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Retirements of NOAA Personnel Are Announced

The large number of retirements from NOAA in recent months has made it impossible for all such items to be carried in regular issues of NOAA WEEK. There-

fore, this Special Retirement Issue, and another to be issued subsequently, will be devoted exclusively to retirements.



Rufus O. Crosby



Dorothy R. Dyer



William E. Jones



Robert A. Lafferty



Rudolph N. Rose



Ella A. Gressett

Robert A. Lafferty, Meteorological Technician at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Cleveland, Ohio, retired after serving with the NWS since 1962. He was assigned to Indianapolis, Ind., Panama Canal Zone, and Beckley, W. Va., before going to Cleveland. He lives at 509 Sheffield Drive, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

William E. Jones, Chief of the Presentation Arts Section in NOAA's Office of Administration since 1967, retired after 31 years of Federal service. In 1971 he received a Commerce Bronze Medal for his work in the fields of cartography and illustrating. He was a Meteorological Aid in the Weather Bureau for 10 years before switching to the art field in 1956, and before and after his World War II service in the Navy he was employed at the Government Printing Office. He and his wife, Willa, whose resignation as a Secretary in the National Ocean Survey's Office of Marine Surveys and Maps was celebrated in conjunction with his retirement, have a new address: Route 2, Box 254J, Spotsylvania, Va. 22553.

Rudolph N. Rose, Meteorological Technician in the Climatic Information Branch at the National Climatic Center, retired after 31 years of Federal service. He served in the Army during World War II, and in 1947 went to work with the Veterans' Administration in San Francisco. He transferred to the National Weather Service in 1949, and in 1952 to NCC in Asheville, N.C.

Rufus O. Crosby, Principal Assistant at the Weather Service Office in Montgomery, Ala., has retired after 30 years in the NWS. He entered the Weather Service at Knoxville in 1946 and later that year transferred to Birmingham. He has been in Montgomery since 1947. He and his wife live on Route 8, Montgomery, Ala. 36108. (Box 630).

Dorothy R. Dyer, Secretary at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Oklahoma City, Okla., retired after more than 20 years in the NWS. She started as a Clerk in 1952 and was promoted to Secretary of the Oklahoma City office in 1960. She resides at 2121 NW 23rd St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73106.

Ella A. Gressett, Accounts Maintenance Clerk at the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters in Fort Worth, Tex., retired after 25 years' Federal service, all of it except for four years with the NWS. She and her husband reside at 508 Tierney Road, Fort Worth, Tex. 76112.

Four employees of the Northwest Administrative Service Office in Seattle, Wash., who retired recently, were honored at a party in Seattle's Roosevelt Hotel.

They were Grace A. Wynne, Contract Specialist, who had more than 28 years of service; Edna Mae St. Clair, Accounting Technician, who had more than 30 years; Richard N. Ceis, Classification and Wage Specialist, more than 31 years, and Bennie McEachern, Procurement Agent, more than 29 years of service.



(From left) Richard N. Ceis, Edna M. St. Clair, Bennie McEachern



Laurence H. Donahue



Harold L. Frost



Earl N. Hoffman

Laurence H. Donahue, Observational Specialist at the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters in Fort Worth, Tex., has retired after 32 years service to the NWS. He served earlier at Waco, Brownsville, Albuquerque, and Austin before transferring to SRH in 1956. He and his wife live at 5512 Stephanie Drive in Fort Worth.

Earl N. Hoffman, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Marquette, Mich., retired after more than 34 years of service. He served first at Detroit, Mich., and subsequently at Grand Rapids, Mich.; St. Cloud, Minn.; and then as Official in Charge at Williston and Devils Lake, N. Dak., before moving to Marquette in 1963. He and his wife live at 221 West Nicolet Boulevard, Marquette, Mich. 49855.

Harold L. Frost, Meteorologist in Charge at the Weather Service Office in Lubbock, Tex., since 1950, retired after 31 years in the National Weather Service. He served at San Antonio and New Orleans before going to Lubbock. In 1970 he received a Commerce Gold Medal for outstanding leadership in the severe weather program. He was instrumental in establishing the agricultural weather service in northwest Tex. He and his wife live at 2814 - 62nd St., Lubbock, Tex. 79413.

