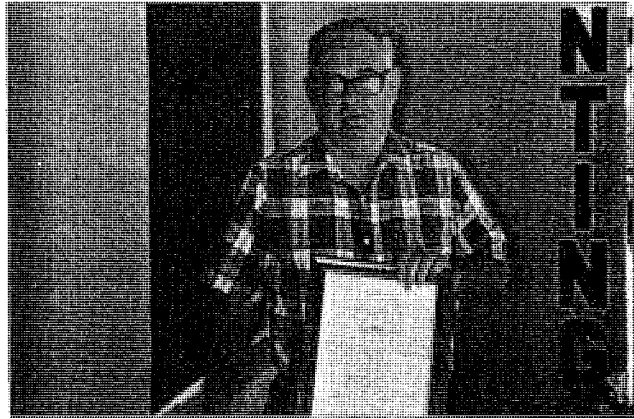


LEROY S. DABNEY, OBSERVER, COLDSRING, TX, was presented the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD. Mr. Dabney has been observing the weather at Coldspring, TX, for the PAST 39 YEARS. For 35 years he taught school there and is now retired. During World War II, as an officer in the Army Air Corps, Mr. Dabney was flying a B-24 over Magdeburg, Germany, and was shot down. He was captured by the Germans and spent 3 months in a concentration camp. The award was presented by Alan Starnes, CPM/ACT.

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**WILSON CRAWFORD, OBSERVER, CANADIAN 1 ENE, TX,** was presented the **JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD AND A 35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** at a Rotary Club luncheon in Canadian. Wilson has over 35 years service and has now retired from his observer duties. Presentation was made by Chuck Megee (left), CPM/LBB, and Jose Garcia (right), MIC/AMA.



A **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** was presented to **JOHN MOFFATT, OBSERVER, SEMINOLE, TX,** by Chuck Megee.



**GRADY SPENCE VINCENT, TRENTON, TX,** was recognized for **OVER 35 YEARS AN OBSERVER** for the Fort Worth Forecast Office. Presenting the award was Jerry Wolfe, CPM/FTW. Pictured with Mr. Vincent is his wife Rosalea. Mr. Vincent was first city water manager and then served as mayor of Trenton for 16 years before retiring.



A **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** was presented to **ELSIE LEE PHILLIPS, CRANFILLS GAP, TX.** Presentation was made by Alan Starnes.

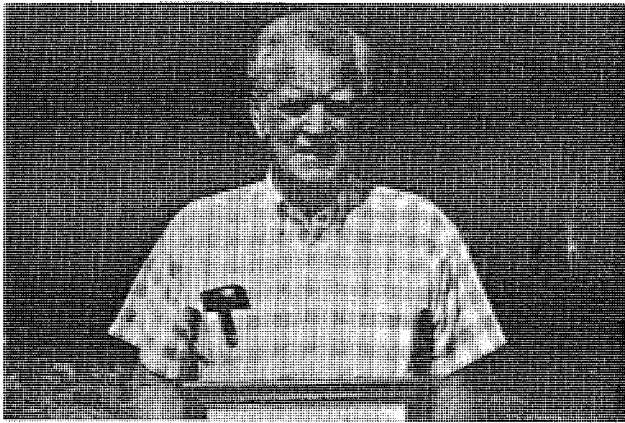
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**WILLIAM WARREN, OBSERVER, PAINT ROCK, TX,** was presented a **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD.** Presentation was made by Ernie Cathey, Service Hydrologist, Fort Worth, TX. Jerry Wolfe took photo.

**C. VERNON ELLISOR, OBSERVER, CLEVELAND, TX,** received a **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD.** Presentation was made by Alan Starnes.

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A 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to JAMES W. FORBES, OBSERVER, CENTER, TX. Presentation was made by Alan Starnes.



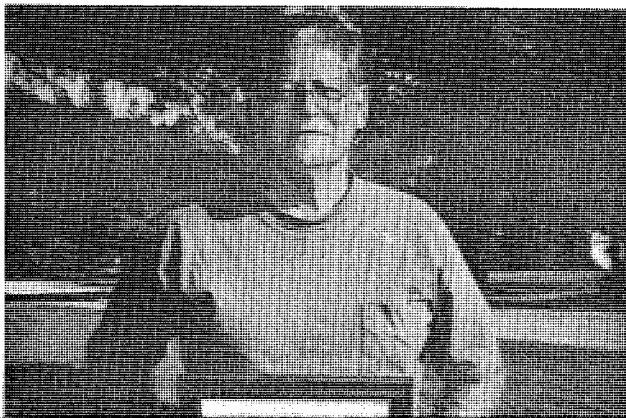
MR. AND MRS. J.C. NEWLAND, OBSERVERS, CRANE, TX, received a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. They do an excellent job of taking observations and getting them in on time. They enjoy the work and we wish them many more years of service. Chuck Megee, CPM/LBE, made the presentation.



MAYBELL KELLUM, OBSERVER, ALTO, TX, received a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Alan Starnes.



ROY RICE, OBSERVER, WINTERS, TX, was presented a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Ernie Cathey (left), presented the award.



A 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to RALPH MCKINNEY, OBSERVER, FRANKLIN, TX. Alan Starnes made the presentation.



A 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD was presented to the CITY OF LEXINGTON, LEXINGTON, TX. The award was presented by Alan Starnes. Attending the presentation (left to right): Patrick Jatzlau, Linda Patschke, Pam Cox, Kevin Retzlaff, and T.L. Hester.

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## OTHER AWARDS - SOUTHERN REGION



VERNON S. EZZELL, OBSERVER, RINGOLD, TX, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Mrs. Ezzell is pictured with her husband. Presentation was made by Jerry Wolfe.



A 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to HELEN POLLARD, OBSERVER, GRANDFALLS, TX. The station has been in Helen's family for the past 37 years. Her husband, Pete, is shown in the picture. Chuck Megee made the presentation.



A 10-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD was presented to W.H. (DUB) COLLINS, TIGERTOWN, TX, by Jerry Wolfe.

