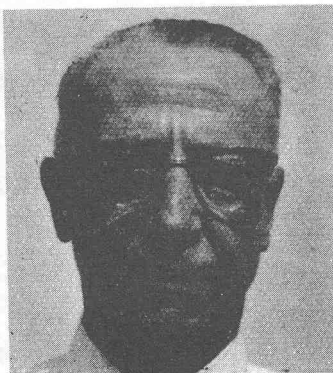


#313 BIRCH, Werner A., K2DC, Ex-9ABI, 6GL. Handle "Werner". Born December 25, 1897. First 2-way wireless contact 1911. Present occup: Retired Musician and Orchestra Director. One of Minnesota's First amateurs (1911), located at Chisholm, Minn. One of first hams of Finnish descent in U.S. Name formerly Koivunen, anglicized to "Birch" in 1919. Was a well-known theatre pipe organist and orchestra director for RKO Theatres, "Albee" at Brooklyn, and the "Fordham" in the Bronx, N.Y.C. Father was a well-known Finnish band director in Montana, Minnesota, Michigan, and California.



#314 LINK, Murray, Sk, W6OHU, Ex-6BWQ. Handle "Murray". Born May 3, 1907. First 2-way wireless contact 1922. Occup: Electronics Engineering and Research. Graduated UCLA EE 1927. Post Grad. courses Microwaves and Tubes U. of Cal. and Stanford. At age 12 built several "Navy" loose-couplers and spark XMTRS, then 1BGF tuner with audiotron plus phone rig with absorption loop modulation 6BWQ 1922-27. Broadcast Engr. 1935-41. U. of Cal. Electronic Research 1942-1952 plus hamming. EIMAC tube development and production engineer 1953-1960. To present Univ. of Cal. back on air 1961, SSB, banging away for DXCC and WAZ, but prefer to ragchew.



#315 WURTZ, Edward J., Ex-WjJT. Handle "Ed." Born Jan. 22, 1892. First 2-way wireless contact 1914. Present occup: Retired. First activity was building a receiver and copying "BO", Fessenden station at Brant Rock, Mass., sending the letter "D" to U.S. Fleet circumnavigating the globe. Copying press from "MCC", later WCC, South Wellfleet, Mass.; also about 1916 copying POZ, OUI, and also Tuckerton, N.J. 1917-1917 in U.S. Army Signal Corps in France. Was Radio Officer for 43rd Inf. Div. "Now have a Viking Ranger and an NC 183-D. Enjoy amateur radio very much."



#316 MEYER, Joseph W., W2VW. Handle "Joe." Born March 26, 1901. First 2-way wireless contact 1913. Present occup: General Foreman-Bendix Corp. In 1913 and 1914 had QSO with friend half a block away with spark coils. Started to build big rig but WW1 interfered. 1919, lid off, issued call 8VW, on air with "Thordarson Thunder Factory", rotary gap, Mignon receiver and audiotron. Got Benwood gap by request. Spark lost battle to the 5 watter. Interest in electronics lead to position with Bendix Corp. supervising assembly and testing operations.