

## EDITORIAL

### Editorial Procedures for the Monthly Weather Review

During the past four years the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW has prospered under the editorship of Dr. Chester Newton. High standards for published papers have been maintained in a period of growth. The new editorial staff wishes to recognize and express our appreciation to Chester Newton and his Assistant to the Editor, Harriet Newton, for their leadership during the past four years. Their tenure began with the change of MWR's sponsorship from NOAA to the AMS.

Beginning 1 January 1978, the editorship is transferred to a Chief Editor and three editors. The Chief Editor is Professor Donald R. Johnson, Professor of Meteorology and Associate Director of the Space Science and Engineering Center at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. The three editors are Dr. John J. Cahir, Associate Professor of Meteorology at The Pennsylvania State University, Mr. James C. Fankhauser, Staff Scientist with the Convective Storms Division at NCAR, and Dr. John B. Hovermale, Chief of the Atmospheric Modeling Branch at the National Meteorological Center. The reason for the decentralization of editorial responsibility is that the volume of work is too much for one or two unpaid individuals to assume over a period of time. With the favorable experience of the joint editorships for JAS and JAM, the Publication Commission and the Council of the American Meteorological Society have approved a similar arrangement for MWR.

The objective of the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW as stated on the inside front cover remains virtually unchanged. A more detailed discussion of the subject areas that are appropriate for publication in MWR and the other AMS journals is set forth in an editorial in the August 1975 issue of the BULLETIN.

All new manuscripts submitted for publication to MWR will be sent to the Chief Editor, who will assign each manuscript to one of four editors (including himself) depending on the areas of responsibility and the work load in each area. The broad areas of responsibility are:

- 1) Editor Cahir—operational meteorology and diagnostic studies of primary and secondary scales.
- 2) Editor Fankhauser—cumulus convection, severe weather and mesoscale phenomena.
- 3) Editor Hovermale—theoretical and numerical studies of primary and secondary scales.

Each editor designated for a paper has the responsibility and authority for securing appropriate reviews, for corresponding directly with the author and for reaching an editorial decision about the publication.

In regard to the review process, our staff will follow the editorial policies established by the Publication Commission and Editor Newton. We trust that with the new procedures, the joint editorship, the assistance of reviewers and the support of the scientific community, the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW will continue to be an outstanding medium for publication in the field of meteorology.

*Donald R. Johnson*