

METEOROLOGICAL NOTE NO.....
THE CLOUDINESS OF LAOAG, ILOCOS NORTE

In the Ilocano dialect the word Laoag means bright or clear. It is commonly stated and it has been written that the town of Laoag derived its name from the brightness of its sky. ⁽¹⁾ The observations of cloudiness taken at 2 p.m. for thirteen consecutive years from 1913 to 1925 have been summarized for the purpose of ascertaining whether modern meteorological observations confirm or disprove the foundation of the traditional origin of the name of Laoag. The afternoon cloudiness only has been considered because the condition of the sky around noon, more than the cloudiness in the early morning, is the element that influences outdoor activities like farming, travelling, sports and aerial photography.

The observations made at the first and second class stations from 1913 to 1925 show very clearly two facts. The first is that the mean annual cloudiness, as derived from the 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. observations is 4.7 for Laoag, as against 4.9 for Vigan, 5.5 for Dagupan, Pangasinan and San Isidro, Nueva Ecija, 5.7 for Legaspi, Albay, 6.0 for Aparri, Cagayan, 6.2 for Cebu, Cebu, 6.3 for Baguio, Mountain and Calbayog, Samar, 6.5 for Surigao, Surigao and Iloilo, Iloilo, 6.8 for Ormoc, Leyte, 6.9 for Zamboanga, Zamboanga, Tabgilaran, Bohol, Tuguegarao, Cagayan, 7.1 for Atimonan, Tayabas and Tacloban, Leyte, 7.2 for Capiz, Capiz, and 7.5 for Daet, Camarines Norte and Ambulong, Batangas.