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ABOUT THE COVER: A scenic view near English Bay, south-central Alaska. Photo provided by HIC, Anchorage RDO.

## ALASKA REGION



Photos 1 and 2 show Mount Redoubt with the vent still steaming and the landscape covered with lava and ash.



Photo 3. 206 on skis. Left to right: pilot, Steve Elwell; observer, Mike Coulter; George Cebula, QCS, Datac.



Big River Lakes Station.

Big River Lakes station is approximately 20 miles north of Mount Redoubt volcano. Sandy and Mike Coulter have been the aviation and coop observers at Big River Lakes Station for the past two years. Since mid December they have had quite a time with Mount Redoubt eruptions. The snow around the station is covered with numerous layers of volcanic ash and some volcanic rocks. At times the station was showered with lava rocks, some so hot they melted holes in the snow. Shortly after New Years an

eruption of ash produced an electrical storm that pounded the area round the station with lightning bolts. Gale force winds caused up to 2 foot drifts of ash against the cabin walls. On one occasion lava rock, some as big as baseballs, fell from the sky. There have been 11 major eruptions since December. At the present time the volcano is quiet. Is it the lull before the storm? Sandy and Mike would like to know. (Photos taken by David A. MacFarlane. Hydrotech, RFC Anchorage.

## PACIFIC REGION



A 50-year Institutional Award was presented to the Mauna Kea Agribusiness, Island of Hawaii, for station Honomu Mauka. Left to right: Alan Kennett, Manager; Gabe Leite, Crew Chief; Thomas Mitsuyoshi, Agriculture Research Clerk; and John Cross, Crop Control Superintendent.



A 25-year Institutional Award was presented to East Maui Irrigation Company, Island of Maui, for stations Puu Paki and Wailua Iki. Left to right: Robert Puu, Sr., Supervisor Keanae Div. (retired); Garret Hew, Superintendent Administration; Nelson Akiu, maintenance/crew chief; and Eusebio Aquino, Supervisor Keanae Division.



Helen Cebellos, Secretary, and Joe Sylvester, Crop Control Superintendent, of Kekaha Sugar Company, accepted a 50-year certificate for stations Nui Ridge and Puehu Ridge.



Ray Terada, CPM/HNL (right) accepted a 25-year length-of-service award for the station Kanaloahuluhulu from Clifford Bukoski (left) and Mac Hori (center) of the State of Hawaii Division of Parks, at Kokee, Kauai.



Cooperative observer Charles E. Cooke, Manoa, received 10-year length-of-service award.

## EASTERN REGION



A 25-year Institutional Award was presented to the Waste Water Treatment Facility, Nashua, NE. Accepting the award is Ms. Lorraine Sander, Superintendent.

Tom Hawley, Hydrologist, Portland, ME, made the presentation. Photo by James Donahue.



Leighton A. Wagner, cooperative observer, Johnstown 2, PA, was presented the Edward H. Stoll Award and a 50-year length-of-service pin. This award was named for the Elwood, NE farmer who was a cooperative observer for more than 70 years.

Mayor Herbert Pfuhl, Jr. was presented a 50-year Institutional Award on behalf of the City of Johnstown.

Presentation was made by Donald Willson, former Cooperative Program Manager, Pittsburgh, PA, who has since retired.

Arrangements for the presentation of these awards and for this photo were made by Donald Wolfe, Cooperative Program Manager, Pittsburgh, PA.

Photo left to right: Donald Willson, Leighton Wagner, and Mayor Herbert Pfuhl, Jr.



Lawrence Rossman, observer, Bolivar, NY, was presented a 30-year length-of-service award by Donald Wolfe. Mr. Rossman retired from the Village of Bolivar in January 1989 but he continues to take the weather observations. Larry owns and operates a bike repair shop. Photo by Donald Wolfe.



C. Douglas Rouse, cooperative observer, Kinston SSE, NC, was presented with the John Campanius Holm Award for his long period of outstanding accomplishments in the field of meteorological observations. This award is presented annually to only 25 of the nearly 12,000 cooperative weather observers in the United States.