Leo E. Young, Chief of the Electronics Branch at the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters for the past 22 years, has retired after 32 years in the NWS. He served in Denver, Boston, and Atlanta, before going to Fort Worth in 1950. He received a Commerce Silver Medal in 1949. He and his wife reside at 3012 Southwest Loop, Fort Worth, Tex. 76133.

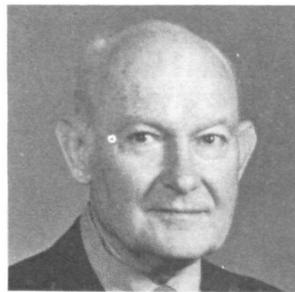
Marian M. Dorsey, Reporting Clerk on the staff of the Statistics and Market News Division of the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region, has retired. Mrs. Dorsey served the Federal Government for 35 years.



Leo E. Young



Suzanne Bershad



Lyndon T. Rodgers



Niilo E. Koski



Suzanne Bershad, Physical Scientist and Acquisition Specialist of the National Oceanographic Data Center's Acquisition Branch, retired after 30 years of service. Before 1963, when she began acquiring geological data and information for NODC, she worked for the War Production Board, the Census Bureau, the Office of Price Stabilization, and the Naval Oceanographic Office. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in geology from Columbia University.

Lyndon T. Rodgers, Meteorologist at the Weather Service Office in Washington, D. C. (Suitland), retired after 34 years' service to the NWS. He began his career in Kansas City, Mo., and served later at Knoxville, Tenn.; Boston, Mass.; and New York, N.Y. He received a Commerce Bronze Medal for extremely competent performance in forecasting for more than three decades. He and his wife live in Shawnee Land, Mt. Falls Route, Winchester, Va. 22601.

Niilo E. Koski, Electronics Technician at the Weather Service Office in Pendleton, Oreg., has retired after 32 years' service. Before going to Pendleton in 1959, he served at Guayaquil, Ecuador; Lihue, Hawaii; and at Thule, Greenland. His first weather service assignment was in Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1941, and in 1945 he transferred to Seattle as an Electronics Technician and Radiosonde Instructor. He and his wife live at 4203 SW Kirk Avenue, Pendleton, Oreg. 97801.

Richard E. Myers, Climatologist for Nebraska, has retired after 32 years of service. He entered the National Weather Service at Lincoln, Nebr., in 1940, transferred to Washington, D.C., soon after the start of World War II, and in 1944 transferred to WBAS Stapleton Field in Denver, Colo. In 1949 he was assigned to Shannon Airport, Ireland, as Overseas Airways Forecaster. He served later as Meteorologist in Charge at Lincoln and Climatologist for Nebraska. Since 1964 he has been only the Climatologist. He and his wife live at 6621 Vine St., Lincoln, Nebr. 68506.

Frank M. Mazza, Budget Analyst in the Eastern Region Headquarters of the National Weather Service, has retired after 31 years with the Federal Government. He has been with the Regional Office since 1946. Upon his retirement, he intends to practice law. He and his wife reside at 3350 Carrollton Avenue, Wantagh, N.Y. 11793.

Fred C. Miller, Meteorologist in Charge at the Weather Service Office in Olympia, Wash., has retired after 32 years' Federal service. He joined the Weather Service in Baker, Oreg., after serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Later he served at Stevenson, Wash.; the Seattle Regional Office as Field Inspector; and as Placement Officer in the WRH Personnel Office before becoming MIC at Olympia in 1952. He and his wife receive their mail at P. O. Box 434.

Dewitt T. Jackson, Jr., retired after 33 years of service to the National Weather Service. He was a Meteorological Technician at the Weather Service Office in Lynchburg, Va. He served previously in Meridian, Miss.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Ft. Plain, N. Y.; and New York, N. Y. His address is RFD #1, Box 179, Forest, Va. 24551.



Dewitt T. Jackson, Jr.



William H. Lyons



Loren F. Jones

William H. Lyons, Illustrator in the Publications and Media Branch of the National Oceanographic Data Center, has retired after 30 years of service. Before joining NODC in 1962, he worked for the State Department, Civil Service Commission, and Post Office Department. He has illustrated many government publications, prepared numerous charts for atlases, and done artwork for various exhibits.

