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MRS. E. L. GROVE, Dale Enterprise Weather Station Observer, shows Weather Bureau's John Campanius Holm Award for "outstanding accomplishment in the field of meteorological observations". Only 30 were presented in the nation this year.
(New-Record Photo)

AT DALE ENTERPRISE

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Weather Bureau Top Award To Mrs. Grove

Mrs. Elizabeth Grove Heatwole, observer at the Dale Enterprise Weather Station established by her father, the late Lewis J. Heatwole, 80 years ago, has received from the Weather Bureau the distinguished John Campanius Holm Award "for outstanding accomplishment in the field of meteorol-

ogy observation."

Only 30 of the 12,000 volunteer weather observers in the nation received the award this year. Bennett Swinson, of the Weather Bureau at Washington made the award presentation to Mrs. Grove at Dale Enterprise Thursday.

Citation of Long Record

The citation notes that the award was presented "for faithfully maintaining, with assistance from her late brother, Justus B. Heatwole, the Cooperative Weather Station at Dale Enterprise, Va., founded by her father, Lewis J. Heatwole, in 1880 and for excellence in the recording of the weather records of this station completely every day since 1885.

The large certificate was signed by Dr. F. W. Reichelderfer, chief of the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Commerce. It shows a Colonial clergyman making entries with a quill pen. The Holm award is named after the first systematic weather observer in what is now the United States. The Rev. John Campanius Holm, a Swedish chaplain, took daily observations at Swedes Fort, near what is now Wilmington, Del., for the year 1644 and 1645.

One Oldest in Nation

The Dale Enterprise weather station is the oldest in Virginia in continuous operation by one family and is believed to be one of the three oldest continuous family-operated volunteer stations in the nation.

Mrs. Grove's father, Mr. Heatwole, began his weather observations when a youth in 1868. He

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