

For Release
Jan. 7, 1938

By Major A. H. Thiessen
Science Service Meteorologist

Speed of the weather! We often hear people in the east say: "It is very cold in Chicago, it will soon be colder here." This indicates that many recognize that weather travels. Weather does travel. The cyclones, or storms, and the anticyclones, or fair weather areas, move in general from west to east. The average rate is about 25 miles an hour, but faster in winter than in summer. These movements are quite irregular as to speed and direction. Sometimes the storms hardly move at all; at other times they move much faster than the average rate. Cyclones and anticyclones generally slow up as they intensify; and speed up as they lose strength.
