

Wendell W. King *2ADD-W8NBV* 1897–1965 - W. King from Troy NY. Studied at Union College Schenectady, NY under the legendary Steinmetz. Mr. King was given credit of engineering the First college radio station broadcast in the USA at Union College Schenectady under King's personal call. Mr. King served in the Army American Expeditionary forces in WW I. Wendell earned his electrical engineering degree in 1922 from Union College and entered the radio communications world.

According to a black journal, The Crisis Magazine April 1930 - Station WEDH in Erie Penna is the station of the Erie-Dispatch-Herald. Their coverage reaches to Canada and to the Gulf of Mexico and reaches 39 states in the Union. The Chief Radio Engineer is a black supervisor, Wendell King.

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SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Broadcasting License WRL March 14 1925

RADIO **CCCY** YOUR SPARK Were heard At this Station on date

I. C. W. SIGS Worked FONE

At 4:35 A. M. E. S. T. Gud Audibility when U were Working 2XQ

QSS slite QRM some QRN some TONE good

Equipment of 2XQ used at time

Receiving Low Loss Tuner with One Step Two Step

Transmitting UV 204 on 80 meters

Aerial single wire almost vertical Rad. 3 1/2 T. C. Amps.

Remarks I was very pleased to work you. Hope we are able to connect up often

Pse QSL.—QRK 2XQ? QSR any time 73 Union College Radio Club

Opr. David W. Dana "AF"

Wendell is a member of the IRE and Alliance of Electrical Engineers. For a time he employed in the research labs at G.E. Company Schenectady.

Mr. King entered electrical manufacturing in Cleveland and then took charge of a radio station in Ashtabula., Ohio. Under his supervision this station WJPW was moved to Erie in December 1927 - in The Crisis Magazine

article it stated King was age 29 and single. His station in Erie Pa WEDH atop the commerce office building, a 11 story sky scraper in downtown. It was noted Wendell pioneered in ham radio and was in electrical engineering research with Dawson F. Bliley of manufacturing fame, Erie.

We have a note that King appears in the Erie county paper expiring there 3-2-65 a radio engineer. At age 67 - surviving wife Iva, two sisters and a brother. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

King had an interesting life in radio electronics field. In 1946 Mr King held W8NBV QTH. Bird Drive, Erie Penna.

Pictured is Union College on King's QSL card.

