

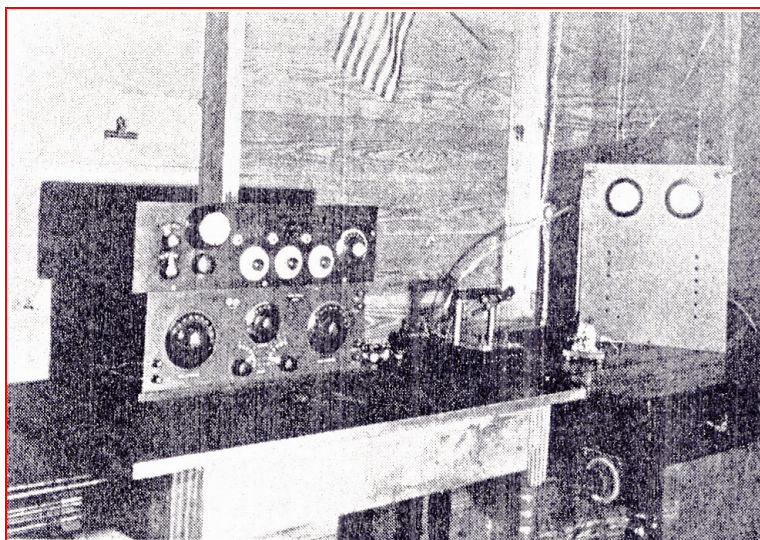
Major General Loren G. Windom **W8GZ** 1905-1988 of Reynoldsburg, Ohio a suburb of Columbus. Windom's article on the wire antenna has served two generations and more since his article in QST Sept. 1929. He had wonderful success on 40 Meters at that time with very low power and had the throngs wondering how he was accomplishing the feat!



As a pre-war guardsman Windom then serving 1940-45 commander of the 145th Infantry. Later on the 37th Adjutant General of Ohio in 1959, appointed by governor.

The Windom antenna (off center fed) has never lost any favor and more recently some German designs have

augmented the wire once more in the Lime Light. My first inkling of the antenna was as a boy starting out in Trenton NJ (W2RIE) My Pal George W2RIU was using a home built Windom and had good success with 75 watts. The Generals 1923 station in Columbus consisted of a Grebe CR-3 detector and two step audio amp & Brandes phones. Transmitter, fifty-watter in reversed feedback circuit with series plate supply.



Antenna, six wire tapering cage, five feet at top to 18 inches at lower end 60 feet long and 55 feet high; cage lead-in. Dx - from 4OI to 6XAD - heard in Panama & 2K miles east of NY etc.

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