

**Ero E. Erickson W9HPJ - KA9DYS \*1910-1993\*** Ero, another talented Finn from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, born in Ishpeming Mich of Finnish parents. Ero began his radio career building a crystal set while in high school.

Later he became the radio operator on a Great Lakes freighter, for Pennsylvania Central Airlines and the Illinois State Police. An avid writer, well known for his Rain Static column had a gift of using the English language with few, well chosen words.



Believed he earned his first license in 1931, and then becoming ILLINOIS State Police radio supervisor, engineer, writer and Radio Service Center owner/operator. Ero settled in the Chicago Region, married Sylvia Haubrich Erickson, they had one daughter.

Sylvia was also a gifted public servant, a Clinical Instructor at Marquette College of Nursing and Director of Nursing Services at Kenosha College and Bellin College of Nursing in green Bay.

Erickson was affiliated with Northwest Radio Club, Radio Club of America, ARRL, Arlington Hts Medical CD Net, APCO- VWOA and QCWA. Plus IEEE Fellow,

Old Old Timers Club and active in his neighborhood church. Then the Morse Telegraph Club and QPO Police Chapter CW. Ero could be counted on with his professional camera work to take interesting shots of events for the APCO newsletter.

Association Police Communications Officers, Inc., which honored Ero with a International Life Long membership, making significant contributions to the Association. His name was selected heading a Grant Committee, a program for the maintenance of the Chapters the fine Erickson historical collection at Bradley University Library as established by Illinois APCO. "Ero Erickson Grant Committee."

In the early 1950s Ero established E-Lectronics in Chicago emphasized the need for quality customer service by an independent supplier and service company - they literally pioneered E.F. Johnson radio market in the Chicago land area.

Erickson influenced many electronic men over the years and one in particular that was grateful for the chance of employment after WW2 which was W9BRD Rod Newkirk of "How's DX" fame and fellow ILL. State Police Communications man. Rod always spoke glowing of his mentor Ero! Erickson died at age 83, September 4<sup>th</sup> 1993 after a brief illness. He is missed by many!

Some scripting by Com/Rad Inc. Ed Flota - Chicago Tribune Sylvia Erickson expired June 2006- APCO Central Association - Ham Register 1958 from K8CX - OOTC Bulletin Nov 1993 - QSL cards courtesy of K8CX Ham Gallery collection. - One item I was not sure of the meaning out of Ham register "I was the only bonafide ham who appeared in Dick Tracy with call letters."