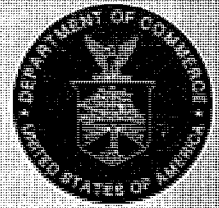


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**COVER PHOTO: Mrs. Elizabeth King, a live long resident of Dover, TN, has been a volunteer cooperative weather observer for nearly thirty-three years. Her first observations were taken three years before she became a teacher at Dover Elementary School in 1963. She retired from the school system in 1984 and plans to keep recording the weather " for as long as I am needed".**

## CENTRAL REGION

### JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM



**JOHN R. TUCKER** (left), observer, **OSWEGO, KS**, was presented the prestigious **JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD** by Leon Wasinger (right), Cooperative Program Manager. Also in attendance were Richard Elder, National Weather Service, and the Oswego Independent Observer Newspaper. Mr. Tucker has provided river readings and precipitation reports for the past twenty-five years in the Oswego area.

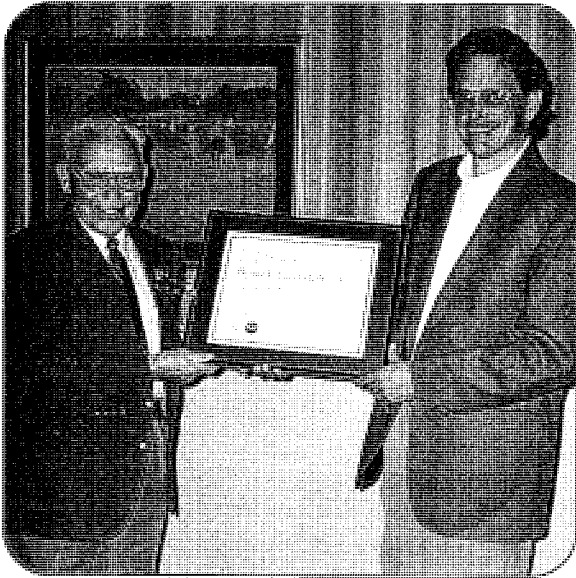
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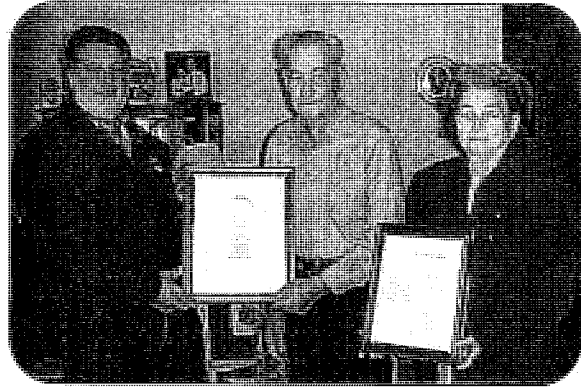
**NED STUMP** (right), observer, **PRAIRIE HEIGHTS, IN**, was presented the **JOHN CAMPANIUS HOLM AWARD** by Roger Kenyon (left), Hydrometeorological Technician of WSFO Indianapolis at a Lions Club Meeting in Stroh, Indiana. As the vocational agriculture teacher at Prairie Heights High School, Stump incorporates weather observation data collection into the curriculum. Students are taught how to take the weather observations, send them to the NWS via ROSA and also how to use the data in relation to agriculture. Among many other interests, Mr. Stump has made it possible for hundreds of young people to have opportunity to view weather data in a "hands on" atmosphere. Mr. Stump oversees all observations and he and Mrs. Stump record them when school is not in session.

## CENTRAL REGION

### HELMUT E. LANDSBERG AWARD



**L. WAYNE WARNER** (left), observer, **HARRISBURG 10 NW, NE**, received the **HELMUT E. LANDSBERG AWARD** from Patrick McDonald (right), Hydrometeorological Technician, from Cheyenne, WY. Taking the picture is Pat's wife, Rachel. Mr. Warner has received the John Campanius Holm Award, the Thomas Jefferson Award and the Edward H. Stoll Award.



**OSCAR COOK**, observer, **WAKEENEY 9 N, KS**, was presented a **45-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**. Pictured left to right: George Lucas, Data Acquisition Program Manager GLD; Oscar Cook and Mrs. Cook.



