

In 1986 our intrepid cartoonist Gil Gildersleeve W1CJD long time Staff cartoonist ARRL was honored with "The Gil Cartoon Book" His daughter wrote the ARRL with the following;

THE IMMORTAL "GIL"

□ You can't imagine the thrill it was when my mother surprised me with *The Gil Cartoon Book*. As Gil's daughter, I spent much of my time in the "backroom" that served as his art studio and radio room. Dad's ability to work so quickly and seemingly without effort, along with never-ending patience, made it possible for me to spend many happy hours including him in my play while he worked. Little did I know of deadlines. It didn't seem to matter though.

He managed to be a successful cartoonist, radio operator, and playmate all at the same time.

Most of the cartoons in *The Gil Cartoon Book* are unfamiliar to me. However, there are a few I recall Dad working on the quick transition from pencil on paper to the finished product. I never really understood Jeeves, but I will never forget him.

It's been twenty long years since Dad died, but this book, along with his watercolors, make the memories come alive and the years melt away. I can't thank you enough for creating this tribute to my father. He will live on through this wonderful book, and we will all be able to enjoy his cartoons time and time again.—*Barbara Gildersleeve Tripoli, Portland, Connecticut*