

News from around the Call Areas

Area 6

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A man who “puts up or” shuts up”

Earl Lockhart, N6ECE, is such a man. He has been a ham for some thirty years and a faithful member of OMIK for seven years. He was introduced by Moody Law, WQ6I to the Sunday morning net, where he enjoyed listening to Fred Ford, WB5HKV so much so that he decided to join OMIK.

Earl was born on a farm in Minden, Louisiana. He left the farm at age seven in 1934 was raised in Seattle, Washington. Earl was in for a very colorful and exciting life. He went to college to become an electrical engineer. He got hurt playing football in college. He moved to Alaska where he became a carpenter, but he was not too impressed when he got stuck atop a building for one and a half days in the middle of winter.

A man named Al Zerlick drove up to Earl one day and asked him if he could drive a truck. Earl responded, “Yes” (which was not exactly a fact) but Al must have liked Earl because he taught Earl to drive properly. Shortly afterwards, Earl went to work in Anchorage for Drake Puget Sound construction company. He started out driving a bus, then upgraded to a Caterpillar earth mover. When that job was done he went to work at Modern Electric as an electrician...he needed two union cards, and Earl got them.

Earl started playing baseball in Anchorage as a pitcher. One day in Seattle, he pitched two games and won them both. He was playing against (Triple A ballplayers).

After the second game Durio Serrano from the Seattle Rainier ball team had papers ready for Earl to sign. The team sent him to Los Angeles, and there he was told he would be playing professional baseball. Earl He played for the Seattle Rainiers—a minor league baseball team—for five years up and down the Pacific Coast.

Next he went to New York to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He pitched for them for about five years, until he hurt his arm hurt and could no longer pitch. So back to college he went to complete in degree in electrical engineering at UCLA.

He was hired by Teledyne, which had never had anyone of color working in his capacity, so they made a special title for him “A member of the technical staff.” Earl was “leased” to NASA for about twenty years. He says those were most exciting years in his life.

Earl has three daughters and one son all college educated. I believe this is a special man and people should know about him, his hand is always ready to pull out his wallet, there is never anything that OMIK or WARFA asks of this man that he does not grant, and everything he does is straight from his heart.

When asked him why he donates so much, Earl answers, “Because God has made it possible for me to do it.” Earl is a true man of distinction.



Earl with Gwen Mosby, wife of Leonard, KQØL