Loren F. Jones, Official in Charge at the Weather Service Office in Victoria, Tex., retired after a 34-year Weather Service career. He began his career at Akron, Ohio, and later served at Grand Island, Neb.; Little Rock, Ark.; and Corpus Christi, Tex. He has been in charge at Victoria since 1947. He and his wife reside at 1908 Avenida, Victoria, Tex. 77901.

Earl H. Johnson, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Jacksonville, Fla., has retired after 33 years in the National Weather Service. He entered the NWS at Bismark, N. Dak., and later served at Norfolk, Va., and Minneapolis, Minn., before going to Jacksonville in 1950. He and his wife live at 1831 Colby Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32218.



Earl H. Johnson

Albert L. Congdon, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Grand Junction, Colo., retired after 34 years of service. He began his career at Denver, Colo., and subsequently served at Albuquerque, N.M., and Anchorage, Alaska, before entering the military service in 1941. After his discharge in 1946, he began his service at Grand Junction, where he and his wife now reside at 2339 E. Road. (Zip-81501)

L. Wynn Carr, First Assistant Engineer aboard the NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER, has retired. He had served aboard various survey vessels of the National Ocean Survey and its predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, for 25 years.



L. Wynn Carr

William J. Allyn, Public Service Meteorologist at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Seattle, retired after 34 years' service. All of his weather service, which began in 1941, has been in the Seattle area, but he served earlier with the Forest Service. He graduated from the University of Washington College of Forestry in 1938. He and his wife live at 3921 South Americus St., Seattle, Wash. 98118.

Gordon J. Walker, Engineering Technician at the National Ocean Survey's Instrument Support Branch in Corbin, Va., has retired after more than 31 years of service. He and his wife reside at RFD 4, Box 294D, Brandywine, Md. 20613.



Gordon J. Walker

John M. Williams, Meteorologist in Charge at Rochester, N. Y., retired after more than 35 years of service. He started his career as a Student Fingerprint Classifier with the FBI, and transferred to the NWS in Detroit, Mich., as a Jr. Observer in 1937. Before going to Rochester, he served in Lynchburg, Va. He and his wife live at 222 Commodore Parkway, in Rochester.

Clyde A. Young, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Victoria has retired. He entered the Weather Service at the then Airways Weather Station at Brinkley, Ark., and has been at Victoria since 1946. He and his wife reside at 1907 E. Meadowlane in Victoria, Tex. 77901.



Clyde A. Young

Everett Bingham, Accounts Maintenance Clerk at the National Weather Service Western Region Headquarters, has retired after 37 years' service. He has been a Weather Service employee since 1950, when he was reinstated in the Federal service. Earlier he was employed by the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, War, and the Army Engineers, and served in the Army during World War II. He lives at 455 South 9th West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

Captain Robert C. Darling has retired after almost three decades of service with the National Ocean Survey and its predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey. He recently left the position he had held for nearly three years as Associate Director of the NOS Office of Marine Surveys and Maps to undertake a special study on NOS mapping, charting and surveying activities for the Office of Management and Budget. Since joining the commissioned corps in 1943, he served aboard seven ships, with various field parties, and as head of the Survey's executive and technical services staff for three years before becoming Associate Director.



Everett Bingham



John M. Williams



Captain Robert C. Darling



Paul Kane



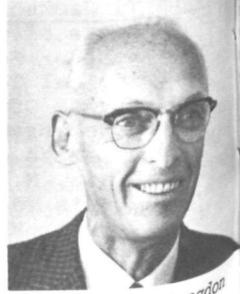
Robert C. Holt



Richard B. Graves



Helen E. Maxfield



Edwin A. Congdon

Paul Kane, Meteorologist at the National Climatic Center, retired after 30 years of government service. He served first with the National Weather Service in Del Rio, Tex., and subsequently in Oklahoma City, New Orleans, Fort Worth, and Chattanooga. He joined the NCC in 1962 when the Hydrologic Data Processing Unit in Chattanooga was consolidated with the Center.

Robert C. Holt, Weather Service Specialist at Eugene, Oreg., retired after 30 years' service. After serving with the Navy during World War II, he began his weather career at Havre, Mont., in 1945. He has been at Eugene since 1948. He lives at 959 Laurelhurst Drive, Eugene, Oreg. 97402.

Richard B. Graves, Weather Service Specialist at Eugene, Oreg., retired after 30 years' service. He was an Aerographer's Mate in the Navy during World War II, and began his weather service career at Eugene in 1945, remaining there the rest of his NWS years. He lives at 105 Ruby Lane, Eugene, Oreg. 97402.

