

## Local Man Retires, Heads LDS Mission

J. Stuart McMaster, Brigham City resident and regional solicitor, Department of the Interior, was presented with an award of \$1,000 for superior service at a retirement dinner given in his honor Tuesday at the University of Utah panorama room.

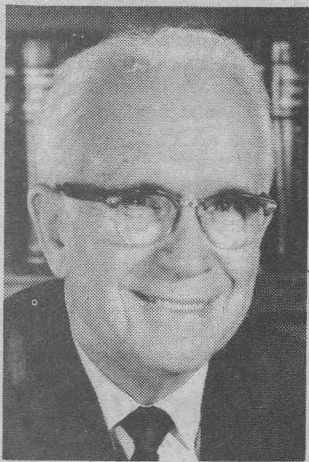
The award was presented by Raymond C. Coulter, Deputy Solicitor, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Solicitor Mitchell Melich in recognition of Mr. McMaster's service as legal advisor for the Department of the Interior extending over a period of more than 36 years.

"Mr. McMaster is a man of integrity and an outstanding water lawyer," Coulter said, citing as an example his successful negotiation of agreements among the United States, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the Ute Indian Tribe for water development for the Central Utah Project of the Colorado River Storage project.

The dinner was attended by friends and associates of Mr. McMaster and included Regional and Field Solicitors from throughout the West, prominent attorneys, and water district officials from throughout the state.

Mr. McMaster is retiring from government service to accept an assignment by the LDS church to serve as Mission President of the Central States Mission at Independence, Mo. His wife, Clara Watkins McMaster, will company him.

Special tribute was paid to McMaster by Commissioner of Reclamation Ellis L. Armstrong. "Reclamation owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. McMaster for his untiring efforts in the development of natural resources in the west," he



**HIGH AWARD** — J. Stuart McMaster, former Brigham City resident has received a special government award for superior service. He is now retiring from the government to serve as Mission President of the Central States Mission, Independence, Mo.

stated. He has been instrumental in the preparation of legislation for and the creation of water conservancy districts in Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. He wrote repayment contracts on Federal reclamation projects in many of these states and advised and counseled in interstate compact matters for the development, utilization, and conservation of water in the West. During his career he has directed the legal work necessary for the construction of such dams as Glen Canyon and Flaming Gorge.

The McMasters have four children: Dr. John S. McMaster, Thomas, Brent and Mrs. J. Gene (Diane) McCoun.