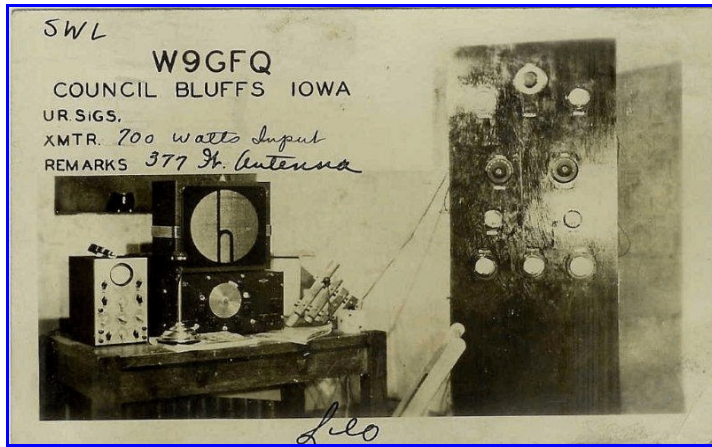


Leo Meyerson WØGFQ - Born in Omaha the year 1911, then in 1919 the Meyerson family moved to Council Bluffs. Leo is founder of WRL, without a doubt one of the most influential people from the Midwest in the history of ham radio! Dedicated to the same spirit, Leo and his WRL staff showed the spirit of honesty, engineering and good salesmanship. In my early radio days WRL manufactured its own products, notably under the Globe and Galaxy brand names.

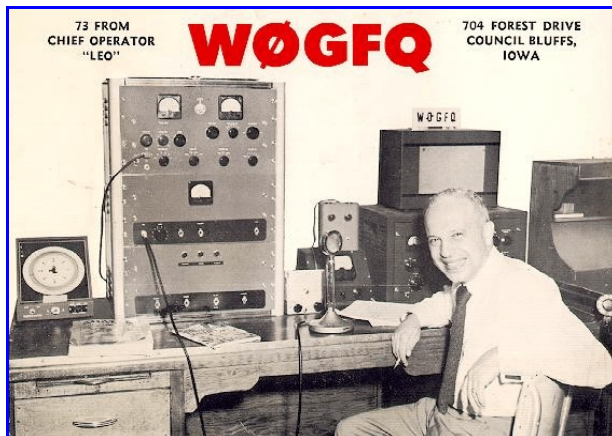


Leo's interest in wireless began in 1920, a class room lecture in Council Bluffs about the advent of radio broadcasting stations, Leo and a friend built a one tube receiver on which they heard KDKA's first broadcast from Pittsburgh. He knew early on to surround himself with gifted people.

Mr. Meyerson was first licensed in 1928, augmenting his hobby with funds earned as an organist, playing in the silent movie days. A lot has been written about

Leo and the strands have a common beginning "Contribution." The younger generation is still learning about Leo because of his generosity of grants and scholarships for those in need and deserving of a good education.

To those of us who drool over Leo's old equipment designs, names such as Globe Trotter, Globe Scout, Chief, Champion and Globe King - some lucky enough to still have some of those boat anchors around to wax nostalgic and have the thrill of operating some well designed affordable equipment. In 1960, the Globe line was sold to Tectron, and there was a merger in 62 Globe/Tectron and RME/Electronics with the result named GC Electronics, a division of Tectron.



GC Electronics is still in business today. OM Leo in his own words; OOTC SGT 707 - The most successful accomplishment of my career is having been married to a wonderful gal for over 60 years. Helen Wolinsky was from St. Joseph, Missouri and I met her by a fortunate accident. (In Tune with Leo) Continued on page two.



I was on my way by train to visit my friend Father Fox W9ESL, Leo said, in Valley Falls, Kansas. We were to attend an amateur convention the following day, but due to an accident my connection to Valley Falls was delayed in St. Joe until early the following morning. Here I was, stranded in St. Joe but fortunately I remembered a girl I had met during my college days in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I got in touch with her and found that a party was set for that evening and that's where I luckily met the girl of my dreams. I remember when Helen's engagement picture appeared in the local paper, we heard from several amateurs who used to follow my daily one way transmissions to Helen on 80 Meters. This occurred around noon when she came home for lunch. On weekends she would go over to one of the local amateurs to communicate with me - he was George Pilgrim, W9HTS.

Our engagement of 18 months culminated in an elopement marriage to Kansas City, Mo., on March 29, 1933. I recall we two young people were give the bridal suite for \$6 per day. The day after our marriage, President Roosevelt closed all the banks in the U.S.A. Don't forget this was during the deep depression days. I had fifty dollars for our short honeymoon of three days and still ended up with \$18 dollars. Father Fox always claimed he was responsible for my meeting Helen but amateur radio really was the catalyst.



We have a wonderful family of a son, daughter and six fine grandchildren, and have truly been blessed through the years! SOWP - SGP May 1993.

Probably the most successful business venture was production of Leo's WRL U.S. Map of amateur radio districts. Over 750,000 printed. Have you seen what they fetch on Ebay these days? Mine is proudly displayed on the shack wall with Leo's autograph! Partially scripted from QSL net KP4MD/QCWA Chapter 154. QSL's from the W8JYZ files, far too many to print.