### ALABAMA

		<u>YEARS</u>
Jerry R. Martin	Enterprise	15
John R. Peavy	Brewton	15
Gloria Spann	Georgianna	10

### ARKANSAS

Earnest Miller	Houston 3 SW	15
Jay Bunyard	DeQueen	10

### FLORIDA

William Wagner, Jr.	Conch Key	10
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### GEORGIA

James Luffman	Chatsworth	15
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### LOUISIANA

Ludel Boudreaux	Butte La Rose	10
Brad Orman	Franklinton #2	10

### NEW MEXICO

Jerry Sanchez	Cerro	15
Jack McCarty	McCarty Ranch	10
Bill Snipes	Circle F Ranch	10
Goldie Stark	Whitewater	10

### OKLAHOMA

Lillian Kidwell	Allen	10
Wayne West	Kingston	10

### TEXAS

Roy Bridwell	Riverside 4 W	15
Sloan Fortenberry	Valley View	15
Judge Charles Wilhite	Decatur	15
May Carson	Cornudas	10
Floyd Crownover	Claude	10
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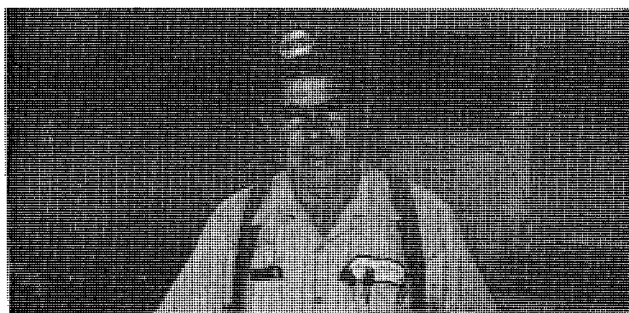
## CENTRAL REGION



JOHN GRAVES AND WIFE, BILLIE, TIMPAS 13 SW, CO, were presented a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Mike Elias.



JOHN MUSHRUSH, OBSERVER, HOOPESTON, IL, for OVER 41 YEARS, was presented the THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARD at the Hoopeston American Legion.



FRANKIE STOKER, HASWELL, CO, was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Mike Elias.



JAMES WATKIN (pictured right) WANATAH 4 WNW, IN, was presented the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD by Robert Kenyon, CPM/IND. Assisting in the presentation were Jim McIntyre, MIC/MAWSC, and Bill Nelson, CPM/LOT.

James has an avid interest in the weather. He has taken thousands of school children on tours of the agriculture weather station and answered hundreds of questions from locals about the climate records over the 26 plus years he has been an observer. Significant data were recorded by James at two locations for over 15 years. Owing to the different soil types and elevation differences these two stations, which were about 1500 feet from each other, had significantly different climate records.

John, who is 68, has been a volunteer observer for the National Weather Service since May 1951. He reads the instruments daily, and records high and low temperatures and rainfall amounts. John has acquired the weather records for Hoopeston dating back to 1902 and has made graphs in ten-year segments depicting the average temperature and precipitation. He uses his graphs for presentations at schools and organizations throughout east-central Illinois, and to keep a continuous picture of the climate in the Hoopeston area.

Attending the award ceremony were several local area dignitaries and political figures; led by Representative William Black, who started the proceedings by reading a letter of congratulations from President Bush for John's outstanding accomplishments. This was followed by an entourage of National Weather Service Representatives, lauding the praises of John Mushrush and his perfect record of continuous, accurate, and timely weather observations over the past 41 years. These guests were Bill Buckingham, CPM, IL; Roger Kenyon, CPM, IN; Al Shipe, Hydrologist, IN; John Curran, MIC/AM, IN; and presenting John with the actual award, Paul Daily, MIC/AM, IL.

Several other dignitaries were present for John's award presentation. One of which was Dr. Wayne Wendland, State Climatologist for IL, with the Illinois Water Survey, located on the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.



In DIX, IL, DAVE MYERS (right) hands over the official rain stick and observing duties to Marty Mills. DAVE HAD BEEN THE OBSERVER SINCE 1972.

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A third-generation volunteer observer at Mapleton (her brother took observations for a time at the site established by their father), Scheer shares her weather enjoyment and sense of responsibility with her entire family. Her sister, Dorothy Pope, is the observer at the second Mapleton observation site.

Stepping up to receipt of the Jefferson Award seems a natural progression for someone as meticulous and humble as Mrs. Scheer, but her awards are definitely earned. "We don't just give awards out automatically," Central Region Cooperative Program Manager Tom Sinclair said from his Kansas City, MO, office. "The Weather Service only gives out five Jefferson Awards each year, so we're pretty particular about who receives them. Mrs. Scheer just has an outstanding record of observations and goes the extra mile in making sure everything is accurate and timely."

Slogging through mud puddles right after torrential rains and through snow drifts on the heels of blizzards hasn't been any more exciting or any easier for Mrs. Scheer than it would be for anyone else. There is a simple reason she has continued her dedication through her 48 years of service, a reason that emphasizes Mrs. Scheer's worthiness for the Jefferson Award. "We look on it as an opportunity to serve," she said.

The National Weather Service honored MAPLETON, IA, OBSERVER MAY SCHEER by presenting her the THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT. The ceremony was held at the Community Center.

Iowa Area Manager J. John Feldt and Iowa Cooperative Program Manger William R. Newman presented the agency's most prestigious volunteer award to Mrs. Scheer. Newman noted that, "Weather observing has been a significant interest in her life and she is top of the line."

Mrs. Scheer, 82, became the official observer for the Mapleton station in 1945, inheriting the family job started by her father, who established the station in 1936. Mr. Newman noted, "Her enthusiasm and willingness remain impressive. She is very enthusiastic and cooperative. She has displayed unusual accuracy, neatness, completeness, and promptness in her records for MORE THAN 48 YEARS."

Equipped with only a thermometer and a rain gage, the standard tools of the volunteer weather observer's trade, Mrs. Scheer is none-the-less looked to as the weather expert in Mapleton. She receives frequent calls asking how low or high temperatures were or how much precipitation fell. Noting, in a 1988 article, that "When you're out in the country, you watch for the signs, circles around the sun and moon, halos..."to indicate what weather is coming. Scheer is quick to note that, "I can just tell you what we've had, not what we're going to have."