**HIND LEASK**, observer, **BAYFIELD 6 N, WI**, received a **40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**. Pictured left to right: Michael Stewart, Meteorologist-In-Charge; Hind Leask; Mildred Leask, wife; and Jim Christenson, Cooperative Program Supervisor.



**GLEN L. RUTHERFORD**, observer, **WICHITA, KS**, was presented a **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Leon F. Wasinger. Pictured from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford and Leon Wasinger.



**GLENN M. SCHMITT** (right), observer, **WICHITA, KS**, was presented with a **25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Michael J. Rosner (left), Data Acquisition Program Manager. Not pictured was John Ogren and Eric Schminke, NWS.

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**FRANKIE STOKER**, observer, **HASWELL, CO**, was presented a **25-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**.



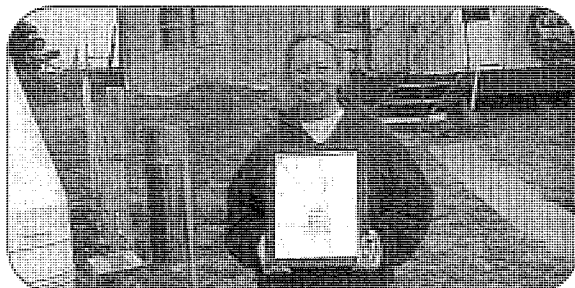
**THE CITY OF CROTHERSVILLE, CROTHERSVILLE, IN**, was presented a **25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** by Roger Kenyon (left). The award was presented to Don Roth (center) of the city utilities and Bill Nagle (right) of the town board. The observer, Ivan Donnell, was ill and was not able to attend the presentation. Ivan does an excellent job in monitoring the F&P gage at Crothersville.



**LORES STEURY** (right), observer, **GOSHEN COLLEGE, IN**, was honored with a **20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Ed Terrell (left), Hydro-meteorological Technician. On October 12, 1998, Mr. Steury retired from his job as gardener at the college and unfortunately, from the cooperative program as well.



The National Weather Service in Johnston, IA, congratulates **RICHARD BIDDLE**, observer, **DALLAS, IA**, for his **20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**. Richard has been a member of the weather service family since September 1978.



**SUZANNE PLATT**, observer, **KIM 15 NNE, CO**, was presented a **20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**.



**CORDELL CONNELLY** (right), observer, **LEWISVILLE, IN**, was presented a **20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Roger Kenyon (left).



**MR. SHERIDAN MAGNANI** (far right), observer, **BENKEI MAN 2 SSW, NE**, was presented a **15-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Mr. George Lucas ( far left), Data Acquisition Program Manager from NWSO GLD.



## SOUTHERN REGION



**MR. AND MRS. E. E. SMITH**, observers, **STATESVILLE, TN**, was presented a **20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**.



**RICHARD KRAESKE** (left), observer, **CLARKSVILLE, TN**, was presented with a **10-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Fred Hellwagner (right), Hydrometeorological Technician.



**TOMMY WILLIAMS** (left), observer, **CLARKSVILLE, TN**, was presented with a **10-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Fred Hellwagner (right).



**AUDREY BECK**, observer, **KINGSTON SPRINGS, TN**, was presented a **10-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**.

## WESTERN REGION

### 75-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD



A **75-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** was presented to the **U. S. FOREST SERVICE** for its weather station, **DISSTON 1 NE-LAYING CREEK, OR**. The presentation was made at the forest service office in Cottage Grove, OR, by NWSFO Portland representatives Clint Jenson, Data Acquisition Program Manager, and Dean Sondag, Cooperative Program Manager. Accepting the award from left to right: Darrell Burlie and Wayne Kleckner, acting District Ranger.

### 50-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD



A **50-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** was presented to the **OREGON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, OREGON CITY, OR**. The fire department operates a combination climatological-hydrological weather station. The award was presented by NWSFO Portland representatives Dan Keeton, Clint Jenson, and Dean Sondag. Pictured accepting the award from left to right: Oregon City Mayor Dan Fowler; firefighters-Dan Holm, Gary Lamb; Shift Chief Mark McGladery; Deputy Chief Clark Poulton; and Chief Jim Davis.



