

Merle Elroy Werts W8QHV *1910-1967* The main spark of the Piqua Radio Club. Merle Expired quite young at age 56 of 711 S Downing Street Piqua, Ohio.

Merle was the long time Piqua Radio Club Custodian W8SWS starting in 1938; Piqua Radio Club 409 First Street Piqua, Oh. Thru the years the only thing changing in 1947 was the street address to 415 and a half North Main. Mr. Werts was still the custodian of record. Eventually the club house would meet out at the City Water Works on Hwy 66.

Our subject married Lola J. In 1942. They had 4 children.

I recall the W8SWS group in town mentioning Merle at times and was a good organizer with lots to enhance the radio club. He held many jobs in the early days of the depression, Caddy, printer, propeller finisher and electrician.



The local region enjoyed their High School sports events and the Piqua Indians were always a big draw in the fall months. As a lot of folks in that area had a particular hobby of fishing and mushrooming in Michigan. Merle loved the prior in Michigan. Both QSL samples we have seem to point into the CW direction of Merle's interests on the air. Merle died the year I was hired on the Highway Patrol. Werts was the real Piqua Radio Club first Indian and facilitator. Thanks to Bob Green for call book information.

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