Presentation was made by Robert Daniels, former Cooperative Program Manager, WSFO, Raleigh, NC, who has since retired. Photo by Robert Daniels.



Carl Rotolo, observer, Punxsutawney, PA, was presented a 30-year length-of-service award. Donald Wolfe, Cooperative Program Manager, Pittsburgh, PA, made the presentation. Photo by Donald Wolfe.

## EASTERN REGION



**Phyllis Shippee, observer, West Dover, VT, was presented a 20-year length-of-service award. Presentation and photo by James Donahue.**



**Gerald Corey, observer, Danby 4 Corners, VT, was presented a 20-year length-of-service award. Presentation and photo by James Donahue.**



**William B. Gillespie, Jr., cooperative observer, Effingham, SC, was presented the Thomas Jefferson Award. Presentation of the award and photo were made by Earl Rampey, Cooperative Program Manager, Columbia, SC. This award is presented to approximately five of the most outstanding cooperative weather observers in the United States. Those honored are selected from the more than 12,000 observers who devote so much time and effort to recording the climate of this country.**

This award is for unusual and outstanding accomplishments in the field of meteorological observations. The award was named for President Thomas Jefferson who began taking weather observations in 1776 and maintained a virtually unbroken record through 1816. In 1976, Mr. Gillespie received the John Campanius Holm Award for his long period of outstanding accomplishment in the field of meteorological observations. Mr. Gillespie has been taking observations at Effingham, SC for more than 43 years.

This Citadel graduate owns and operates this country store in Effingham. It is the shopping and meeting place for many in this agricultural community of the Pee Dee area of South Carolina.



**Victor Perkins, observer, Bethel 4 N, VT, was presented a 30-year length-of-service award by James Donahue, Cooperative Program Manager, Portland ME. Photo by James Donahue.**



**Omer Smith, Cooperative Observer, Dailey, WV, was presented a 30-year length-of-service award. Presentation was made by Marvin Hill, Official in Charge, WSO, Elkins, WV.**

Arrangements for the presentation of this award and for this photo were made by Donald Wolfe. Photo left to right: Nina and Omer Smith; Marvin Hill.



**In recognition of his long and dedicated record, George L. Mitchell, cooperative observer, Crozier, VA, was presented the Edward H. Stoll Award and a 50-year length-of-service pin by Hurtis Smith, Meteorologist in Charge, WSO, Richmond, VA.**

The award was named for the Elwood, NE farmer who was a cooperative observer for more than 70 years.

Arrangements for the presentation of this award and photo were made by Robert Daniels, former Cooperative Program Manager, WSFO, Raleigh, NC, who has since retired.

Photo left to right: George L. Mitchell and Hurtis Smith.

## SOUTHERN REGION



"Happy Faces," that's what Robert W. Prunty, Red River, NM, shown with Dick Snyder, (center) Cooperative Program Manager for New Mexico and Mrs. Esther Prunty displayed after an award presentation honoring her husband. Mr. Prunty was recipient of the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award, for his outstanding performance as a cooperative weather observer. Charles Liles, Deputy Meteorologist-in-Charge of the Albuquerque Weather Office made the award presentation to Mr. Prunty at the Red River Community Center with a nice crowd of friends in attendance. Refreshments for the event were served by members of the local ladies' club, which included a large cake decorated in red, white, and blue with inscription, "The Thomas Jefferson Award - 1989," Robert W. Prunty, Red River, NM. Mr. Prunty has been the official observer for more than 33 years. Volunteer weather observing has been a project for the Prunty family during the past 57 years. That's quite an accomplishment of public service and something to be proud of.

Mr. Prunty retired from the United States Postal Service in 1987, while serving as Postmaster for Red River and still remains active in local community affairs.

Since last August special articles were run on television, radio, and in newspapers. Also a national article in "Federal Times" was written about Mr. Prunty's accomplishments. According to Dick Snyder, probably since mid-summer of 1989 about a half-million people in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado saw some or all segments that came through the news media. Prunty's weather station goes back 75 years, the oldest in northern New Mexico he said. Why does he do it? "Just 'cause we live here," he said. Now that the couple is retired, Esther Prunty sometimes talks about giving up the job of monitoring. "I doubt if I do," said Bob Prunty.