Robert Carman, Electronic Technician at Empalme, for the past eight years, retired after 35 years of Government service. Previous NWS assignments were at International Falls, San Juan, La Crosse, Green Bay, and Barking Sands, and, during World War II, on the Atlantic Weather Patrol out of Boston. Subsequently, he helped establish rawinsonde stations in Portugal, Spain, and Northern Africa.

Helen E. Maxfield, Secretary in the Operations Division of the National Weather Service Western Region Headquarters, has retired after 32 years' Federal service. She worked in the Weather Bureau Hydrology Unit in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1940, and was a Secretary at the Salt Lake City Weather Service Forecast Office from 1947 to 1964, when she transferred to WRH. Last April she received a Commerce Bronze Medal for her service in the Department. She and her husband, Max, live at 1065 N. 400 West, Bountiful, Utah.

Edwin A. Congdon, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Pueblo, Colo., retired after 30 years of service. He began his weather career in Lander, Wyo., in 1946, after serving four years in the Air Force, and in 1949 moved to Bismarck, N. Dak. He moved to Pueblo in 1956. His address is 33 Meadowbrook Drive, Pueblo, Colo. 81001.



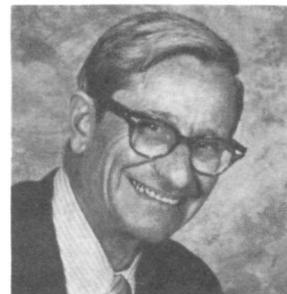
George W. R. Sykes



Clyde P. Thomas



Maurine Bramlett



August W. Hovland



Donald L. Mark

Lester A. Keilman, Chief of the Statistics and Market News Division of the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region, has retired after 37 years of Federal service.

George W. R. Sykes, Meteorologist at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Portland, Me., retired after a 30-year government career there. He and his wife live at 262 Capispic St., Portland, Me. 04102.

Lester T. Bradbury, a Financial Assistance Specialist with the Financial Assistance Division of the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region for the last 15 years, has retired.

Clyde P. Thomas, Principal Assistant at the Weather Service Office in Wilmington, N.C., retired after 30 years' Weather Service. He started as a Meteorological Aid in Youngstown, Ohio, and served at Charlestown, W.Va., before going to Wilmington. He and his wife live at 318 Pine Valley Drive, Wilmington, N.C. 28401.

Maurine Bramlett, Meteorological Technician at the Environmental Data Service's National Climatic Center, retired after nearly 20 years of service in the Climatology Branch. A native of Asheville, Mrs. Bramlett earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga.

August W. Hovland, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Bakersfield, Calif., retired after 36 years' service, including 20 years in the U.S. Navy as an aerographer. He began his NWS career in 1956 in Los Angeles, and transferred to Bakersfield in 1960. He and his wife live at 3401 Wenatchee Street, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306

Donald L. Mark, Meteorologist in Charge at the Weather Service Office in Muskegon, Mich., retired after 31 years of service. He began his career at Davenport, Iowa, in 1941, and served also at Joliet, Ill., before going to Muskegon in 1946. He received a Commerce Bronze Medal in 1971. He and his wife reside at 4924 Grand St., Muskegon, Mich. 49441.

Charles E. Harris, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Wichita, Kans., has retired after 28 years of service. He began his career at Terre Haute, Ind., after more than three years in weather in the Army Air Force during World War II, and has been in Wichita since 1955. He and his wife live at 905 Smith Street, Carmi, Ill. 62821.



Charles F. Simon

Vincent F. Callaway

Henry U. Lawrence

Chalmers C. Wooden

Anna M. Coccoaro

Charles F. Simon, Meteorological Technician in the Data Verification Branch at the National Climatic Center in Asheville, N.C., retired after 28 years of service. He served with the National Weather Service in Omaha and Scottsbluff, Nebr., before joining the NCC in 1952, where he worked in the Upper Air Section of the Data Verification Branch.

Vincent F. Callaway, Officer in Charge at the Winnemucca, Nev., Weather Service Office since 1969, retired after 30 years' service. He was previously OIC at Quillayute WSO and at the observing station at Tatoosh Island, Wash. Earlier assignments were in Pocatello, Idaho; the Pacific Islands; Lake Charles, La.; Winslow, Ariz.; and Portland, Oreg; and he served as a Weather Observer in the Army Air Corps during World War II. His home is at 134 Garrison St., #19, Winnemucca, Nev. 89445.

