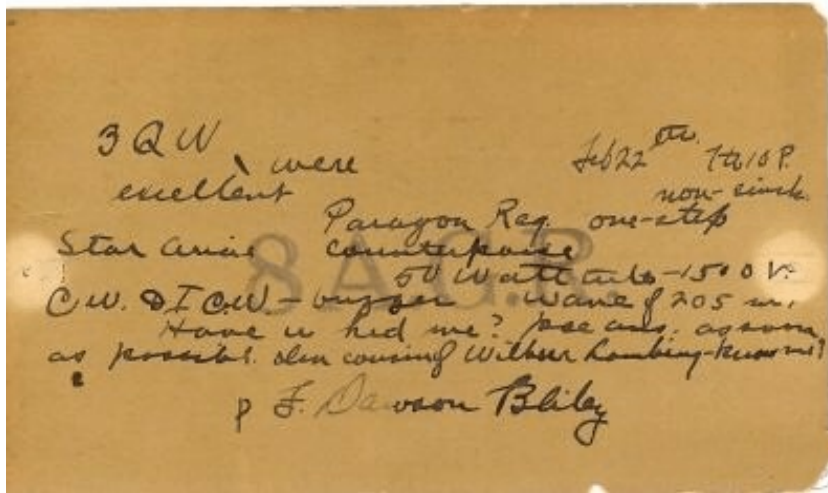


Frank Dawson Bliley*8AGR*W8GV W3GV *1906-1955* The founder of Bliley Electric Company, a lawyer's son, born in Erie Pa, April 29, 1906. Dawson - as his friends called him, received his first amateur radio license in 1920 at the age of 14 years and operated under the call sign (8AGR)

The Bliley station consisted of two antennas, a crystal receiver, a single audion tube receiver and a 1 KW spark transmitter, which he bought for fourteen dollars. An amateur radio diary indicates his crystal set outperformed his audion tube receiver, at least at the first.



The fall of 1920, Dawson moved with his parents to Boulder, Colorado, for the betterment of his father's health. He operated from Boulder under the call 9AXT with a rebuilt version of his audion receiver and A.C. powered half KW spark transmitter. His new antenna was a 58 foot long cage "L" with the horizontal element made of five wires (two

aluminum and 3 copper) spread apart at each end with bicycle wheel rims. A note in his log says the bedsprings were part of the ground system and the house lights flickered because of the high current demand of his spark transmitter.

Bliley's life and accomplishments are chronicled on the Internet. The company is still in business and it seems like old times! They have a company history section that is worth while looking at.

It is amazing we could find a (8AGR) QSL card and a more recent amateur position. The companies older material, to those who are searchers can find a lot of it in those secluded Hamfests yet today.