Jack W. Fronabarger, Stanley 1 NNE, NM, was presented the John Campanius Holm Award at the Stanley Union Church before a crowd of nearly 300 people. The town of Stanley, NM was celebrating their annual "Old Timer's Day." Mr. Fronabarger is one of the long time residents and his wife, Iva, is a direct descendant of one of the first founding families which settled the immediate area well before the turn of the century. Past New Mexico Governor (twice), Bruce King, also a long time resident, was the featured speaker. Mr. King proclaimed the day as "Jack Fronabarger Day," at Stanley and related to Jack's long unselfish deeds that he has contributed to Stanley and the surrounding area all of his life. Mr. Fronabarger is a charter member and past secretary of Stanley Fire Department, District Republican Party Chairman, President of the local school board, Chairman of Santa Fe County Advisory Board, Santa Fe County Commissioner 1952-54, member of District FHA Board and President of Torrance County Association for Retired Citizens. Obviously, a very busy man and an outstanding cooperative weather observer. Pictured left to right: Boyd P. White; Governor Bruce King; Jack Fronabarger; Iva Fronabarger; and Dick Snyder.



Willis Swint, Jonesboro, GA, was honored by the citizens of Jonesboro and Clayton County as an outstanding cooperative observer for the National Weather Service for the past 30 years. He was presented the John Campanius Holm Award at the Grand Opening of his new Swint's Feed & Garden Supply Store. Jonesboro Mayor B. L. Yonce, city, county, and NWS officials were present for the award ceremony. Mr. Swint became involved years ago, when his father served as a cooperative observer. "My dad started in 1940 when they came around looking for someone in the area to measure rainfall for the Weather Service," Swint said. He took over in 1950 and has been doing it ever since. In proclaiming "Willis Swint Day," Mayor Yonce cited Swint's achievements in community service. A lifelong member of the Jonesboro First United Methodist Church, he has served as Chairman of the Jonesboro Housing Authority for 24 years and has worked with the Volunteer Jonesboro Fire Department for a total of 31 years, serving as Fire Chief for three years. Pictured left to right: Carlos Garza, AM/ATL; Willis Swint; and Ralph Funderburk, CPM.

## SOUTHERN REGION



Robert C. Reynolds, observer, Geneva, AL, was recognized by the NWS for 25 years of service. The presentation was made by David Ihle (right), Environmental Meteorologist, AWSC, Auburn, AL. Bill Kent, CPM/BHM.



A 25-year Institutional Award was presented to Little Rock Water Works, Alum Fork, AR. Mr. Dub Taylor accepted the award from Woody Currence.



Etta C. Burks, observer, Benton, AR, was recently awarded a 45-year length-of-service award. Woody Currence, CPM/LZK, made the presentation.



A 50-year Institutional Award was presented to the National Park Service, White Sands National Monument, NM, by Robert W. Manning, Chief, RCPS, Fort Worth. The award was accepted by Robert Schumert, Chief Park Ranger (left); Richard Snyder, CPM/ABQ.

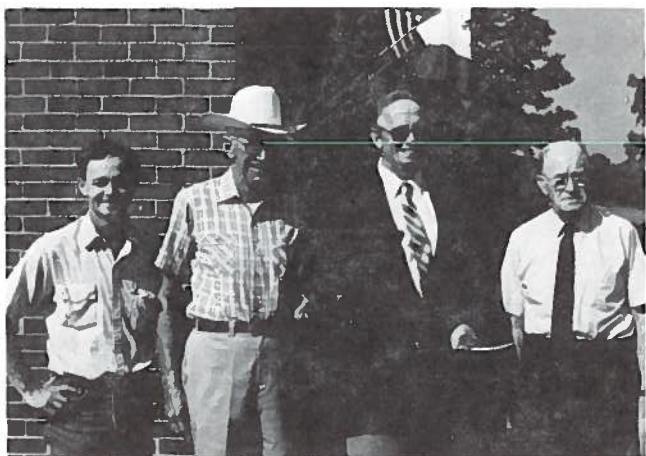


Mrs. Guy E. Cook, observer, Owensville, AR, was presented a 45-year length-of-service award by Woody Currence, CPM/LZK. Mrs. Cook is one of the many cooperative observers who help make our job at the National Weather Service more efficient. Her dedication throughout the years has been a great service to the nation and to our job of observing and recording the world's weather.