Henry U. Lawrence, Meteorologist at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Boston, Mass., retired after 30 years with the National Weather Service. He served at Concord, N.H., and Ticonderoga, N.Y., before moving to Boston in 1943. He and his wife live at 11 Denver St., Saugus, Mass. 01906.

Chalmers C. Wooden, Meteorologist in Charge at Montgomery, Ala., since 1965, retired after 30 years' service. He entered the Weather Service at Waco, Tex., where he later was Principal Assistant before going to Augusta, Ga., as MIC in 1961. In Montgomery he served also as State User Services Representative and was responsible for the Climatological program for the State of Alabama. In 1970 he received a Commerce Silver Medal for developing severe weather preparedness planning in the State. He and his wife plan to relocate in Waco.

John F. Liddle, Meteorological Technician at the Weather Service Office in Rochester, N.Y., retired after 31 years of Federal service. He was appointed as a Meteorological Aid at the WSO in Buffalo after service with the War Department in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and subsequently served at Juneau, Annette, and Fairbanks, Alaska, and Las Vegas, Nev., before going to Rochester. He and his wife live at 168 Eastland Avenue in Rochester.

Anna M. Coccoaro, a Secretary with the National Weather Service Eastern Region Headquarters since 1958, has retired after 30 years' service. She and her husband reside at 120-07 Sutter Avenue, South Ozone Park, N.Y. 11420.



Joseph L. Schwarz



Lorin W. Grace



Joseph W. Berry



Phillip J. Lucid



Howard K. Hickman

Joseph L. Schwarz, Production Specialist in the Production Management Unit of the Reproduction Division, Aeronautical Charting and Cartography, National Ocean Survey, has retired after 30 years of government service.

Lorin W. Grace, Weather Service Specialist at Casper, Wyo., retired after more than 27 years of Federal service. He served in the Air Force Weather Service in World War II, with duty in the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. He was appointed in the Weather Service at Sheridan, Wyo., in 1950, transferred to Rock Springs, Wyo., in 1951, and to Casper in 1953, when the Rock Springs station closed. He and his wife reside at 102 Honey-suckle St., Casper, Wyo. 87601.

Joseph W. Berry, State Climatologist for Colorado since 1956, retired after 30 years of service. In 1942 he transferred from the Navy Department to the Weather Service as a Meteorologist with the Statistics Division in Washington, D.C., and in June 1946 he moved to the Climatological and Hydrologic Services Division. In 1947 he became Administrative Assistant, Meteorologist, and Administrative Officer of the Arctic Operations Project. He moved to the Climatological Services Division in 1952. He and his wife live at 950 South Ogden St., Denver, Colo. 80209.

J. Loring Laughter, Fire Weather Forecaster at the Weather Service Office in Asheville, N.C., retired after more than 31 years of service to the National Weather Service. He began his career at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and has been at Asheville since 1955. His address is Route 2, Box 126, Arden, N.C. 28704.

Phillip J. Lucid, Meteorologist at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Pittsburgh, Pa., since 1951, retired after 30 years of service. He served previously at Meeks Field and Keflavik, Iceland, as a Meteorologist, and worked with the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits before entering the NWS Eastern Region. His address is 38 Broad Street, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Howard K. Hickman, Principal Assistant at the Weather Service Office in Meridian, Miss., has retired after 31 years of Federal service. He served at Springfield, Mo.; Nome and Northway, Alaska; Sault Ste. Marie and Detroit, Mich.; and in 1943 became a U. S. Navy officer, attaining the rank of Commander. He returned to the Weather Service in 1966. He and his wife reside at 5209 Ash Avenue Meridian, Miss. 39301.



Harry Gorham



Sam R. Hurlbut



Blair M. Younkin

Harry Gorham, Chief Quartermaster aboard the NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER, has retired after serving 22 years on ships of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the National Ocean Survey fleet. He served on the PIONEER and the PATHFINDER before being assigned to the FAIRWEATHER.