NED STUMP (pictured on left with Mrs. Stump), PRAIRIE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL received a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Roger Kenyon. Mr. Stump is vocational agriculture department head and ensures that students record daily weather observations. The high school was given a 25-YEAR INTITUTIONAL AWARD for participation in the cooperative program.

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**BLOCKTON, IOWA** - The National Weather Service honored Blockton volunteer Weather **OBSERVER DEAN A. COBB** with the **JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD**, the agency's second highest award for volunteer observers, at a ceremony at the Legion Auxiliary Hall.

Iowa Area Manager J. John Feldt and Iowa CPM, William R. Newman presented the award to Mr. Cobb for, "outstanding accomplishments in the field of cooperative observations." The award is named for the Lutheran minister who was the first person known to take systematic weather observations in the American Colonies, beginning in 1644. The award is granted to a maximum 25 volunteer observers each year.

Mr. Cobb, 73, began his tenure as a volunteer Weather Service observer on September 9, 1958, taking over the site two miles south of Blockton that had been established by his father in 1941. He has maintained an exemplary record over the years, according to Thomas P. Sinclair, CPM for the 14-station Central Region headquartered in Kansas City, MO.

An active farmer who received a 35-year service award this year, Mr. Cobb has certainly met the reporting aspect of eligibility requirements. "Observations are accurate, neat, complete, and prompt," Newman

said. "His attitude is great and the records perfect. He has given weather information to the public cheerfully and has offered to expand his services."

Mr. Cobb said he comes by his interest in weather naturally, and that it began at an early age. "Since I walked to country school a mile across the fields over hill and dale and across creeks," he said. "I needed to know how to dress appropriately for the kind of day it was, especially in the cold blustery days of winter."

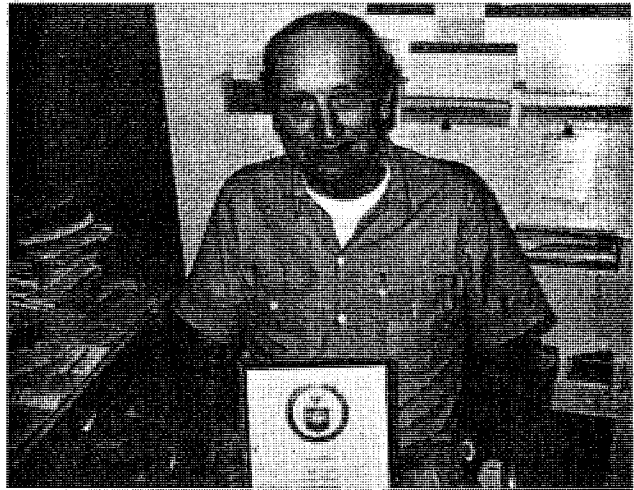
Some of the more memorable weather events he cited from those years of interest include the election day snow storm when Franklin D. Roosevelt became president; the 1936 winter that set a record for continuous day below zero followed by a summer with a record number of days above 100°; the 9 inch-rainfall of August 1937; and the April 1973 blizzard that destroyed many cattle.

"As I have always been on the farm, I have always been a great observer of the weather," Cobb said, "probably because of my father's interest in it. Farmers are usually more interested in weather than many other classes of peoples as the success of their labor is greatly dependent upon the kind of weather that occurs."

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BILL J. PUTTHOFF, OBSERVER, EFFINGHAM 1 N, KS, was presented his 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Greg Painter, CPM/TOP, KS.



NORBERT HONAS, CEDAR BLUFF DAM, KS, was presented a 15-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Mike Elias.

(PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE)

MELVIN STATES, LOGAN, KS, was presented a 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Mike Elias, CPM/GLD, KS.



EMERSON TRAVINCHEK, OBSERVER, ROSALIA, KS, received his 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD from Greg Painter.



THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, WARSAW MARKLAND DAM, KY, was presented a 75-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD.

Front row, left to right: Donald Broughton, Lock operator; Janis Aponte, Navigation Project Assistant; and Ray Collier, Lock operator.

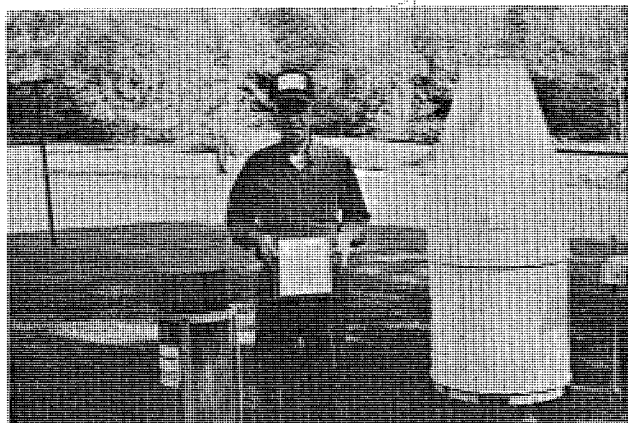
Second row, Joe Roberts, Lockmaster, Markland Locks. Presentation made by Peter Tellez, CPM, KY.



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**KPLR RADIO STATION, BOWLING GREEN, KY,** was presented a 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD. Left to right: William Wiffler, (DAPM), presented award to the stations news director Linda Bange.



**ROBERT HOUSEWRIGHT, STEELVILLE, MO,** was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Robert is semi-retired, keeping busy with his monument business, and taking daily temperature and precipitation readings; also river readings when called upon.



**MARGARET HOPWOOD, MALDEN, MO,** was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Margaret's tasks are extensive ... in addition to running the administrative side of the family business... she records air/soil temperatures and precipitation.



**MICHAEL J. THOMPSON, OBSERVER, MORRISVILLE, MO,** was presented a 10-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Michael is a welder and spends much of the time on the road. Like most coop programs located at private homes...the program is a family effort, both Michael's wife and son fill in when he is traveling.



**HOWARD B. HYDE, OBSERVER, FRANKLIN, KY,** was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD and Pin by Peter Tellez.



**LLOYD DALY, OBSERVER, ARTHUR NE,** was presented a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD by Mike Elias.

