

tremendous amount of information for the world; unpublished tabulations were compiled on every country for which climatological data are available.

Throughout his tenure of office as Assistant Chief of the Climate and Crop Weather Division, he was constantly striving for improvements in service to the public. His work on adjustments of pressure data between city office and airport stations represents an enormous expenditure of energy and careful calculations.

Although stricken with a severe heart ailment some 4 years before his death, he did not spare himself in his devotion to duty. Transferred to the Bureau's Statistical Defense project in the Fall of 1941, he worked just as untiringly as the younger men.

Throughout his whole career in the Bureau, he was uniformly kindly and courteous. Those who knew him best frequently remarked on his constant friendly disposition, his untiring en-

ergy and desire to aid others to the limit of his abilities. The Weather Bureau has lost a faithful, efficient, and accomplished official, and his associates have lost a kindly, courteous, and helpful friend. To both, the loss is irreplaceable.—*W. A. Mattice.*

Leo J. Fangman†

We have learned with regret of the death on February 19 of Leo J. Fangman, formerly Meteorologist in Charge of the Municipal Airport Weather Bureau Station at Akron, Ohio. Mr. Fangman also served the Madison, Wisconsin; New York City; Washington, D. C.; and Evansville, Indiana office of the Weather Bureau and for a year or two was Meteorologist for Transcontinental Air Transport, Clovis, New Mexico. Ill health forced him to retire in 1937. He continued his interest in meteorology, however, and was a member of the Society from 1931 until some time after his retirement.

✧ Personalia ✧

Mr. George S. Bliss Retires

Mr. George S. Bliss head of the Philadelphia office of the U. S. Weather Bureau for thirty-four years was recently retired. Mr. Bliss' services were much appreciated and a testimonial dinner in his honor was held in October 1941, at the Franklin Institute with Dr. F. W. Reichelderfer as the principal speaker. High tribute was paid to Mr. Bliss by the Philadelphia press. Mr. Bliss is succeeded by Henry P. Adams, formerly at Fort Worth station.

Dr. J. Patterson

The head of the Meteorological Service of Canada, Dr. J. Patterson, was awarded on April 22, 1942, the

annual medal of the Professional Institute of the Civil Service of Canada for his outstanding ability as an administrator. On May 13th the University of Manitoba conferred on Dr. Patterson the degree of Doctor of Laws for his outstanding contribution in Science.

Dr. David Brunt

Dr. Brunt, author of several well-known meteorological works, and professor of meteorology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, has been elected president of the Royal Meteorological Society. (—*Science*, March 20, 1942, p. 298).