

## 25 years ago . . .

### Colorado State University Acquires Wexler Library\*

A collection of books, technical papers, and reports belonging to one of the world's leading authorities on meteorology was purchased by the atmospheric science department of Colorado State University. The library belonged to Dr. Harry Wexler, who at the time of his death was director of meteorological research for the U.S. Weather Bureau. It includes more than 70 books—some of them collector's items—and several thousand technical papers.

Dr. Herbert Riehl, head of CSU's atmospheric science department, said that the collection will add greatly to the research and instructional resources of the department. The purchase was made with special library acquisition funds. Many of the books in the collection are among the earliest writings in modern meteorology. The technical reports include works of nearly 1,000 scientists and represent developments in the field over the past 30 years.

Dr. Wexler was among the pioneers in many phases of meteorology. He was aboard the first airplane to penetrate an Atlantic hurricane, and one of the first to advocate artificial satellites for use in weather studies. As chief for the United States Antarctic Program he made three trips to Antarctica. Dr. Wexler represented the United States at many international conferences, and in 1962 worked with a Russian scientist in preparing a United Nations report on developments in atmospheric science. ●

\**Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, **44**, 264.

## 50 years ago . . .

The April 1938 BULLETIN\* included a summary article by Clarence A. Mills, M.D., Professor of Experimental Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, titled "Weather and Health," the focus of Dr. Mills' research for many years. The following paragraph is taken from that article.

Large sections of the earth and hundreds of millions of its population live under a blanket of moist heat, generation after generation, that makes body heat loss so difficult as greatly to discourage any except the most essential physical or mental activity, since any such activity is associated with an increase in the amount of heat that must be dissipated. Under such conditions the average body build is represented by a slender person of light weight and low stature with a small lung capacity, and a distinct disinclination to work of any kind, either physical or mental. These same people, migrating to temperate zone lands of greater storminess and lower temperatures, show a decided change in the first generation of children raised under the new conditions. Stature and body weight more nearly approximate temperate zone standards and the individuals possess the alert bearing and greater supply of energy available for action that is characteristic of temperate regions. ●

\**Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc.*, **19**, 142.

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