Sam R. Hurlbut, who has been a Weather Service Specialist at Apalachicola, Fla., since 1959, has retired after 41 years in the Weather Service. He served earlier at Jacksonville, Miami, Atlanta, Chattanooga, and New Orleans. He and his wife live at 101 21st Avenue in Apalachicola.

Blair M. Younkin, Weather Service Specialist at Albuquerque, N.M., has retired. A career Air Force man, he joined the NWS at Albuquerque in 1966, and later that year accepted a six-month detail to Swan Island, after which he returned to Albuquerque. He and his wife reside at 11624 Lexington Avenue, N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87112.

Charles L. Browning, Chief of Procurement and Supply Section at the National Climatic Center for the last seven years, has retired. He served previously with the Navy Department, and his military service was with the U.S. Air Force. He attended Brevard College and Western Carolina University. He and his wife reside in Waynesville, N.C.

Robert H. Gunst, Chief of the Programming Branch of the Electronic Computing Division of the National Ocean Survey, retired after 20 years of Federal service. Earlier he was with the Institute for Environmental Research in Boulder, a mathematician in the Geodesy Division of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Chief of the Planning Branch of the Electronic Computing Division. He received a Department of Commerce Silver Medal for developing computerized programs for locating epicenters for Seismology.



Charles L. Browning



Robert H. Gunst



William L. Tilson



Jeannette P. North



Gifford H. Turner



Ellis G. Sumner



William M. Schmalz

William L. Tilson, who had been Meteorologist in Charge of the Weather Service Office in Mobile, Ala., since 1949, retired after 42 years with the National Weather Service. He served at Macon, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Mobile, Nashville, and Raleigh before going to Mobile. He received a Commerce Gold Medal for his work during and prior to Hurricane Camille in 1969. He and his wife reside at 1557 West Avenue in Mobile.

Jeannette P. North, Technical Information Specialist with the Publications and Media Branch of the National Oceanographic Data Center, retired after more than 28 years of service. With NODC since its inception in 1960, she authored the NODC publication Annotated Acronyms and Abbreviations of Marine Science Related International Organizations. She served earlier with the Navy Hydrographic Office and the Naval Ordnance Plant in Alexandria, Va.

Gifford H. Turner, Weather Service Specialist at Fort Myers, Fla., has retired. He came to the NWS from the U.S. Forest Service in 1955, and served first at Galveston, Tex. He later served at Brownsville and again at Galveston before going to Fort Myers in 1962. He and his wife live at 2929 Broadway, Fort Myers, Fla. 33901.

Ellis G. Sumner, mathematician in the Applied Climatology Division at the National Climatic Center, retired after 31 years of service. After serving in the Armed Forces from 1941-1945, he was employed by the General Accounting Office's Postal Accounts Division, and transferred to NCC in 1952. He is a graduate of Asheville-Biltmore College.

Murray W. Smith, Lead Forecaster at the Weather Service Forecast Office in New Orleans, has retired after a Weather Service career that began in 1938 at Jackson, Miss., and included 17 years as Aviation Forecaster. He served later at Tallahassee, again at Jackson after five years of military service, and then moved to New Orleans. He and his wife reside at 9609 Evelyn, New Orleans, La. 70123.

Cleo F. Hogan, Clerk-Typist at the National Climatic Center, has retired after more than 29 years of Federal service. Mrs. Hogan served with the Government Accounts Office and at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Asheville, N.C., before starting to work at the NCC in 1954.

William M. Schmalz, Principal Assistant at the Weather Service Office in Yakima, Wash., retired after 21 years' Federal service. He entered the service at Winnemucca in 1938, and later served at Oakland, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Salt Lake City, and Seattle, where he resigned in 1952. He was reinstated in 1966 at Yakima, where he served until his retirement. He and his wife will maintain their home at 917 S. 29th Avenue, Yakima, Wash. 98902.

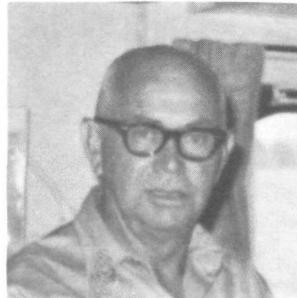
Alvar Ahola, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office in Duluth, Minn., has retired after 36 years of service. During his career he served at Milwaukee, Wisc.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Iowa City, Iowa.; Chicago, Ill.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Duluth; Houghton Lake, Mich.; and Rochester, Minn.; and returned to Duluth in 1967. He resides at 1514 N. 8th Avenue East, Duluth, Minn. 55805.



