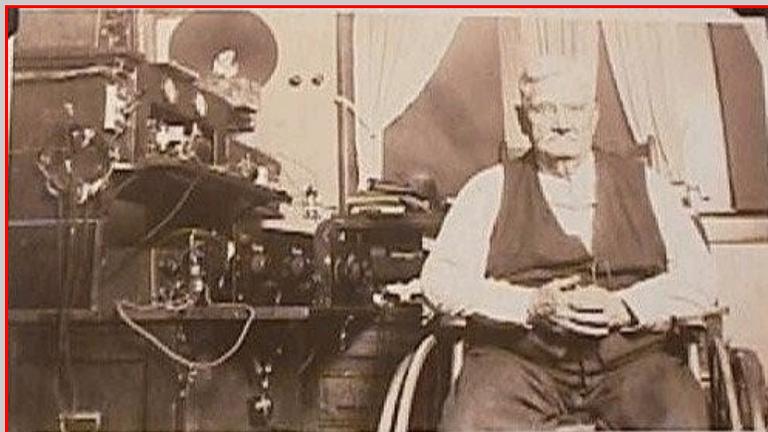


We're looking at Dr. George W. Kirk W8ARJ of the Toledo area, charter member Nr. 1 of the Chair Warmers' - He expired in 1934 and was considered the oldest living ham operator at the time. A lot of information has arrived from founder Walt Colpus relatives in the Pontiac Michigan and Northern Indiana regions and it makes further reading on the history of CWC.



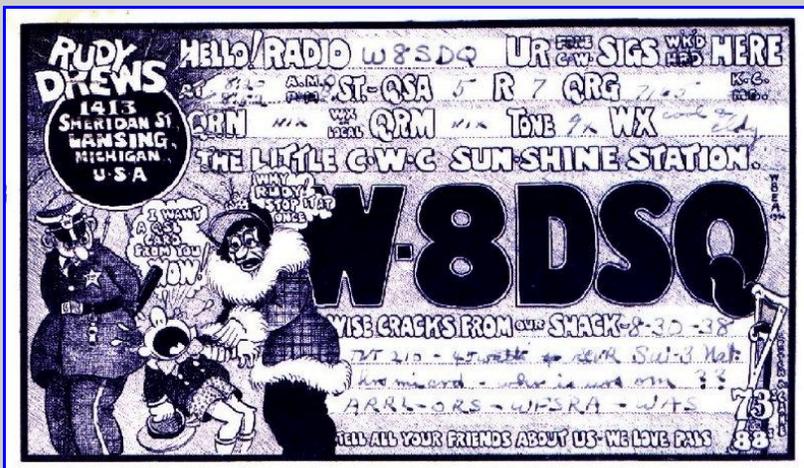
Information about the newsletter or official CWC publication, when and how. First the CWC was chartered with the ARRL in 1929. A news letter commenced in 1930 called "CWC Bulletin" The editor was W8EQ from Lima, Ohio.

The CWC Bulletin had 16 to 24 pages full of helps, news and membership data that was well respected and printed in house by the members. Rudy Drews

W8DSQ of Lansing Michigan a junior CWC'er and fellow handi-ham member runs off the news letters and collates the magazine and places them in the mail to members.

Then in 1934 the Michigan Chapter of CWC began a publication called "Crutch and Cane" magazine which evolved into a spectacular professionally printed "Outwitting Handicaps" they used glossy paper and the whole 9 yards! Their official publication "Outwitting Handicaps" lasted up into 1939 and we at the moment do not know when ceased publication.

Relatives of Walt Colpus W8BRS supplied me with material and a March-Apr 1939 Issue of Outwitting Handicaps that honored the death of the founder their relative Walt J. Colpus. I treasure that copy and am so fortunate to find one. Nancy Galloway and her sister Dorothy Dusenbury have been a great help in our history search for the Chair Warmers' - Rick Brooks of Indiana who I first contacted got me plugged to other family members and it has been a wonderful time of learning. I have searched for other copies of Outwitting Handicaps and find one made its way over to British Isles. There was considerable membership there too.



Little did W8BRS Walt Colpus realize that early spring morning as he sat at the key and sent out the familiar amateur call.."CQ" DE W8BRS...AR-K, that fate was waiting the destiny of hundreds of invalids. The man who answered that call was Max Colvin W9WV in Kansas City, KS. Our friend Rudy Drews from Lansing and others worked tirelessly putting out the original news letters. We still search for CWC QSL cards and material. W8SU 2009