



#157 BURGARD, George E., Ex-W2GEC. Handle "George". First 2-way wireless contact 1909. Started with open gap spark transmission and reception on electrolytic, pericon, galena, silicon, and carborundum detectors. All apparatus was home made except spark coil (E.I. Co. Hundred Mile Wireless coil). During same period also had many contact, "VN, Irving Vermilya; FK, Frank King; Dr, Dr. Hudson; HB, Dr. Besser; and "GZ", George Eltz. Commercial First Class License since May 25, 1917.



#158 PHILLIPS, N. Vance, W6GH, Ex-6GH, 9BDP. Handle "Vance". Born May 9, 1904. First 2-way wireless contact 1915. Occup: Retired Rancher. First came on the air in 1915, signing N.Y. Received present call without the "W" in 1919. Also 9BDP in early '20's. Member ARRL (40 yrs.). Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club, OTC & Antique Wireless Associaton. Gives talks on history of radio and is looking for antique gear to use in these talks. Is active on 2 meters.

#159 KISER, Cyril J., Ex-W8GNO
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE



#160 BENSON, Lester A., Ex-WØZB, Ex-9VP. Handle "Les". Born February 6, 1899. First 2-way wireless contact 1915. Occup: Present Blue Ridge Realty & Investment Co. Introduced and patented Benwood Quenched spark gap 1918. Built and operated first broadcasting station in St. Louis, Mo., 1922. Also made first Police two way phone contact from moving automobile. Had many first in broadcasting Sports, News, and Special Events. Owned and operated B/C station WIL for 35 years in St. Louis.