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Bendix Environmental Science Division displayed a number of its new instruments at the AMS Symposium on Meteorological Observations and Instrumentation in Washington, D. C., in February. Bendix now has available complete product literature and photographs for products obtainable as single items or as integrated systems in any mix desired. This is the first time the company has offered its classic Friez instrument line "off-the-shelf" with integral automatic data processing equipment input compatibility. Units are available from stock in 30 to 90 days. Brand new items include a wind alarm, data center, signal conditioner and Aerovane 220-230. The Bendix Environmental Science Division is located at 1400 Taylor Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21204.

Dr. *Theodore B. Smith* has been appointed vice president for research of *Meteorology Research, Inc.*, Altadena, Calif. Dr. Smith received the Ph.D. in meteorology from California Institute of Technology and has been with MRI since 1955. He continues his duties as director of the research division, where he is responsible for programs in air pollution, diffusion, turbulence, and weather modifica-

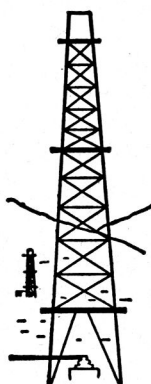


tion. More than half of MRI's present activities are in weather modification, making it the largest organization in the U. S. in this field. Dr. *Paul B. MacCreedy, Jr.*, is president of MRI.

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After retirement from the Army, Colonel Sherry made his home in Washington for several years, but since 1956 had lived at 727 Alton Avenue, Orlando, Fla.

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**Bertram John Sherry
1882-1967**

Word has only recently been received of the death in his 85th year of Colonel Bertram J. Sherry, U. S. Army, Retired, on 23 September 1967.

Colonel Sherry was a captain in the Meteorological Service of the Signal Corps when he was nominated for fellowship in the American Meteorological Society by Charles Franklin Brooks and William Ray Gregg on 30 August 1920. He was elected for transfer from member status to fellowship by a Council vote of 16 to three. His duties in the Signal Corps at that time included "general and immediate oversight of the Meteorological Service." Formerly in aerological work with the U. S. Weather Bureau, he was a joint author of an article on the meteorological work of the Signal Corps in the United States, especially with respect to the ascensional rate of pilot balloons. Other duty stations in the Army included Anacostia, D. C.; Balboa, Canal Zone; Ft. Monmouth, N. J.; and Dayton, Ohio.

**Robert Morgan Gardner
1911-1968**

Robert M. Gardner, Weather Bureau forecaster, died at Oklahoma City, Okla., on 18 December 1968.

Mr. Gardner was born in Onondaga, Michigan, and graduated from Michigan State College at East Lansing in 1934. He then taught mathematics and physics in Michigan high schools until entering the Weather Bureau in 1940. During his Weather Bureau career he served two years on ocean weather ships and for a number of years as a training officer. Meanwhile, he continued his studies, partly by correspondence, and earned an M.A. in education at Michigan State College in 1950. His meteorological training was received at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Texas. From 1954 he held forecasting assignments at Austin, Tex., Apalachicola, Fla., and Oklahoma City. He joined the American Meteorological Society in 1947.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Robert M. Gardner of 2117 Southwest 70th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.