



VALLEY OF THE GIANTS



William G. Biddle
1901 - 1992

William G. Biddle was an Engineers Club member from 1924 until the time of his death in 1992. As a 15-year-old newsboy, he delivered the *Dayton Journal* to the original Engineers Club building at the

corner of East 2nd and Madison Streets in 1916.

Born in 1901, he graduated in 1919 from Steele High School's Cooperative Education Department (later to become Patterson Co-op), and as an NCR Cooperative Student attended the University of Cincinnati.

He was an active original member of The Dayton Wireless Club in 1916 (of which he was the last surviving member), and in 1917 was one of the first ham radio operators (for which he was later honored with a 70-year certificate from the Quarter Century Wireless Association).

In 1921, Bill founded Dayton's first wholesale business as William Hall Electric (which later became M. D. Larkin Division). He next became radio department supervisor of DP&L's Gas and Electric shop in 1929. In 1931, he became radio department manager for the Anderson Piano Co., and in 1932 joined the Graybar Electric Company with which he was associated until his retirement in 1966.

Mr. Biddle was a long-time friend of Club member Stanley Copp, with whom he helped organize and construct Dayton's first radio broadcasting station. He was also a long-time friend of George Leland, with whom he spent many hours discussing electrical motors and controls.

He was a life-long member of the Institute of Radio Engineers, IRE (now called the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, IEEE), as well as Dayton Amateur Wireless Assn., Quarter Century Wireless Assn., Old Time Radio Club, Antique

Wireless Club, and the Greater Cincinnati Radio Assn. Other active memberships included the Oakwood Kiwanis Club, Scottish Rite, Antioch Shrine and the Lutheran Church.

For many of his latter years, Bill Biddle was very active in The Engineers Club as its Archivist. Members would call on Bill to enlighten them with respect to events and other Club members, as he kept every Club bulletin and write-up that came his way, and he attended all Club events as well as nearly every luncheon for many years.

Bill Biddle was a splendid example of a Giant who has spurred others to achieve skills and success in our Valley of the Giants!



Sorry ... in last month's Valley of the Giants, we forgot to put in a picture of Ivonette Wright Miller.