A 40-year length-of-service award was presented to Lucy Sims, Hanna, OK. Mrs. Sims is a retired postmistress in Hanna. She is an excellent observer and a joy to visit. Pictured with her is husband, Leonard. John Lambert, CPM/OKC, presented the award.

## SOUTHERN REGION



A 50-year Institutional Award was presented to Springfield Experiment Station, TN, by Derrell Martin, MIC, Nashville. Pictured left to right are: Dr. Dennis Onks, current Supt.; Lawson Saffley (retired Supt.); Derrell Martin; and Dennis Latham (first Supt. of station). John McBroom, CPM/MEM.



Lillie Fry with Mr. Fry received a 45-year length-of-service award recently. Mr. Fry started as the observer at Houston Barker, TX, but the war called him away and Mrs. Fry took over and continued taking the observations. Chuck Megee, CPM, Lubbock WSFO, made the presentation.



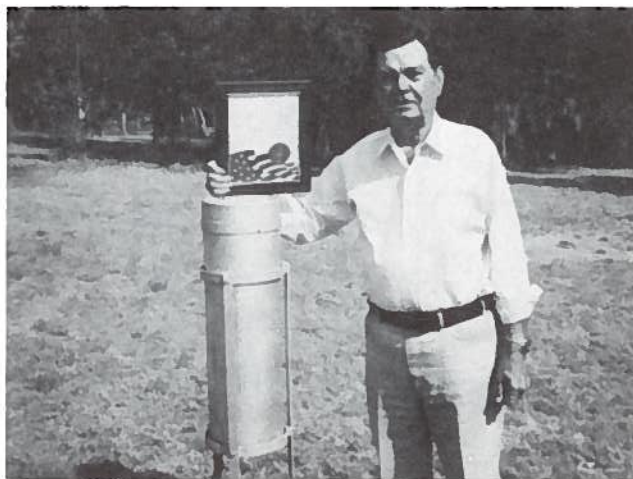
Jimmy R. Kee accepted a 25-year Institutional Award for the city of Lexington, TN. John McBroom, CPM/MEM, made the presentation.



Norman J. Dietel, observer, Fredericksburg, TX, is shown receiving his 35-year length-of-service award. Mr. Dietel is also a former recipient of the John Campanius Holm award. Presentation was made by Alan Starnes, CPM/Waco.



Jessie Davis, observer, Conlen, TX, is shown with Mrs. Davis and Steven Cooper, MIC/AMA when he received his 40-year length-of-service award recently. Jessie has enjoyed keeping records of the rainfall on his ranch in the Texas Panhandle although sometimes more dust gets in the gage than rain. Chuck Megee, CPM/LBB.



J. Kenneth Leighton, observer, Vanderpool, TX, was presented a 35-year length-of-service award by Chuck Megee. Mr. Leighton is in the Real Estate business at Vanderpool and is very interested in keeping the rainfall amounts for that area.



## SOUTHERN REGION



Grady S. Vincent, observer, Trenton, TX, was presented a 30-year length-of-service award. Mr. Vincent was mayor at Trenton for over 16 years. Presentation was made by Jerry Wolfe, CPM/FTW.



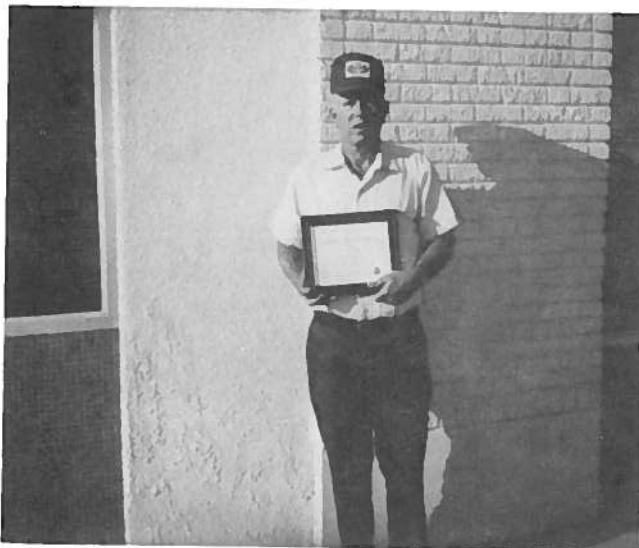
The International Boundary and Water Commission, Amistad Dam, TX, was presented a 25-year Institutional Award. Shown receiving the certificate is Don Crawford, Project Manager; and Richard Peace, Supervisory Hydrolic Engineer. Chuck Megee made the presentation.