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**HOWARD ROMSDALE, BRADSHAW, NE**, began working as one of Nebraska's 320 official volunteer cooperative weather observers in the fall of 1963. Mr. Romsdale said he has taken temperature readings, measured the amount of precipitation daily, and "heard every weather joke imaginable."

He was recently presented a **30-YEAR SERVICE CERTIFICATE** by the National Weather Service.

According to Nebraska's Cooperative Program Manager Terry Landsvork, the data provided by cooperative observers is used extensively by the National Weather Service, State Climatologist, and others in the public and private sectors. It eventually becomes a permanent part of the climatic record for the local area and nation.

Using equipment furnished by the National Weather Service, Mr. Romsdale is able to take a variety of weather measurements, transmitting his readings to a special weather computer in Omaha.

Mr. Romsdale said he and his wife Patricia Anne have assisted each other over the years, making sure they record necessary readings.

Although Mr. Romsdale said that taking the readings has become part of the "usual daily routine," there have been some "non-typical days" as a volunteer including when a windstorm blew through Bradshaw last July 8.

"The power was down and I knew I had to get my readings reported to the National Weather Service so I radioed them in from a transmitter in my pickup," Mr. Romsdale said. "Things were a little different that day."



**WILLIAM "JOE" NITSCH, HAYES CENTER, NE**, was presented a **15-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Mike Elias.



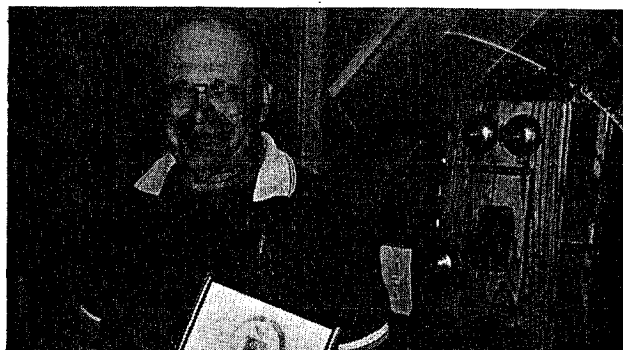
**LOYD L. WEST** of **CREIGHTON, NE**, was presented a **20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** on April 28 by Terry Landsvork. He is pictured with his wife, Mary Lou.

Mr. West took over the job in 1973 from his father, Loyd West, who had been the Creighton observer since October 1945. Mr. West is an official observer who, using official NWS equipment, daily records precipitation amounts along with maximum and minimum temperatures.

There are over 260 volunteer cooperative weather observers in the state and nearly 12,000 nationwide. Observers are located at private residents, farms, municipal facilities, utilities, dams, parks, game refuges, radio stations, and many other locations.

Observations were first taken in Creighton in October 1932.

"The nation owes a sincere debt of gratitude to the cooperative weather observers who have quietly and steadily built up what amounts to a priceless national treasure in the finest tradition of volunteer service to their country," said Landsvork. "The United States Government, National Weather Service, and State Climatologist greatly appreciate this service and extend their congratulations to Mr. West for a job well done."



**LOWELL SWANSON, OBSERVER, DALTON, NE**, was presented a **15-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Mike Elias.

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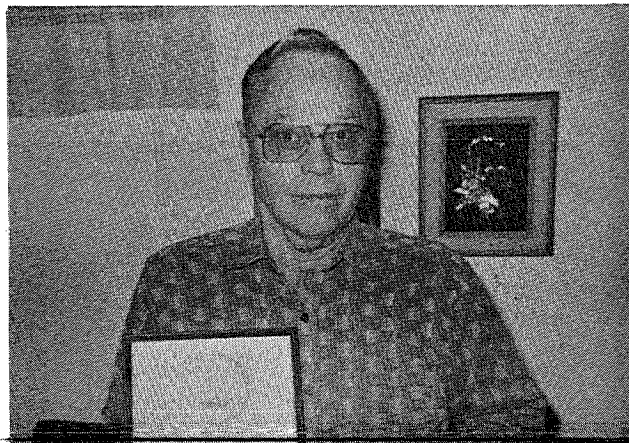


LLOYD VAUTHRIN, OBSERVER, FRANKLIN, NE, was presented a 10-YEAR SERVICE CERTIFICATE by the National Weather Service (NWS) on May 19th. Terry Landsvork, CPM/NWSO, Omaha, NE, presented the award. Using equipment furnished by the NWS, Lloyd has taken and recorded daily precipitation totals along with high and low temperatures at his home since April 1983. His readings are the official measurements for the Franklin area and are recorded as such at the National Climatic Data Center, Asheville, NC.

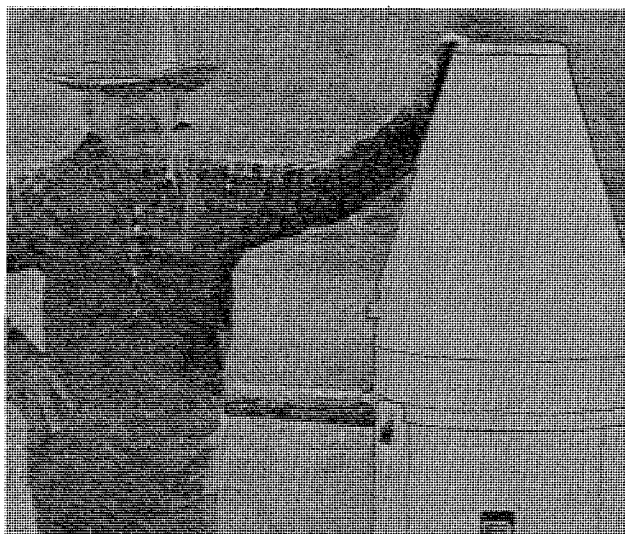
Previous to becoming Franklin's weather observer Lloyd had 28 years of experience as a weather observer at the Harlan County Dam for the Corps of Engineers.

THE AWARD CONSISTED OF A FRAMED SERVICE CERTIFICATE AND A LAPEL PIN. Lloyd Vauthrin received his Award from Terry Landsvork(right).

Lloyd Vauthrin is looking at the Temperature Sending Unit. This unit records and sends the temperature to an inside monitor.



