

**William C. Goggin W8ECQ \*1911-1988\*** To Charles (Attorney) and Sara Goggin 812 State Street Alma, Michigan. A brother Edward and sister Elizabeth. Bill's family life in Alma included the Boy Scouts Association, attending grade school and high school in Alma. Early interests in engineering.

Bill was a fine student and earned a B.S. Chemistry, Physics and math, Alma College in 1933. By 1935 he earned a B.S.E.E. at University of Michigan and in 1936 M.S. Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan.

While a graduate student Bill interviewed with Dow Chemical Company and joined their staff in the student engineer training program in 1936. There he learned first hand the specialties of chemical engineering. After completion Groggin assisted in setting up testing procedures for new polymer electrical insulators.

Groggin received a patent for a cording stretching apparatus. Groggin's work in Dow's Plastic Division coincided with the rise of plastics in the world market, especially during World War II. He rose steadily through the company, remaining an employee with Dow for his entire career. He retired as Chairman of the Board Dow Corning Corporation in 1976.

There is an extensive interview in Chemical Heritage Foundation in which Bill was interviewed in August 1986 just before our subject expired. Bill's QSL card interested me because of the date 1933 with expensive graphics, not many could afford in the 30s. He had built a better than average amateur radio station and heavy power rectifiers.

Bill unfortunately had to deal with Polio in his lifetime but it didn't stop him with fraternal and business interests. He attended Harvard Advanced Management Program. Member of (SPE) Society of Plastics Engineers; (PMMA) Plastics Materials MFG Association; (MCA) Manufacturing Chemists Association.

Bill Groggin expired  
14 December 1988,  
Midland, Michigan.

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