Waxahachie Fire Station #2, TX, completed 25 years as a Volunteer Weather Station for the National Weather Service. Mike Slay and Joe Turner (left to right), were present for the presentation. CPM/FTW, Jerry Wolfe.



Mr. and Mrs. John Ballenger, observers, Tulia, TX, received their 20-year length-of-service award in September this year. John is 86 years old and is still working at his busy barber shop. He and his wife enjoy keeping the weather records and do an excellent job. Presentation was made by Chuck Megee.



Johnnie Wilson, observer, Crosbyton, TX, was presented a 25-year length-of-service award. Johnnie enjoys his observing duties. Chuck Megee made the presentation.



Norman Rozeff, observer, Santa Rosa, TX, was presented a length-of-service award. Mr. Rozeff's career as an Agriculturist in the Sugar Cane Industry has provided the opportunity for 20 years of service as an observer at several sites in Hawaii. . . and at Santa Rose for the past thirteen and one-half years. Note sugar cane in background as well as smoke stacks at sugar mill where Norman works. Award by Richard Hagan, WSO, Brownsville, TX.

## CENTRAL REGION



An award ceremony was held in Dawson, MN, to celebrate the accomplishments of three members of the Minnesota Cooperative Network.

From left to right: Michael A. Asmus, CPM/MSP; Darold L. Snortum (Canby) with his 40-year award; James Campbell (MIC, AM/MSP) who presented the awards; Raymond O. Hull (Dawson) who received the John Campanius Holm Award; and Charles E. Hanson (Artichoke Lake) who also received the John Campanius Holm Award.

The awards ceremony was preceded by a luncheon to honor these outstanding members of the Minnesota Cooperative Network, and bring their dedication and service to the public's attention.



Charles E. Hanson, Artichoke Lake, was presented the John Campanius Holm Award at a luncheon held in his honor. James Campbell made the presentation.



Darold L. Snortum received a 40-year award from the National Weather Service at a luncheon held in his honor. Mr. Snortum is the Cooperative Weather Observer at Canby, MN.

Pictured, from left to right: James Campbell, who presented the award, and Mr. and Mrs. Snortum who operate a nursery at Canby.



Raymond O. Hull received the John Campanius Holm award at a luncheon held in his honor. Pictured with Mr. Hull is James Campbell, who presented the award. Mr. Hull is the cooperative weather observer, Dawson, MN.



Julie Westbrook (right) and Anna Griego (left) accepted a 50-year Institutional Award for John Martin Dam, CO, from Mike Elias.

