



Mrs Lee deForest *WB6ZJR* 1896-1983 Born Marie Mosquini, silent film actress, co-starred with Stan Laurel and more notably Will Rogers. She retired from acting and married Dr. Lee deForest in 1930 and became a well known society hostess.

In 1967 Marie presented Dr. deForest's papers and memorabilia to Foothills Electronics Museum, for the memorial library collection. Mrs. deForest came on the scene like a lot of us did then, she was listed as a Novice Class in the Spring of 68 Call Book. "Marie M. deForest."

The May 1999 Bulletin of the Foothills Amateur Radio Society a note appeared about Marie deForest taking part in the 1973 Electronics Museum celebration on the air of Doctor Lee deForest's 100th

birthday. The celebration was a daytime operation from the club station and was guest operated by Marie during one hour on the air. Each contact was sent a special commemorative QSL card. All mentioned of having a exciting time and over 300 contacts were made throughout the day.

It is known that Dr. deForest was a good Morse operator but never delved into ham radio as a hobby but rather spending his time in the laboratory. The Doctor's last pursuit was his book asserting he is the "Father of Radio." That book is rare today and if found is valuable.

Marie Mosquini deForest was a devoted wife and was the Doctors 4th marriage that really worked. After Lee's death, Marie accepted many speaking engagements about her life with Dr. Lee deForest. She expired in Los Angeles, 1983. Your author observed them both on Ralph Edwards "This Is Your Life!" On the national telecast, Mr. DeForest looked stunned while Marie just radiated with joy!

Late Note per leedeforest.org - After Lee de Forest's death in 1961, his wife Marie donated his papers, many photos, his OSCAR and much of his technology to the Perham Foundation in San Jose. In the early 1970s the Perham collection became the Foothills Electronics Museum. When that museum closed in the early 1990s, the de Forest papers were moved to a secure vault for storage. In 2003, the Perham collection, including the de Forest collection was transferred to History San Jose, the major museum of Silicon Valley History.