

**Edward F. (Connie) Conyngham W7ESJ \*1905-1970\*** Our talented cartoon artist, raised in the Portland Oregon area. Connie's interest in radio dated back to his early childhood when he heard all the wonderful accounts of how the operator on the SS Titanic sent out messages reporting the disaster. A few years later an ex U.S. Navy operator gave Connie first hand information on the workings of radio and in 1934 he was issued his first license.

Connie had a special room in his home where the had a good size collection of Navy surplus equipment that included a bit of everything in the military service. He utilized even the more common gear such as the BC 342 and Navy command receivers for monitoring. Antennas used regularly were 80 Meter half wave, center fed with ladder line, 100 foot Marconi and a 50 foot Marconi.

ARRL membership and service was an important occurrence in Connie's life, he held many positions including SCM, OO and SEC. He was awarded public service certificates for his assistance in Columbia River and other emergencies.



Conyngham's military service on a destroyer in 1939, was clocked for one and one half hours receiving press at 52 W.P.M. He held membership in the Portland Amateur Radio Club and the Amateur Radio Association of Bremerton and was an enthusiastic participant in the monthly on the air parties for League Officials. A retired Navy man, Connie enjoys skiing, sailing, rowing and watching baseball, other hobbies, cartooning and drawing.

We are learning a good deal about W7ESJ, his artistry adorned the pages of CQ Magazine regularly in the 40s - 50s - Plus his clever usage of an insertion called "Dollars for Watts" which consisted of a ham operator and his vocation done with cleverness in the Connie Abstract Ways. Our subject designed QSL cards commercially and are adorned in the pages of [www.w8jyz.com](http://www.w8jyz.com) -

Our subject rests at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland Oregon. "Lt Edward Conyngham USN" I am sure Connie's wife (Faith) rests with him who also was a Lieutenant in the USN. Credit QST July 1955. CQ Magazine for "Dollars for Watts" W8SU 2009

