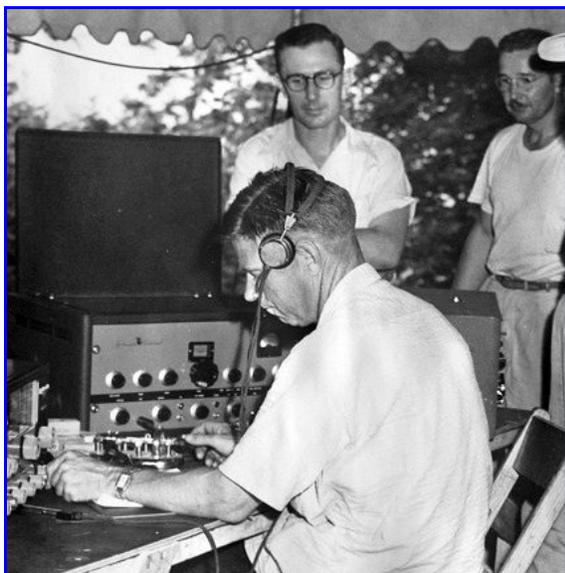


Dr. Forrest Pilgrim W4JD - *1905-1994* Of Kingsport TN. Forrest was a experienced DX'er and radio amateur since 1918. He was first licensed in 1921, a winner of WAZ, CW WPX several contest certificates and a member of the DXCC Honor Roll. CW is his preferred mode.

Forrest has been married to the same lady for 57 years (per 85 article) and is a chemist by profession. His son Forrest Jr (Fritz) is also AB4H. There was a tribute in CQ Magazine March 1985 where our subject W4JD was credited with historic amateur experience and active in radio since 1918.

We found further material about Forrest and his family in the Kingsport Amateur Radio Club files with extensive club activities where Forrest was a very active member along with his son Fritz. The Pilgrims were a extensive ham family and Fritz earned his ticket in 1963 and climbed the Honor Roll with 329/357 DX Countries. He is a retired Chemical engineer, owner of Pilgrim Rare Books. He remains active with the Kingsport TN ARC, CAP and Navy Mars.



Forrest Sr. (W4JD) at the key enjoying the 1951 Field Day activities. Held at the Tri-Cities Airport, Kingsport, Tn. Appreciation and fotos by N4TN dot com. I love those old boat anchors, pictured the Johnson Viking I. Also thanks to Fritz AB4H data gleaned from his web-page.

I can't help but think of the father figure Fritz had to enable him to continue on into a professional life. We are very sure he passed it along to his family too. Added, the call W4JD today is issued to the NE TN/SW VA OOTC Chapter 82. Forrest Pilgrim Sr., was member OOTC 553.

Here is the remainder of the Pilgrim Tribute.
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Kingsport Daily News March 18th 1981. “Dr. Forrest Pilgrim is Candidate for City Alderman.” Dr. Forrest D. Pilgrim, a retired Tennessee Eastman Executive has become a candidate for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in the May 19th election.

A native of Gainesville, Ga., Dr. Pilgrim is a graduate of Emory University in Atlanta (BS Emory 1927 and MS 1928. Earned his Doctorate at Northwestern Univ at Evanston, IL in 1932.

Dr. Pilgrim has been a resident of Kingsport since 1932 and has been active in various organizations. For many years he was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served as President in 1948. He and his wife Irene reside 1740 Orchard Court and are communicants of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. They have two children, both of whom are married and live in Kingsport Tenn.

Our subject is not the owner nor does he have any interest in any business in Kingsport, but he has become vitally interested in the affairs of the City Government in the past few years. Recently he has been a regular visitor at the Tuesday meetings of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. End

From Science Here and There (Department of Chemistry at Emory University) Dated November 15, 1934; A column called “Science Here and There” started in the Wheel, devoted to scientific notices and topics. It was being arranged for the Wheel by the Pi Alpha Chemical Fraternity in an attempt to provide a medium of expression for all interested in science in both the College and Professional Schools. One item reported was that Dr. Forrest D. Pilgrim, of the Tennessee Eastman Co., addressed the chemistry seminar on November 7th on the manufacture of cellulose acetate for photographic films and rayon. Dr. Pilgrim graduated from Emory in 1927 and received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University. End.

Our last photo courtesy N4TN Don Jones. (Dr. Pilgrim W4JD -right-shown below at the 1952 KARC Field Day near Tri-Cities Airport. Helping out with breakfast, Stan Angle W4KJY is on the left with a problem with flashback bacon!) May it be so! W8SU 2009