Pictured is PETE KOCHER, OBSERVER, HAGUE, ND, with his 40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD AND PIN. Picture and presentation by Vern Roller, CPM WSFO Bismarck. A special thanks to Pete's son Kevin who helps him with the observations.



The National Weather Service honored rural WATFORD CITY RESIDENT C.J. (CEPHAS) GODDARD with the presentation of the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD, the agency's second highest for volunteer weather observers on Wednesday, September 8, 1993.

Donald E. Stoltz, Area Manager for the National Weather Service for North Dakota, along with Vernon J. Roller, CPM/ND, and Pat Allard, OIC/Williston Weather Office, presented the award to Mr. Goddard for "Outstanding Accomplishments in the field of Cooperative Observations."

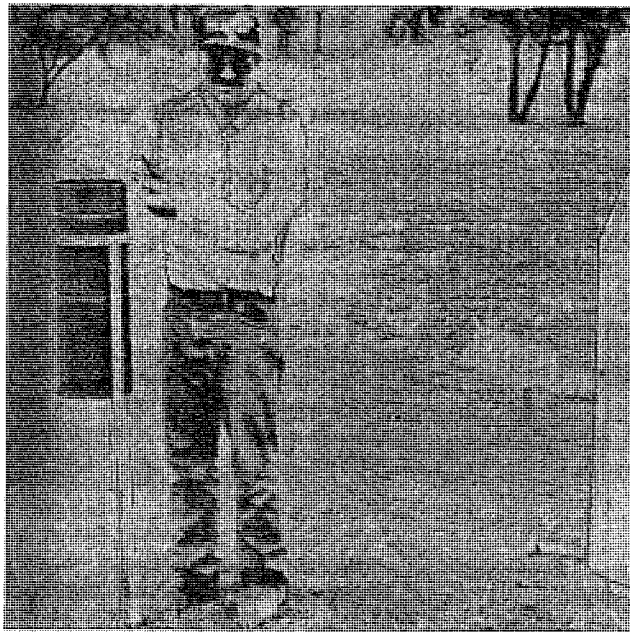
In nominating Mr. Goddard, Mr. Roller noted that, "Mr. Goddard virtually lives, enjoys, and loves his weather. The Williston Weather Service Office in northwest North Dakota depends heavily on this man when there is severe weather in northwest North Dakota."

Thomas Sinclair, Cooperative Program Manager for the Weather Service's 14-state Central Region headquartered in Kansas City, MO, noted that Holm Award recipients must meet stringent agency and community standards. "All our observers are truly dedicated people," Sinclair said, "but to be nominated for the Holm Award an observer really has to distinguish himself in accuracy, timelines, and consistency of reports; and he has to show himself to be an active, contributing member of his community."

Mr. Goddard, 88, fits both sets of criteria. He established the Watford City observing site November 17, 1971. He has recorded data on temperature, daily and hourly precipitation, and snow depth every day since then, monitoring three rain gages, a barometer, and two sets of specially calibrated thermometers for determining maximum and minimum temperatures. "When the National Weather Service asks for anything special from this man," Mr. Roller noted, "he drops whatever he is doing and always delivers. He is willing to get out and about in the middle of the night in severe weather situations for the good of his community."

# CENTRAL REGION

KEVIN MILLER IS MOTT'S NEW WEATHER OBSERVER



KEVIN MILLER, MOTT'S OFFICIAL WEATHER OBSERVER, checks the rain gage. Since readings were taken Thursday morning, another 0.60 inch had fallen when this picture was taken early that afternoon.

Mott has a new official weather observer. Kevin Miller assumed duties of that position on June 30. Larry Messer had been the observer since 1991.

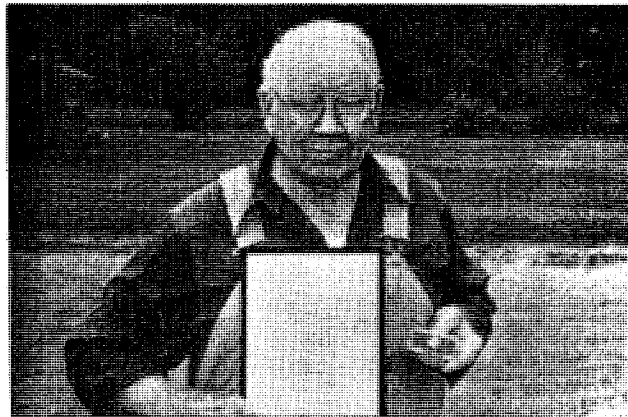
Mott's station is part of a nation-wide network which includes 200 reporting stations in North Dakota. Information gathered by these U.S. Weather Bureau stations is used by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to record and forecast weather.

Vernon Roller, National Weather Service, Bismarck, installed the weather station monitoring equipment in Miller's yard. A computer records high and low daily temperatures and daily precipitation. A "manual" rain gage records precipitation for visual observation.

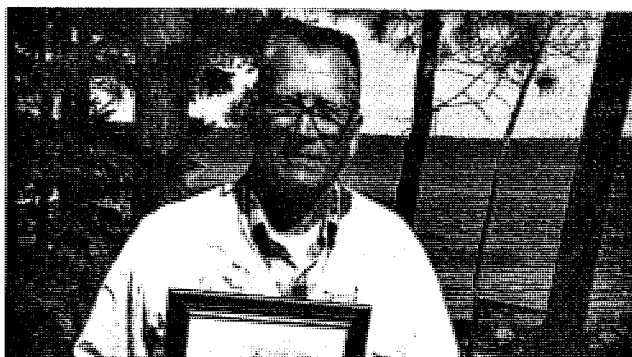
"The have another instrument that measures wind speed and direction," Miller said. "I'd like to get that too." Roller is checking to see if that equipment can be added to the Mott station.

Reports are sent regularly to national stations in Des Moines, IA. Monthly written reports are mailed to Bismarck.

Previous weather station observers included Larry Messer, Vernon Lemke, Dean Johnson, and Gus Fiedler.



Pictured is EMMETT BEST, COOPERATIVE WEATHER AND RIVER OBSERVER, FORDVILLE 3 SE, ND, with his recent 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD AND PIN. Emmett takes readings on the Forest River along with precipitation and snow depth reports for the National Weather Service. Picture and presentation by Vern Roller.

