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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,
Secretary, American Meteorological Society,
tells of:

STORM SIGNALS

Many people sometime during the 24 hours pass within view of a weather station, where weather signals are shown, and to them a knowledge of what the signals tell can be made interesting and useful. A square white flag means fair weather, a square dark blue flag rain or snow. A square white flag with a black square in its center says that a cold wave is approaching. When the plain white flag has a dark blue triangular flag above it the prophesy is fair and warmer, but if the dark blue triangle is below it means fair and colder. The blue triangle above the blue square flag means rain or snow and warmer, while flying below it means rain or snow and colder. When instead of the white flag one with the upper half white and the lower half blue is displayed it indicates merely local showers of rain or snow. The triangular flag, if present above or below, indicates, as in the other cases, warmer or colder. A red triangle means that moderately strong winds may be expected. If you see a red flag with black center, prepare for a violent storm, and if two such flags snap in the wind beware the awful hurricane. At night a red lantern and a white lantern give warning of a violent storm. Two red lanterns, separated by a white lantern, tell the mariner to rush to harbor, for it warns of the hurricane.

(Tomorrow: Cold Weather Thunderstorms.)

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