Alvar Ahola



Roger G. Plaster



Reuben W. George

Roger G. Plaster, Meteorologist in Charge of the Jacksonville, Fla., Weather Service Office, retired after 38 years in the National Weather Service. He served at Wilmington, N.C., Columbus, Charles, and Tampa, Lake Charles, Houston, and Washington, before going to Jacksonville in 1946. He has been there since 1951. He and his wife live at 6425 Cross Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla. 32208.

Reuben W. George, Chief Yeoman of the NOAA Ship PEIRCE, has retired after a total of 30 years of service to the National Ocean Survey and its predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey. He began his career in 1939, and has sailed on the LYDONIA, HILGARD-WAINWRIGHT, HYDROGRAPHER, PARKER-BOWEN-STIRNI, and COWIE, as well as the PEIRCE. During service breaks he served with the Merchant Marine. He and his wife plan to live in Marshallberg, N. C.

Willard A. Brownlee, Supervisory Electronics Technician at the Weather Service Support Facility at Wallops Island, Va., retired after 37 years of service. His previous assignments were in Montgomery, Ala.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Syracuse, N.Y.; Boston, Mass.; and Atlantic City, N.J. He plans to operate his "HAM" radio (call letters W2HMX) from 119 Bartram Lane, Ocean City, N.J., 08226.

Robert A. Sanders, National Severe Local Storms Forecaster with the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., retired after 25 years of Federal service. He entered the Weather Service at Nashville, Tenn., in 1937 and the next year attended California Institute of Technology to complete his undergraduate degree in meteorology. He returned to duty at Atlanta, Ga., and served at Jacksonville, Fla., and Washington, D.C. before going to Kansas City in 1952. That year he also received his master's degree in meteorology from California Institute of Technology. He served with the District Meteorological Office before being assigned to NSSFC. He and his wife reside at 9620 W. 53rd St., Shawnee Mission, Kans. 66203.

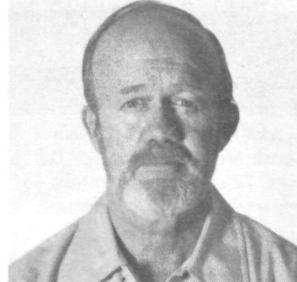
Samuel K. Kerr, Meteorologist in Charge of the Weather Service Office in Grand Junction, Colo., retired after 38 years of service. Before going to Grand Junction in 1946, he served at Dodge City, Kans.; Big Springs, Tex.; Topeka, Kans.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Pueblo, Colo.; and Dodge City a second time. In 1970 he received a Commerce Bronze Medal. He

Georgia C. Whiting, a Meteorologist in the Climatology Branch at the National Climatic Center, retired after 29 years of Federal Service. She began her career with the Weather Bureau in 1943 as a junior observer in Elkins, W.Va., and transferred to NCC in 1952. Mrs. Whiting and her husband reside at 138 Kingsgate Road, Asheville, N.C.

Gerald T. Beall, General Weather Forecaster at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Minneapolis, Minn., retired after more than 38 years of service. He served with the Home Owner's Loan Corporation and War Department, then with the NWS at Des Moines, Iowa; Springfield and Moline, Ill.; before becoming a Forecaster at Chicago, Ill., in 1942. He moved to Dayton, Ohio, before going to Minneapolis, where, in 1970, he shared in a Unit Citation awarded the WSFO. He and his wife live at 105 Lakeside Drive, Stillwater, Minn. 55082.

David A. Burt, Leading General Weather Forecaster at the Los Angeles Weather Service Forecast Office, retired after 38 years of Federal service. His assignments have been at Weather Service offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska; Salt Lake City, Utah; Jacksonville, Fla.; Jackson, Miss.; Greensboro, N.C.; and Montgomery, Ala.; as well as Los Angeles. He and his wife live at 1152 - 7th Street, Hermosa Beach, Calif. 90254.

Marietta C. Mahurin, Forecaster Aide at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Fort Worth, Tex., retired after 24 years of Federal service. She served in many parts of the world with the U.S. Air Force and the Civil Aeronautics Board before beginning with the NWS at Fort Worth in 1955. She started there as a secretary, but spent her last three years as a communicator. She and her husband reside at 515 South Mesquite St., Arlington, Tex. 76010.