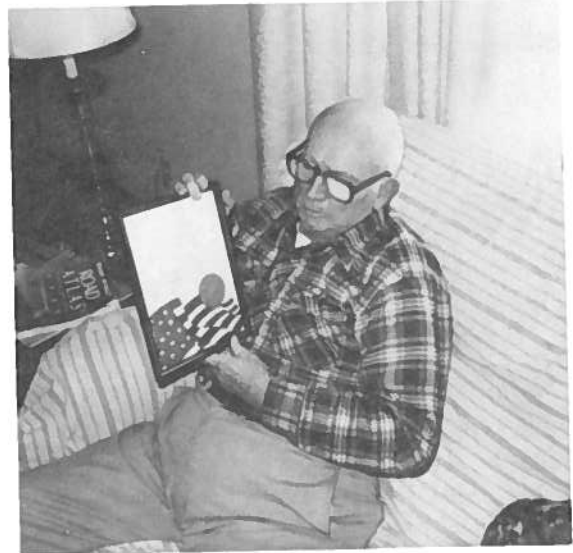


John N. Payne, Jr. was presented a 40-year length-of-service award and a letter from the director of the National Weather Service. Mr. Payne is the cooperative weather observer at Evansville, IN. The award was given by John T. Curran, area manager for Indiana and Norm Carroll, MIC, Evansville, WSO. Mr. Payne is the most distinguished cooperative weather observer in Indiana and has received the Thomas Jefferson Award as well as two John Campanius Holm Awards. Pictured on the left is Mr. Curran presenting the award to Mr. Payne.

## CENTRAL REGION



**Cleo W. Reynolds**, cooperative observer, Buckeye, IA, was presented a pin, a 40-year length-of-service award, and a letter from the NWS director, by Bill Newman, CPM/DSM. Cleo retired but remained active in the Buckeye and Iowa Falls area.



**Willis Blume**, Sublette, KS, was presented a 40-year service award by Mike Elias.



**Mr. and Mrs. Eldon C. Hope**, cooperative observers, Saint Charles, IA, were presented with a pin and 30-year length-of-service award by Bill Newman. They are assisted by a son.



The Corps of Engineers employees at Elk City Lake near Independence, KS, were presented a 25-year length-of-service award. Pictured left to right: Gene Carlton; Eugene Goff; Erma Houston; Graham Reeves; John Conners; Duane Ellsworth, and project manager, Timothy N. Rasmussen.



A 75-year Institutional Award was presented to The Corps of Engineers Lockmaster and employees at Calhoun Lock #2, KY. Presentation by Peter Tellez.



**Neil Hardy** (center) and **Herb Sunderman** (right) accepted a 75-year Institutional Award for Colby Branch Exp. Station, Colby, KS, from **Mike Elias** (left), CPM, Goodland, KS.

## CENTRAL REGION



Max Kraft, Marlette, MI, was presented a 35-year length-of-service award by Stephen J. Hicks, CPM/ARB. Mr. Kraft is the Dean of Michigan weather observers.



Vera Hansen, Pilger, NE, was presented a 36-year service award by Tom Sinclair. Left to right: Tom Sinclair, CPM/OMA; Roy Osugi, SH/OMA; and Vera Hansen, observer.



Morran D. Harris, cooperative observer, Osceola, MO, was presented a 30-year award by Stanley Hobbs, CPM/STL.



The Supercrost Seeds Company of Kentland, IN, was awarded a 50-year award by Ray Waldman, MIC, Chicago, NWSO. The award was presented at a Supercrost Seeds Convention which took place at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. Receiving the award are (from left to right): John Mills (present observer); Angie Rutt (backup observer); and Erwin Hammond (observer for more than 30 years preceding recent retirement). The station at Kentland records climatological and agricultural observations daily.



John W. Plaisier, cooperative observer, Titonka 5 NE, IA, was presented the John Campanius Holm Award, 40-year length-of-service award, pin, and letter by Perry Baker, Iowa area manager and Bill Newman, CPM/DSM. The Holm Award is presented to only around 25 observers each year out of about 11,000 cooperative observers.



John L. Anderson, cooperative observer, Wilson, ND, was presented a special 15-year length-of-service award by Vern Roller, CPM WSFO Bismarck, ND. Picture by Vern Roller. WSFO Heuy Dawson of the Wyoming Game and Fish recently accepted an award that recognized the Sybille Research Unit for 25 years of service.

## CENTRAL REGION



At a recent Wyoming Game and Fish Commission meeting, Heuy Dawson, supervisor of the Sybille Research Unit was presented an award recognizing 25 years of observations in cooperation with the National Weather Service. The Wyoming Game and Fish Sybille Research Unit has become famous as the first home of Black Footed Ferret. It was assumed the Black Footed Ferret was extinct, but recently a small colony was found near Meeteetse in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming. They were captured and taken to Sybille hoping they could be saved by captive breeding. The program was a success and now there are enough Black Footed Ferrets to distribute to other similar research centers, some zoos, and to reintroduce them back into the wild. Perhaps it could be said the cooperative program played a part in saving this endangered animal. Weather is an important factor in wildlife research and management. The Wyoming Game and Fish has become an enthusiastic partner in collecting weather data. There are five Wyoming Game and Fish installations in the Wyoming Cooperative Program. Sybille and one other are long term stations and three have been established this year.



