

necrology

John Humbert Bonzagni 1911–1973

John Humbert Bonzagni, a former Observer for the National Weather Service, died last year. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1948–49 in descriptive meteorology. In 1944 he was an Observer for the Weather Bureau in Nome, Alaska, and in 1946 he became an Observer for the Weather Bureau Office at Logan Airport, Boston, Mass.

Mr. Bonzagni joined the American Meteorological Society in 1944. His last address was 58 Westover St., West Roxbury, Mass.

Harry Marshall Gerber 1904–1973

Harry Marshall Gerber, Chief Airport Meteorologist at the Allegheny County and Greater Pittsburgh Airports for 25 years prior to his retirement in 1964, died on 29 November 1973. He was educated at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and served the National Weather Service for 46 years.

Mr. Gerber joined the American Meteorological Society in 1937. He is survived by his wife, Helene, of 1940 Spring Valley Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15243, two children, James and Judy, and several grandchildren.

Paul Emile Guerin 1923–1973

Paul Emile Guerin, Canadian painter, died on 24 August 1973. He was educated in geography at the Verdun School in Canada.

Mr. Guerin joined the American Meteorological Society in 1960. His last address was 300 Chi Venise East, Co. Missisquoi, Quebec, Canada.

Harry F. Wahlgren 1890–1973

Harry F. Wahlgren, whose retirement as Meteorologist in Charge of the St. Louis Weather Bureau Office in 1956 followed closely his fiftieth anniversary in the Weather Bureau service, died on 19 November 1973. He entered the Weather Bureau in 1906, in Keokuk, Iowa, transferred to Oklahoma City in 1911, and became Meteorologist in Charge at St. Louis in 1943.

Mr. Wahlgren was a charter member of the American Meteorological Society and became a professional member in 1945. He was the leader of the organizing group and the first president of the Greater St. Louis Seminar of the AMS. Indicative of his activities in civic and professional life were his memberships in the St. Louis Rotary Club, Greater St. Louis Business Association, American Geophysical Union, Missouri Academy of Science, St. Louis Naturalist Club, and the Missouri State Historical Society. His last address was the Wendemeer Hotel, Rm. 125, 700 N.W. 32 St., Bethany, Okla. 73008.

standards for meteorology

The members of the Committee on Atmospheric Measurements (CAM) have long been concerned by the lack of standards for meteorological instruments. CAM encouraged and assisted the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) in establishment of a group within the ASTM committee structure to develop standards for meteorological measurements and instruments. A subcommittee of ASTM Committee D-22 on Methods of Sampling and Analysis of Atmosphere was formed in October. Called Subcommittee D-22.11 on Meteorology, it will be chaired by Mr. Alvin Morris of the National Center for Atmospheric Research. (See BULLETIN, 55, p. 121.)

Standard methods for measuring atmospheric variables and for specifying the performance of meteorological instruments will be documented and published in the ASTM Book of Standards. Although first emphasis will be on wind instruments, willingness of parties to work in other areas is evidence that other instruments should be included. To produce viable and useful consensus standards, the committee must have substantial representation from industry, universities, and government. Qualified people are needed to undertake the development of these standards. Willing participants are encouraged to write to Mr. Robert Bauer, ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. The next meeting will be held in Baltimore, Md., on 8 April 1974.