

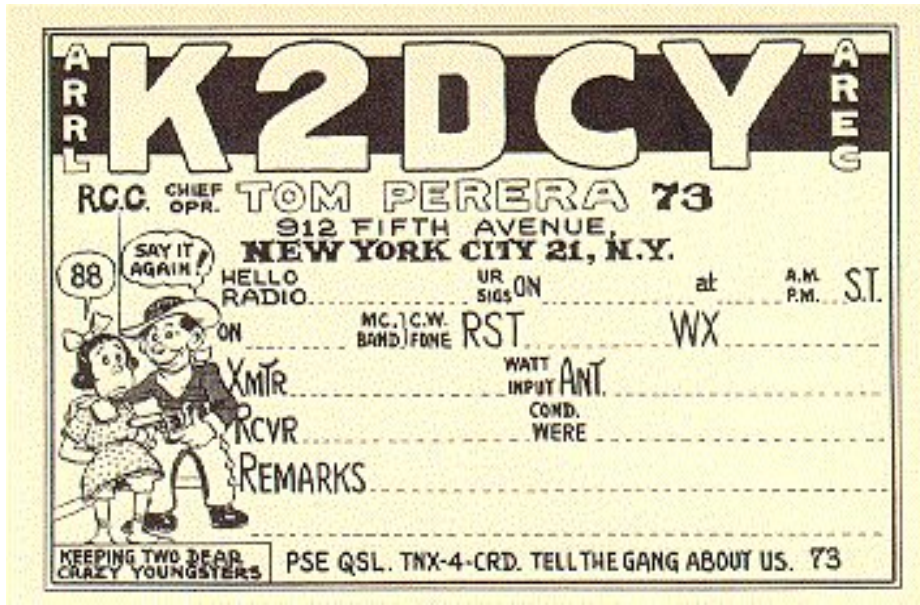
**Otto Eppers W8EA - W2EA** - Born around 1900 at Clearfield County Penna - A Photographer and prolific radio cartoonist - ties with ARRL in the 1923 era, staff artist - His old curmudgeon characters were enjoyed by the faithful. Many of the Manhattan's Radio Row stores used Otto for their sales cartoon advertisements. I believe Uncle Dave at Orange Radio used Otto frequently.

He continued his vocation as commercial artist and photographer in NYC moving there Pre war and art work for Chesler Publications, I.W. & Marvel Comics. a lot of his work appeared in the personal QSL card business.

Not much more about Epp is known at present, he was a Charter member of the QCWA (12) Otto engineered the QCWA Logo making some modifications and added sparks to develop the unforgettable logo. His death was noted in 1953 in the Q.C.W.A. Journal.

I first knew about Otto reviewing old issues of QST and a personal friend W8CMS of Newton Falls Ohio, Claire Sutton knew Otto and appeared in a group photo taken at Otto's studio near Erie Penna during one of the yearly hamfests in that region in the period of the early 1930's.

As you can see, Om Otto had a good sense of humor and an interesting style of advertising his talents as a writer and artist. Continued W8EA/W2EA



K2DCY by Otto Eppers W2EA circa 1953.



Otto's own card from Clearfield PA in 1927

The 1927 Clearfield Pa City Directory states Frances Smith Eppers and Otto Eppers reside at 212 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, his occupation is listed as a watchman. Epp is listed in the "Who's Who" Bio section. He had some interesting titles "Inspector Fumble" - IMA Slooth - Scottie etc. Note - The Dimeling Hotel in Clearfield Pa has an interesting past and is on the National register. W8SU 2007