Richard (Dick) Gunderson was presented a 30-year service award at a meeting of the Yoder Volunteer Fire Department by Ray Kowrach, CPM for Wyoming. Weather observations were already established at the UP Railroad Depot when Dick moved to Yoder; as station agent. He took observations until 1978 when the railroad closed operations in Yoder. At his request the station was moved to his home where he has continued the weather program. Dick is committed to community service and is secretary of the Yoder Volunteer Department. He is also a champion horseshoe pitcher having won the state title in 1988.



Walter Furguson, III, Hecla, 1 E, WY, was presented a 10-year service award in recognition of his service as cooperative observer. The Hecla station has been in the Furguson family for 60 years, started by Harry E. Furguson. Its location west of Cheyenne and below two main dams and reservoirs is vital to providing flash flood warnings to residents along Crow Creek. Photo and presentation by Ray Kowrach.

### CENTRAL REGION - OTHER AWARDS

#### 10 Year Awards

Russell A. Miller Centerville, IA	Max Stone Newberry, IN	Ralph H. Herron Red Oak, IA
Edwin H. Sorber Stratford 4 WSW, IA	Ralph Miller Liberal, KS	Barbara Park Wilsonville, NE
Herbert & Genevieve Heald Tipton, IA	Francis Starr Burdett, KS	John DeRocher Marquette, MI
James C. Blaess Clinton NO 1, IA	Gary Lawson Augusta, KS	William Umberger & Holdrege Police Dept. Holdrege, NE
Nadine Jensen Massena, IA	Robert E. Dreith Randolph 4 WNW, KS	Clifford Jordan Great Bend, KS
Alan D. Galbraith Sac City, IA	Anna Lee Knouft Holton 1 W, KS	Judith Smith Oshkosh, NE
Richard K. Kobbe Shelton 1 N, IA	Wight Sime Mingo 5 E, KS	Pete Norton Utica, KS
Evelyn J. Blanchard Carson, IA	Stephen Fenster Healy, KS	Paul & Donna Staben Milesville, SD
Helen L. Leech Fayette, IA	Anna Burgess Lenora, KS	

#### 20 Year Awards

Jennifer Evans Baggs, WY	Marvin Orth St. Francis 8 NW, KS
Roy Stephens Grass Creek, WY	Eugene Normandin Damar, KS
George E. Edelen, Jr. Bradfordsville, KY	Gilbert A. Koch Eustis 2 NW, NE
Neva Sue Teegarden Falmouth, KY	Jean M. Davis Esbon 7 N, KS
William R. Duff Fordsville, KY	Robert D. Gowin Lake Wilson, MN
Mr./Mrs. Jerry Herman Georgetown, MN	Mr./Mrs. William Landby Minnesota Cooperative Network
Mr./Mrs. Albert Shaw Galesburg, KS	Mr./Mrs. Carl J. Diederichs Harmony, MN
Doyle Funk Bowling Green, IN	Mitchell Thompson Willisburg 4 N, KY

## WESTERN REGION



Henry E. Cordes (right), Cordes, AZ, received the Jefferson award presented by Norm Hoffman, Deputy Meteorologist in Charge, WSFO Phoenix. Mr. Cordes hasn't missed an observation since he took over the weather reporting responsibilities in 1939. His father started taking weather observations at Cordes in 1925, and publication of the record began in 1926. Mr. Cordes enjoys fishing in the mountains of Arizona's rim country, where summer temperatures rarely exceed the 80's.



Robert Houser, cooperative observer, Mayer, AZ, received a Special Service award. He is also a severe storms spotter for the central Arizona area. Mayer, about 80 miles north of Phoenix, has a relatively cooler climate.



Art Combe, Beaver Dam, AZ, received 10-year length-of-service award. He was involved in climatic observations when a nurseryman in Utah years ago, also. Art has a marvelous "desert arboretum and cacti garden" at his home near the Utah-Arizona border, where this master gardener grows many unusual plants.



