

Edmund Harry Leftwich W4AFS

This is his QSL card from 22 October 1928.

His previous address has been manually crossed out –

Palm Beach Mercantile Co., West Palm Beach, Florida.

Palm Beach Mercantile Co. was/is a landmark building and was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1994. – (no other information available)

Later Call Book addresses –

1928 3505 Central Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

1930 1700 Eastland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

1931 108 Craghead Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

1933 305 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Nashville, Tennessee

1938 National Guard Armory, South Campus, Nashville, Tennessee

(The call does not appear in the post-WW2 call books, and was later re-issued)

Leftwich appears in the 1961-1984 call books as WA6GQZ –

1961 3447 Wisteria Drive, San Diego

1976...1984 3312 A Street, San Diego

The professional letters after his name on the QSL card – A.I.R.E. –Associate of the Institute of Radio Engineers)

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In the July 1941 issue of "Comet" (which from its name may have been a science fiction magazine) appeared a short story (six pages long) by Edmund H. Leftwich, called The Bell Tone.

The story concerned a Professor, one Howard E. Edwards, a radio enthusiast who experimentally transmitted on specific frequencies which it had been established were used by ants to communicate with one another. The "bell tone" was the sound that the ants made when communicating.

This is a somewhat scary story. Written in the style of Edgar Allan Poe, and moves slowly to a very unusual ending.

Interestingly, the story is available on Project Gutenberg; you can read it on-screen, download it, print it out, or whatever, free of charge. It is also available as a book in paper version from Amazon U.K. (I could not find it on Amazon U.S.) for a small price, or the kindle version for a little less.

Leftwich was born 3 September 1903 in Nashville, Tennessee, son of Sam Leftwich and Fanny Rich. He died 19 February 1984 in San Diego, California.

The Nashville Banner of 19 July 1922 announced –

Leftwich-Bernal Wedding Announcement Made-

Mrs. J. K. Bernal announces the marriage of her daughter Margaret to Edmund Harris Leftwich. The ceremony was quietly solemnized Monday afternoon, Jul 17, only a few intimate friends being present. Mr & Mrs Leftwich left Monday evening for a brief bridal tour to Chicago and other points of interest, after which they will make their home in Nashville. The announcement will be of much interest to a wide circle of friends here, where both young people are popular members of the younger set.

The Nashville Tennessean of 2 September 1928 has a column entry, headed by a photograph of Leftwich (slim, young and bespectacled) as follows-

M.F.Shea takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Edmund H. Leftwich as head of the newly established Radio department of "Nashville's Oldest Music House".

There is perhaps no-one in the radio field in Nashville more fitted by training and experience to render efficient advice and service on radio than Mr. Leftwich. He is an associate of the Institute of Radio Engineers and holds a first class radio operator's license. He is a graduate of Peabody Demonstration School and acquired his radio training at the testing laboratories of the R.C.A. in New York, and at the National Radio Institute at Washington. Before associating himself with M.F.Shea, Mt Leftwich was connected with one of the largest radio stores in Florida in charge of sales and service. He will be pleased to have his friends call to see him and assures all customers of the M.F.Shea house of satisfactory service of their radio sets at all times.

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Nashville Tennessean of 25 February 1940 and following.

Death of Edmund's Parents –

WIFE DIES AS TOLD OF MATE'S DEMISE

Samuel Leftwich, 67, merchandise broker here, died in a Nashville hospital at 8 o'clock last night after an illness of two months. When relatives informed his wife, Mrs Fannie Rich Leftwich, 66, of his death two hours later she suffered a heart attack which was fatal.

Mr. Leftwich was a native of Lafayette, Tennessee, and his wife a native of Montgomery, Alabama. He came to Nashville about fifty years ago to make his home and she came here to live at the time of her marriage 43 years ago.

Mr. Leftwich has been a merchandise broker in Nashville for many years, operating the Factory Sales Company. He was brother-in-law of Sol Lowenstein, Public Square merchant.

He is survived by two sons, Joe and Edmund Leftwich, and two sisters, Mrs. Sol Lowenstein and Mrs. A. L. Goldberg, Mrs Leftwich leaves the two sons and a brother, David Rich of New York City.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES CONDUCTED FOR LEFTWICH COUPLE

Funeral Services for Samuel Leftwich, 67 and his wife Mrs. Fannie Rich Leftwich, both of whom died Saturday night, were held at 10.30 this morning from the M. S. Combs Funeral Company. Rabbi Julius Mark officiated and burial was in the Temple Cemetery.

Both were members of Vine Street Temple.

[Nashville's Jewish community began in the 1840's. Many early immigrants were families fleeing oppression in Germany, Russia and Poland. Completed in 1876, the Vine Street Temple, with nine Byzantine domes, was Nashville's first synagogue, for 80 years a symbol of the city's strong Jewish presence]

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