

moderate winter series at Baltimore being four to eight years, while the cold winter series is usually somewhat longer, running to as high as 14 years.—*John R. Weeks*, in Baltimore newspapers.

NEW OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF WEATHER BUREAU STATIONS

About 20 Weather Bureau officials and employees in the field service were retired early in the fiscal year beginning with last July 1 under the retirement of age provision of the so-called "Economy Act." Administrative officers of the Weather Bureau and the Department of Agriculture, desiring to maintain the weather service at the maximum saving possible without serious detriment to essential activities, invoked that section of the Act which made possible filling absolutely essential positions by authorization in writing by the President of the United States.

As a result, the more important of these vacancies have been filled by transfer and promotion of officials in line for such work. A list of stations and officials affected by this action is given in the following:

Clarence J. Root, for many years Section Director of Illinois, has been placed in charge of the Detroit station.

Elward W. Holcomb has succeeded Mr. Root at Springfield as Section Director of Illinois.

Frank T. Cole has been made Official in Charge at Mobile, succeeding Mr. Holcomb.

Walter B. Hare has been placed in charge of the Phoenix, Ariz. Section Center.

Lawrence H. Daingerfield has been placed in charge of the Los Angeles station.

Clinton E. Norquest has succeeded Mr. Daingerfield at Houston, as Section Director of Texas.

Harry G. Carter has succeeded Mr. Norquest at Boise, as Section Director of Idaho.

Robert P. Powell has been made Section Director of West Virginia at Parkersburg.

Robert M. Williamson has been made Section Director of Tennessee at Nashville.

Walter J. Bennett has been made Section Director of Florida at Jacksonville.

William W. Talbott has succeeded Mr. Bennett as Official in Charge at Tampa.

Charles C. Williford has succeeded Mr. Talbott as Official in Charge at Springfield, Mo.

William A. Mitchell has been made Official in Charge at Savannah.

Edgar H. Fletcher has been made Official in Charge at Sacramento.

George W. Mindling has been made Section Director of Georgia at Atlanta.

John C. Fisher has been made Section Director for New York at Ithaca.

William H. Tracy has succeeded Mr. Fisher as Official in Charge at Syracuse.

Paul E. Johnson has succeeded Mr. Tracy as Official in Charge at Grand Rapids.