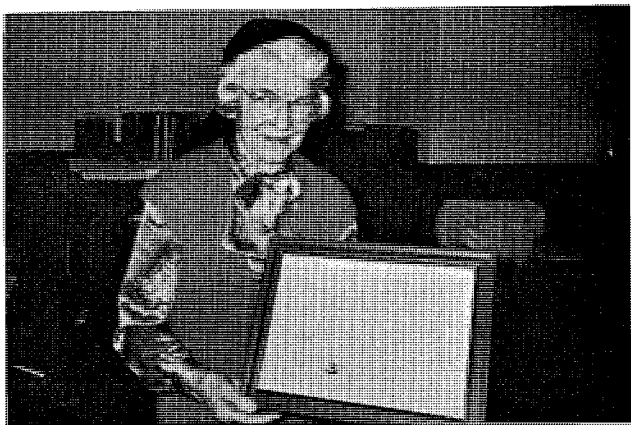


JOHN CASKLY, OBSERVER, LAC VIEUX DESERT, WI, accepted his LETTER from Dr. Friday FOR 40-YEARS OF SERVICE. Letter was presented by Roland Friedrich, CPM/MKX.

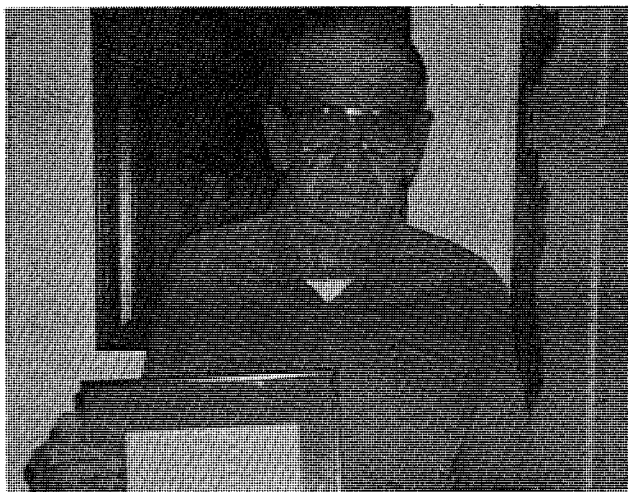


KAY FINCH, OBSERVER, BLACK RIVER FALLS 2 SE, WI, accepted her 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD AND PIN from Roland Friedrich.

# CENTRAL REGION



**SISTER IGNACE, MILWAUKEE MOUNT MARY COLLEGE** accepted a 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD from Roland Friedrick.



**ROBERT DILLINGER, OBSERVER, DILLINGER, WY,** was awarded a 40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD.



The **JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD AND LETTERS OF CONGRATULATION** were presented to **WILLIAM AND ALBERTA JACKSON, HEART MOUNTAIN, WY, (NEAR CODY, WY)**. The presentation was made by the Wyoming CPM, Ray Kowrach. The Jacksions are among the homesteaders who developed the Big Horn Basin of north Wyoming.



**JAMES I. NEWLAND, OBSERVER, COLONY, WY,** was presented a 40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Mr. Newland is a rancher in an isolated part of northeast Wyoming. The presentation was made during annual roundup at a neighboring ranch by the Wyoming Cooperative Program Manager, Ray Kowrach.

Robert Dillinger has been taking the weather observations at his ranch since 1953. The station was started by Jacob Dillinger in 1941. It has been passed down through various family members to Robert. Mr. Dillinger is a old-time rancher who continues to use horses to accomplish ranch jobs. He is active in community affairs and takes great pride in keeping the weather records.

## OTHER AWARDS - CENTRAL REGION

### INDIVIDUAL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
<u>IOWA</u>		
Luverne E. Gries	Larrabee	20
Dr. Galen J. Eiben	Shell Rock 2 W	15
Walter L. Mau	Paullina	15
Marie Conlee	Estherville # 2	10
<u>WYOMING</u>		
Opal I. Orr	Emblem	40
Jim Conner	Gas Hills	20
Ginny Becker	Torrington	10
Trina Shellenger	Douglas	10

### INSTITUTIONAL AWARD

<u>WYOMING</u>		
<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Western Sugar Co.	Lovell	75

## WESTERN REGION



✓ HAROLD ORCUTT (RIGHT), OBSERVER, SOUTH PHOENIX, AZ, received the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD. Anton Haffer, Area Manager for Arizona, presented the award on behalf of the NWS. Mr. Orcutt still works part time as a freight consultant, in addition to being an excellent weather observer.



✓ FOLSOM STATE PRISON, REPRESA, CA, received a 75-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. George Jackson, Associate Warden, accepted the award which was presented by Elizabeth Morse, MIC/Sacramento (CA) Weather Service Office. The prison, one of the largest facilities of its kind in the country, is 113 years old and has been taking daily precipitation measurements since 1918.



✓ BILL MCKAY, OBSERVER, ORACLE 2 SE, AZ, received a 15-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Mr. McKay is now retired from his work in a nearby copper mine. Behind Mr. McKay in the photo is one of several large century plants in his yard.



✓ LOUISE HALLBERG, OBSERVER, GRATON, CA, received a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. Norm Hoffmann, NWS Area Manager for Northern California, made the presentation.

Ms. Hallberg, an outstanding observer who has previously received the John Campanius Holm Award, is also an outstanding citizen of her community.

For the past five years she has conducted tours for school children in the fall and spring. She shows the children her apple orchard, flower garden, and many varieties of butterflies and birds, in addition to explaining the weather station to the older children.

✓ = "published" annotated on file copy

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✓ **GEORGE OKANO, OBSERVER, WHEATLAND 2 NE, CA,** was presented a **35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Elizabeth Morse, MIC, WSO Sacramento, on behalf of the National Weather Service.



✓ The **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES** received a **25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD FOR LOS BANOS DETENTION RESERVOIR.** Longtime employee Augie Devaurs accepted the award at the dam in western Merced County, CA.



A Social Call

The late Mabel Wright (left) chats with Louis Hall, a guest on the Wright Ranch. Wright was one of the original settlers in the area above

Creede and stayed on her ranch for over 70 years. She continued to visit with guests of the ranch until her death.