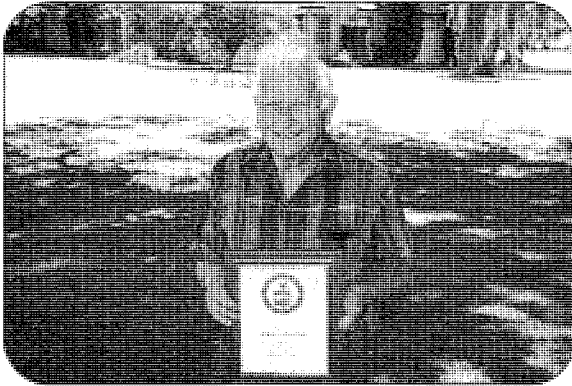
**EUGENE C. UHRIG** (center), observer, **SCOTTS MILLS 9 SE, OR**, was presented a **40-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** along with a letter of appreciation. Gene operates a combination hydrologic and climate station at his ranch in the foothills of the cascades, northeast of Salem, OR. The presentation was made by Dean Sondag. Also at the ceremony was Clint Jenson both from NWSFO Portland, OR. Gene is shown with Cooperative Program Manager, Dean Sondag (right) along with long time ranch hand, Duke.



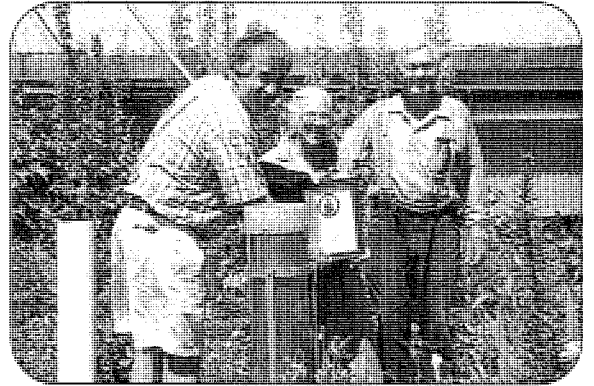
**WAYNE TIENHAARA** (right), observer, **DUFUR, OR**, was presented a **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by David R. Riker (left), Cooperative Program Manager from NWSO Pendleton. Mr. Tienhaara has provided daily weather observations since July of 1968 from his home in Dufur. Prior to his assuming these duties, these observations have been taken by members of his family since 1945.



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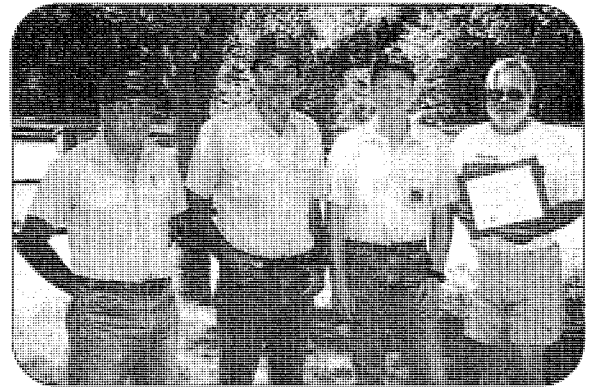
**ROBERT CUNNINGHAM**, observer, **MOLALLA 2 ESE, OR** was presented a **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**. Mr. Cunningham reports river heights on the Molalla River when there is the possibility of flooding. Clint Jenson NWSFO Portland, made the presentation.



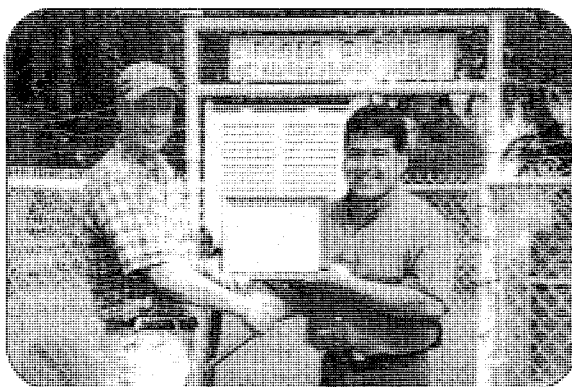
**MRS. TROY MOORE** (center), observer, **PLAIN, WA**, was presented a **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by NWSFO Spokane Hydrometeorological Technician Milt Maas (left). Also pictured is Mr. Moore (right).



