

The subject of **Don Chesser W4K VX - W8K VX \*1917-1985\*** Originally from Bysville, Ohio comes up frequently. Chesser was a fine student and as proof won a scholarship in May of 1931. Chesser won Scout Honors for his participation. He was a top shelf C.W. operator and enjoyed giving out the old way of DX information by on the air contacts and a weekly bulletin that he printed and maintained for many years. Think of it, weekly. I don't believe that effort he made is possible in these times. We regret not meeting Don nor had the pleasure of a QSO on the bands.

Don's nifty DX Bulletins and material are collected today and to some of us, his memory is cherished. Several have made the statement "I can't understand why Don isn't in the DX Hall of Fame." His attendance in many expeditions and DX Editor of CQ Magazine, has great merit.

Chesser like myself served in the U.S. Coast Guard and came from the same region, Cambridge, Ohio and Don from Bysville, Ohio which is just south of the city limits of Cambridge in Guernsey County Southeast Ohio. The Chesser family is not without tragedy, herewith we try to explain a terrible family incident.

I had heard our subject Don lost a young brother many years ago in Bysville, the year Don Chesser was born. It was a tragic missing persons - drowning and I haven't been able to find any information until recently about the death. The ancestry articles are few in that past era.

Pat (XYL) and I haven't had a chance to visit Cambridge for a long while and that will be the source of most of the information in the Daily Jeffersonian. However I did find an article in the Lancaster paper dated 1917 because the Chesser family used to be members of that community.

Young Alva W. Chesser no age given wandered away from home in March of 1917 and was found expired 8 days later in a creek located in Guernsey County. We have the notice out of the Lancaster Daily Eagle dated 2 April 1917. I don't care for the way the article is presented but then, that was 1917 and they had their ways.

The W4K VX final years became recluse in KY, he enjoyed his quality audio system and Classical music. He collected and maintained each recording issuing a serial and timely information index. I'm sure we will hear more about this very talented man as he is mentioned in the DX circles quite frequently. In some small way we hope these notes might be seen and the ball get rolling to induct Don in the DX Hall! W8SU 2012

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**DEAD BODY**

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**Of Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Chesser of Bysville**

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**Is Found Floating in a Stream After Being Absent from Home for Over a Week—Were Former Lancaster Residents.**

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After being lost for over a week the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Chesser was found drowned in a stream near his home in Bysville Monday. The little fellow suddenly disappeared from home, and every effort that could possibly be made was put forth to locate him, but all attempts were in vain until the eighth day, when the body was found floating in the stream.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesser are well known in this city, having formerly lived here, and their many friends will be grieved to hear of this sad accident in their family.

Mrs. P. V. Casslev, of North High street is a sister of Mrs. Chesser.