\* The **WRIGHT RANCH IN MINERAL COUNTY, 18 MILES SOUTHWEST OF CREEDE, CO,** remains one of the foremost symbols of the pioneering spirit in this area. But the ranch lost a bit of that spirit this summer when **MABEL WRIGHT,** one of the original settlers there, **DIED AT THE AGE OF 94.**

She lived on the family ranch for over 70 years and grew to embody the pioneering soul of the ranch. She continued working on the ranch until a year before her death and was influential in the survival of the family-run operations there.

Mrs. Wright was born November 1, 1898, in Lake City. She was one of eight Steele children. Her parents, Charles Steele and Cynthia Weed Steele, were pioneers in Hinsdale County.

Besides her work on the ranch, Mabel had been a **WEATHER OBSERVER FOR THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SINCE 1944.** During the recent winters, when Mabel moved into Creede, her brother took over that responsibility.

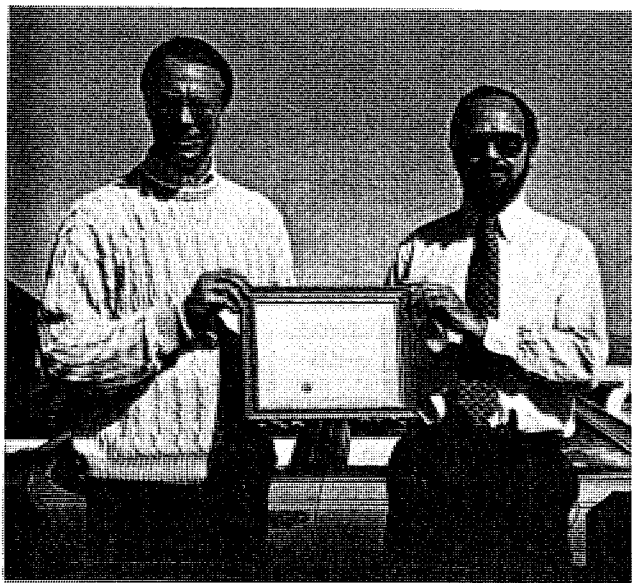
Even with all of Mabel's accomplishments, the ranch remained her main focus. Charles Steele said, "When she moved to Creede for the winters she could barely wait to get out here again when the snow began to thaw. She loved her ranch."

Dorothy Steele, Charles' wife, said "This ranch was her pride and joy."

Mabel died July 21, but her spirit will never leave the land that she loved and the hearts of all who knew her.

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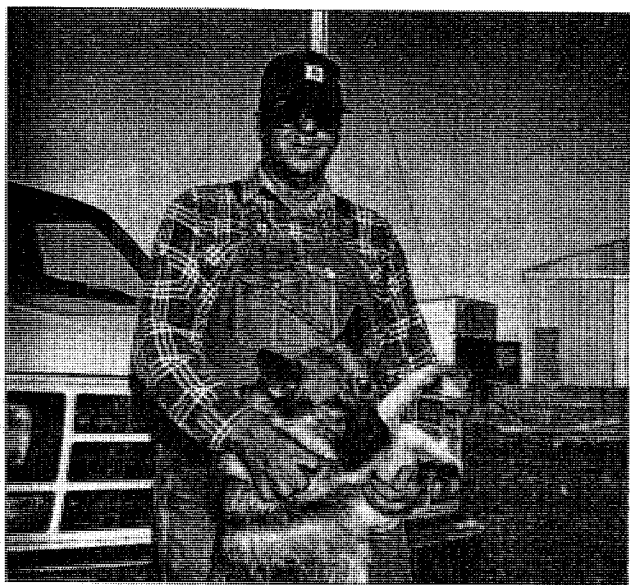
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✓ MONTEREY COUNTY (CA) WATER RESOURCES AGENCY received a 25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD FOR ROBLES DEL RIO. The agency maintains river gage equipment on the Carmel River, near Carmel, CA. Shown with the award at the agency office in Salinas are Lauran Howard (left) and Gene Taylor (right).



✓ The REVEREND WILLIS BUSENITZ, OBSERVER, BUSBY, MT, received a 20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. In addition to recording daily high and low temperatures and precipitation, Reverend Busenitz has reported hazardous weather conditions in the area to the Weather Office in Billings, MT. With him in the photo is granddaughter Keshia Littlebear.



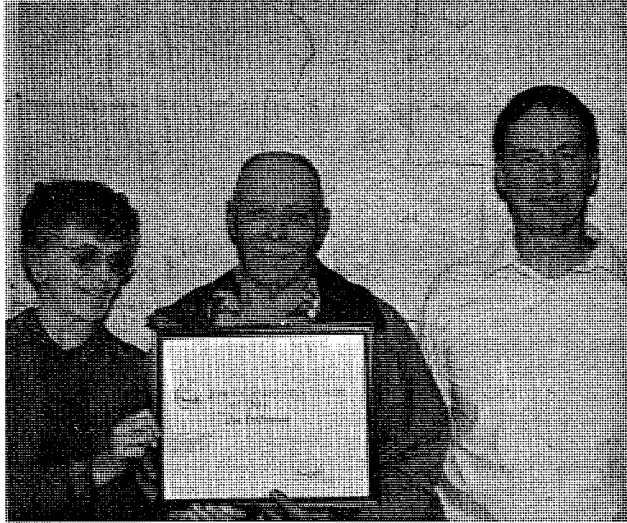
✓ JOHN JONUTIS, OBSERVER, MIZPAH 4 NNW, MT, received a 35-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. John's dog, Holly, evidently wanted her picture taken, too! Since 1958, John and his sister, Lilly, have kept careful records of the daily high and low temperatures and precipitation at their farm near the Mizpah townsite, about 27 miles east of Miles City, MT.



✓ EARL STEWART, COTTAGE GROVE 1 S, OR, received the prestigious THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARD for outstanding service over a long period. The presentation was made by George Miller, NWS Area Manager for Oregon. Mr. Stewart, who may with justification be called "the dean of cooperative observers," HAS BEEN TAKING WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR OVER 76 YEARS. In 1992 he was awarded the first Stewart award given for 75 years of service, which was named for Mr. Stewart. Photo (left to right) Dorothy Stewart, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Miller, and Carolyn Gurney, OIC/WSO, Eugene, OR.