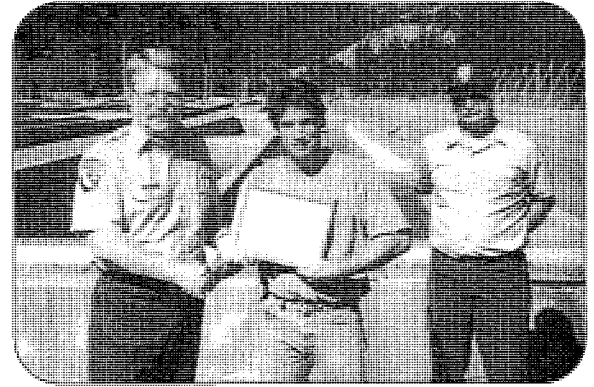
**MR. HAROLD S. THOMSON** (left), observer, **RICHARD, UT**, was presented a **30-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by Bill Alder (right), Meteorologist-In-Charge, NWSFO, Salt Lake City. Also in attendance were Mrs. Thomson, Dave Toronto and Steve Summy (NWSFO Salt Lake City), and Mark Anderson from the Utah State Climatologists' office.



A **25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** was presented to the **OREGON STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, LACOMB 3 NNE, OR**. The presentation was made at the Roaring River Hatchery by Clint Jenson, and Dean Sondag. Pictured from left to right: Dan Emmons, Don Faulhaber (Hatchery Manager), Ron Harron, and Bob Dahlberg.

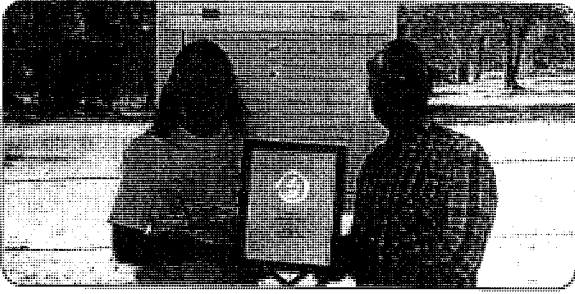


A **25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** was presented to the **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, LOS BANOS, CA**. The award was presented to Oscar Avila (right) of CCID by National Weather Service representative Brad Adams (left).



A **25-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL AWARD** was presented to the staff at the **TRINITY RIVER HATCHERY, CA**. Accepting the award from Jim Fahy (center), Cooperative Program Manager, is Gary Ramsdem (left). Looking on in background is Laird Marshall (right).

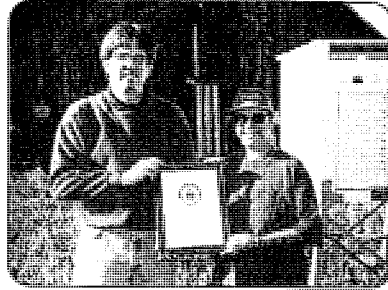
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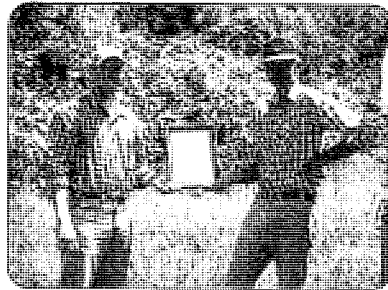
**TERESA ROYAT**, observer, **DOBBINS, CA** was presented a **20-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD**. Pictured left to right: Teresa and her father, Ernest Royat.



**DONNA A. WALLACE** (right), observer, **TYGH VALLEY, OR**, was presented a **15-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** by David R. Riker (left) NWSO Pendleton.



A **10-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** was presented to **MISHA CHOCHOLAK** (right), observer, **COVE 1 E, OR**, by Jim Zdrojewski (left), Data Acquisition Program Manager at NWSFO Pendleton.



A **10-YEAR LENGTH-OF-SERVICE AWARD** was presented to **LLOYD G. KENWOOD** (right), observer, **THREE RIVERS, CA** by Cooperative Program Manager Brad Adams (left), NWSO Sacramento.

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