

**Narvel W. (Red) Reece \*W8EZF\* (1934-1960)** Kentucky born, son of a laborer, Red was one of the OVARA Cincy gang and was fellow Dx-peditioner with the KC4AF group in 1958. Hailed for his extraordinary skill in the pileups inventing the "DE" system of rapid 120 Q's per hour. Red was a Cincinnati Cop and relocated out in Southern California but had an untimely traffic death on the busy California freeway. Reece is buried at Arlington Memorial Gardens, Mount Healthy, Hamilton County Ohio. He was a former U.S. Navy enlisted man serving over seas. His parents and wife Marion survive. W8SU 2019

### Officer Killed

A series of accidents in the San Gabriel Valley claimed the lives of two persons yesterday and today and critically injured three others.

The dead:

William Michael Shea, 17, 670 Edgeview Dr., Sierra Madre.

Narvel Woodrow Reece, 25, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Shea died of head injuries last night in Methodist Hospital, Arcadia, after his motorcycle collided with that of a 16-year-old companion at Muscatel Avenue and Duarte Road, Rosemead.

California Highway Patrolmen said Shea and Larry Robert Ramsauer, 16, of 3180 Lombardy Rd., Pasadena, were eastbound on Duarte Road when Shea clipped his friend's motorcycle while making a right turn onto Muscatel.

Ramsauer was not injured.

Reece, a Cincinnati police officer, was killed today in a head-on collision on the San Bernardino Freeway, West Covina.

Critically injured in the accident was James Walter McGee, 62, of Upland.

CHP officers said the accident tied up rush hour traffic for nearly an hour in both lanes before the wreckage was cleared.

Officers said McGee's vehicle apparently jumped the divider strip and struck Reece's car head-on.

McGee is in Highland Hospital, Baldwin Park.

## Not Big, But Potent!

### Amateur's Transmitter Has Power Of Tiny Flashlight, Yet Hurdles Space.

*Editor's note: The Enquirer radio department will welcome information about other "ham" operators in this area with stories as unusual as the one printed here today. Letters may be addressed to John Caldwell or Magee Adams in care of The Enquirer.*

BY MAGEE ADAMS.

Narvel Reece, 2008 Colerain Ave., is one of the newest Cincinnati radio "hams." He received a Federal license for his amateur station,

W8EZF, on December 12. Since then he has "worked"—"Ham" lingo for being in two-way communication with—amateurs in nine states or provinces of Canada.

Quite a creditable score for a "new broom," you may say. But that's barely the beginning of Narvel Reece's story.

Station W8EZF does its "new broom" sweeping with a power of only 1.5 watts.

In case the figure doesn't register, 1.5 watts is about the power used by a tiny vest pocket flashlight. Putting it another way, a small table model radio consumes 20 times the power delivered by W8EZF.

Even as "ham" stations go, the one built by the 15-year-old Colerain Avenue operator is a pigmy. Its single transmitting tube is a 7F7, familiar in home receivers. Its crystal-controlled CW—telegraph code—signal goes out on 3,750 kilocycle in the 80-meter band, where other "hams" operate up to the permissible limit of 1,000 watts.

Ordinarily, when a flea-power "rig" outperforms its size, the secret is a highly efficient antenna. Replying to a question about his antenna, Narvel Reece said: "It's just a wire that goes up the wall and over the roof. I didn't try to make it any particular length."

Luck may have given him a better "skyhook" than he could have planned with a slide rule. At any rate, the mighty mite of his 1.5 watts has enough reach to score DX that belies its size.

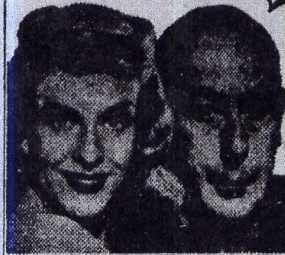
His log shows that he has worked stations in Riverside, Ont., Columbia, Mo., Milwaukee, Wis., and Atlanta, Ga. Moreover, the Atlanta op gave him a "5-5-9" report. Which, in "ham" language, is 100 per cent reception.

Besides being a "new broom" that sweeps exceedingly well, Narvel Reece is doing something for amateur radio. His diminutive transmitter is proof that the fascinating hobby doesn't require a roomful of expensive gear.

**TONIGHT!** *Just right for Christmas Night!*

Here in this dramatic classic is all the warmth and tenderness of the Spirit of Good Will.

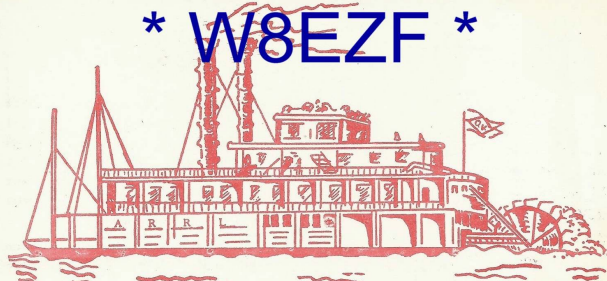
**"The Passing of the Third Floor Back"**



**PAULETTE GODDARD**  
**SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE**

**THEATRE GUILD ON THE AIR**  
**WLW 8:30 P.M.**

**\* W8EZF \***



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