Willard A. Brownlee



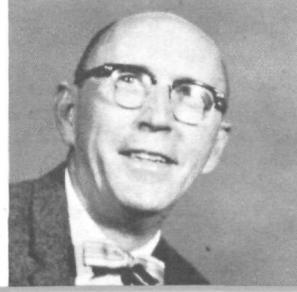
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Emil S. Kurtz, Meteorologist in Charge at the San Diego, Calif., Weather Service Office, retired after 33 years' service. His career began in San Francisco, and he served later in Salt Lake City, Billings, and Washington, D. C., before going to Los Angeles as a Guidance Forecaster. He became MIC at San Diego in 1970. He and his wife live at 10641 Esmeralda Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92124.

Ray T. Sherouse, Meteorologist at the Weather Service Office in Lakeland, Fla., retired after 42 years' service, over 30 years of it as a Fruit Frost Forecaster. He entered the NWS at Tampa and served at many Florida stations before going to Lakeland in 1938. He and his wife live at 944 North Shine Avenue, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

Rose M. Fries, who has served as Secretary to the last three National Weather Service Central Region Directors, has retired after 32 years of service to the NWS. She began her career at Iowa City, Iowa, and moved to Kansas City in 1941, working with the Hydrologic Unit and as Secretary to the Administrative Office until 1958, when she became the Regional Director's Secretary.

Julian S. Rowland, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Meteorological Observatory at the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Albuquerque, N. Mex., retired after 29 years in the NWS. He began his career at Atlanta, and later served at Chattanooga, Tampa, and Mobile before going to Albuquerque in 1970. He and his wife live at 675 Wooddale Blvd., Apt. #60, Baton Rouge, La. 70806.

Raymond J. Clark, Jr., Quality Control Officer at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Fort Worth, Tex., retired after 30 years in the NWS, much of it in aviation work. He began his career in Abilene in 1942, and transferred to Fort Worth in 1943, where he was an Aviation Forecaster until 1961, when he became QCO. He and his wife live at 1001 Westpark Way, Euless, Tex. 76039

Eldon A. Brackett, Official in Charge at the Weather Service Office in Astoria, Oreg., retired after 33 years' service. He began his career in 1941 at Spokane, Wash., and served later as Official in Charge at Olympia, Hoquiam, Klamath Falls, Siskiyou Summit, and Port Angeles. He and his wife live



Harold T. Paukert



Gardner A. McGahan



Victor H. Halliburton



Clyde L. Slay



Harold T. Paukert, Substation Network Specialist at the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters in Fort Worth, Tex., has retired after more than 27 years of service. He entered the NWS at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1947 and was assigned to the Tornado Project at Kansas City before going to Fort Worth in 1954. He and his wife reside at 5400 South Hampshire, Fort Worth, Tex., 76112.

Gardner A. McGahan, Principal Assistant at the Weather Service Office in Midland, Tex., since 1965, has retired after 31 years with the NWS. He began his career at Brownsville in 1941, and served later at Saulte Ste. Marie, Little Rock, Boston, and Big Spring before going to Midland in 1953 as a Forecaster. He and his wife now live at 217 Dianna St., Yukon, Okla. 73099.

Victor H. Halliburton, Meteorologist at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Lubbock, Tex., retired after 27 years with the NWS. He began his career at Amarillo in 1945 and the next year moved to Lubbock. In 1965 he received the Special Service Award for his work during the Hale Center Tornado and another award in 1970 for his skill in issuing tornado warnings. He and his wife reside at 2818 61st St., Lubbock, Tex. 79413.

Clyde L. Slay, Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Forecast Office in Jackson, Miss., has retired. He was named in the NOAA Unit Citation to the WSFO Jackson for work in the Feb. 21, 1971, tornado outbreak in Mississippi. He began his career in Jackson in 1946, was released for military service in 1951, attended college, and returned to Jackson, where he remained, except for spending two years in Fort Worth as a Personnel Management Specialist from 1961 to 1963.

Fred E. Ploeger, Senior Electronics Technician at the Weather Service Office in Norfolk, Va., has retired after 25 years of service. Except for his military service, he spent all of his career in the Norfolk area, first at the Naval Base, and, since 1955, with the National Weather Service. He and his wife reside at 9564 8th Bay St., Norfolk, Va. 23518.

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