Stewart Mountain Dam, AZ, Salt River Project, received a 50-year Institutional Award. Andrea Dickerson accepted the award for the entire crew. A reservoir dam just east of Phoenix, AZ, Stewart Mountain Dam has seen snowflakes only three times in the last 51 years!



Fred Buck, Willcox, AZ, received a Special Service award. Mr. Buck, who has a complete weather station including several instruments of his own, is very active in his community. Local school children take tours of his station, and the media use his daily reports.



Mrs. Harry Gibson, Kuna, ID, accepted the Jefferson award and a 40-year length-of-service award for her late husband. We are sorry to report that Harry passed away in September 1989 at the age of 83. The National Weather Service lost a conscientious and dedicated observer. Harry was notified in July 1989 by Dr. Thomas Potter, Western Region Director, that he had been selected as a Jefferson Award recipient. The award was presented by Robert McLeod, Area Manager for ID.

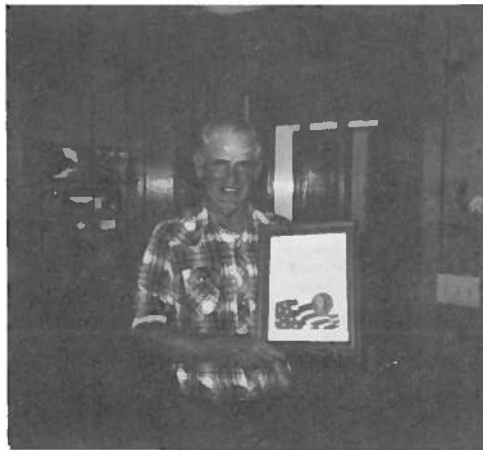
## WESTERN REGION



Xinia Jones, Centerville, ID, received the Holm Award for over 30 years of service. Presenting the award at a luncheon in her honor were Robert McLeod (right); and CPM Ole Olson (left). A delicious chocolate Santa Claus cake went along with the award.



Mrs. W. T. Summers, Metolius, OR, received a 40-year length-of-service award and letter of appreciation from the Director of the National Weather Service, Dr. Elbert W. Friday. Mrs. Summers lives at her ranch in central Oregon.



Mr. and Mrs. George Eklund, Barber, MT, received a 30-year length-of-service award presented by CPM George Cline. Mr. Eklund is shown with the award.



Doug Devitt, cooperative observer, South Deer Creek, OR, was presented a 30-year length-of-service award by CPM Clint Jenson. Doug operates a "b" network station. Mr. Devitt, a retired postal worker, has a ranch just outside of Roseburg, OR.



The Nevada Department of Transportation received Special Service award for their weather station at Searchlight. The award was accepted for the crew by Ed Milliren, a transplanted Pennsylvanian who likes the climate of southern Nevada. he and the crew also serve as severe weather spotters. The Nevada Department of Transportation began taking observations at Searchlight in 1944.



The U.S. Corps of Engineers received a Special Service award for 50 years of service at their Cottage Grove Dam, OR, "ab" network weather station. Cottage Grove Dam is located 20 miles south of Eugene, OR, in a popular recreational area. Shown with the award (from left) Ed Elizares, maintenance foreman, and Herschel Henderly, supervisor.

## WESTERN REGION



William Hofmann, Rosalia, WA, received a 20-year length-of-service award.



The U.S. fish and Wildlife Service received a 50-year Special Service award for the weather observing program at Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge, OR. The award, presented by CPM Clint Jenson, was accepted by Karen Fisher, wife of Mike Fisher, supervisor.

### WESTERN REGION - OTHER AWARDS

INSTITUTIONAL

Aberdeen Exp. Stn.

INDIVIDUAL

Idaho

Marion Dancer

Josephine Kilgore

75 Years

Aberdeen, ID

20 Years

Wallace Woodland Park

15 Years

Whitebird

10 Years

Kenneth L. Henry

Mrs. Tiny Christensen

Douglas Smith

Dan Rotthoff

Beatrice Condit

Montana

Martha Dreyer

Enaville

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Craigmont

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