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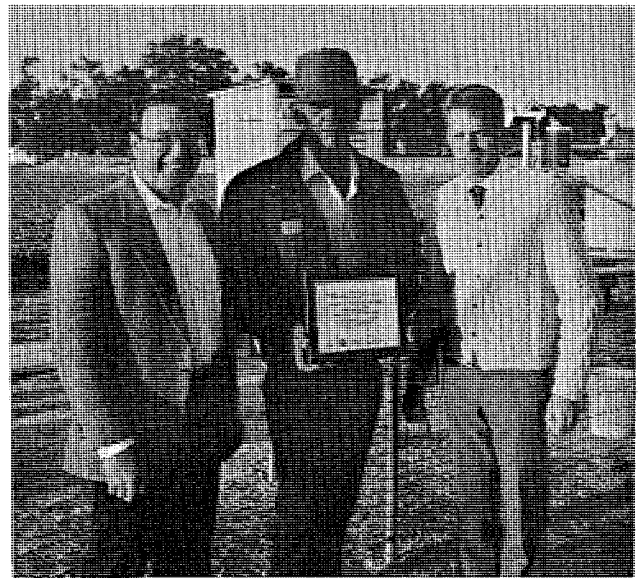
✓ JOE DEGRANDE, OBSERVER, KENO, OR, WAS presented the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD by Oregon Area Manager George Miller. Joe, now retired from business, has been taking weather observations for over 36 years. Photo (left to right): Marie DeGrande; Mr. DeGrande; and John Reynolds, MIC/Klamath Falls.



✗ The CROPS OF ENGINEERS received a CERTIFICATE FOR 50-YEARS OF WEATHER observations taken at FERN RIDGE DAM, OR. Shown with the award is ranger Rick Hayes. Others who have shared the weather duties over the years are Frank King, Robin Burrington, and manager Jim Beal.



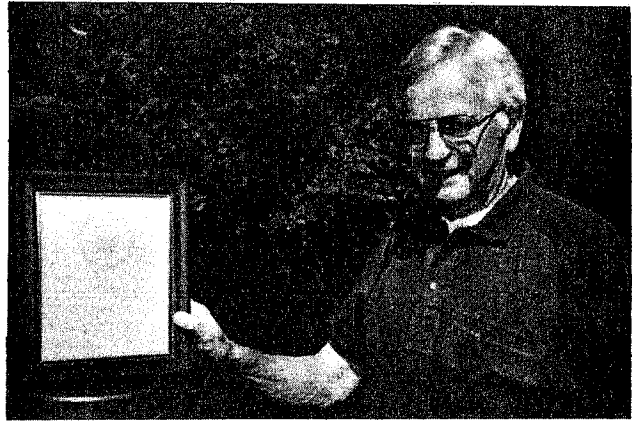
✓ CLARENCE A. SCHAAD (RIGHT), OBSERVER, REX 1 S, OR, received both the JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND THE STOLL AWARD FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE. Dr. Thomas Potter, NWS Western Region Director, made the presentations.



✓ The EASTERN OREGON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER was presented a 50-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD for MALHEUR BRANCH EXPERIMENT STATION, located NEAR ONTARIO IN EASTERN OREGON. Making the presentation were George Miller (left) and John Jannuzzi (right), Area Managers for Oregon and Idaho, respectively. In the center is Malheur station manager Clint Shock.

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✓ The MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, (OR) received a CERTIFICATE TO HONOR THEIR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AT P-RANCH REFUGE IN SOUTHEAST OREGON. Shown (left to right): Area Manager George Miller; Keith E. Henstock, observer and maintenance mechanic; and Forrest Cameron, refuge manager.

✓ WAYNE TIENHAARA, OBSERVER, DUFUR, OR, received a 25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. CPM Clint Jenson, WSFO Portland, made the presentation on behalf of the NWS. Clint reports that Wayne, a master gardener, has the most beautiful lawn and flower beds in town.



✓ LEE WELTNER, OBSERVER, (LEFT), TIDEWATER, OR, received a 30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD. His wife, Helen, shares in the observing duties. Tidewater is located on the central Oregon coast.

✓ The U.S. FOREST SERVICE, SILVER LAKE RANGER STATION, OR, received a SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD to mark 25 YEARS OF SERVICE. Shown (left to right) are District Ranger Ed Stocks; Ardy Markus; and George Miller.



✓ DOROTHY DUCKWORTH, WALLOWA, OR, was presented a CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE as an OBSERVER. Dorothy's son John helps out with the observing duties. Wallowa is in northeast Oregon, known as "Little Switzerland" because of the beautiful scenery.

### OTHER AWARDS - WESTERN REGION

<u>Observer</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Years</u>
Virginia City F.D.	Virginia City, NV	25
Wyatt Owens	Smith 6 N, NV	20
Richard Berrier	Dixie 4 SE, WA	10
Arnold Perttula	Grayland, WA	10

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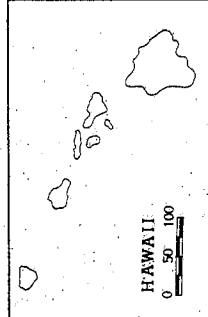
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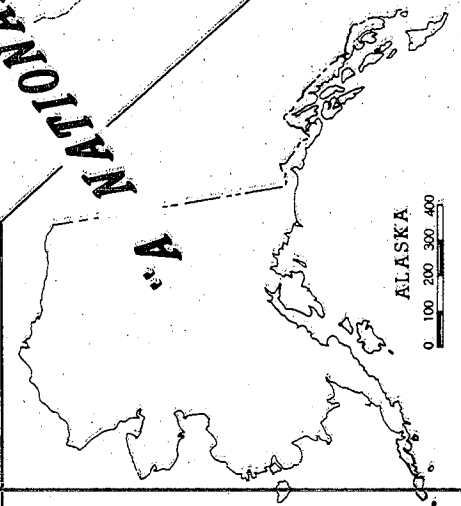
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