

A Westport Report.

I AM now situated in another part of the globe, as you will observe by my address. Well, it is a splendid location for radio, almost perfect; in fact quite perfect. The first night up here I had good reception with an aerial slung across the room on hooks. The length was about 30ft. and height about 5ft. I received the surprise of my life. I put the earphones on expecting to get weak signals. They came off quicker than they went on. 2YA, Wellington, simply roared in. I had to tone him down. Now my aerial is at the top of a 60ft. hill at the back of my house and on a 25ft. brick chimney at the house end. For earth I dug a hole until I struck water. Next I soldered a wire to a tin and buried it in the water. The wire from the tin is soldered to a pipe driven about 5ft. in moist clay and another wire to the set. To-day, December 11, I have had 2YA since his commencement at 12 noon. Volume is just perfect. It's good to get dinner music. I'm sure we country listeners appreciate it very much. Please allow me to congratulate 1YA's announcer on his description of the wrestling contests at the town hall. There was not a dull moment during the whole session. Your programmes are getting better every night. Carry on. With my best wishes for a successful New Year and a cheerful Christmas.—Radio Fiend (Westport).

Reception at Tokomaru.

JUST a line to advise you of the wonderful clear reception we received here last evening of the concert from Wanganui—relayed and broadcast by 2YA. It was simply splendid—not a word or syllable missed and the music and other items were delightful. We also had wonderful results of the election returns, and also of the return flight of the Southern Cross—all of which were particularly good. The Broadcasting Company are to be congratulated on the class of entertainment they are giving their

listeners—not isolated cases, but at all times. Wishing you every success and the compliments of the season.—H. D. Evans (Tokomaru Bay).

An American Mystery.

IN reply to a query in this week's issue of the "Record," I should judge that the station logged by your correspondent a degree or two above 2BL was KWKH, Shreveport, Louisiana, on 352.7 metres. (See my report of reception in letter to "Record" of December 7.) On more than one occasion lately I have logged an American station on 380 metres, but have not been able to get the call. On the 9th inst. the volume was sufficient to enable me to learn the name of the concluding item, and when the closing announcement was given, I also clearly got the time of signing off. Can any one advise me the identity of this station? (It is not KGO, who comes in about one point higher on the dial.)—Guy C. Holmes (Masterton).

Another Query.

I WOULD much appreciate it if any listener heard a station on December 9, 1928, Sunday, at 7.10 p.m., on about 284 metres between 2ZF and 3YA. All I heard of the speech which was most of the time drowned in QRM interference, was: "This is — testing on 100.00 watts" this was followed by a short talk by the same announcer, who laughed at something now and again; then a jazz item was put over on an organ, followed by talk and music, etc. I would be very much obliged to any listener who was lucky in locating this station under better

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circumstances than I had. The volume was good, but static and QRM was 200 per cent. more. I use in my set Philips valves, shielded grid 442 (one stage on high frequency), detector A415—A409 in first audio and 443 Pentode in last stage—and have no trouble in pulling 4YA in at decent loudspeaker strength any time after 7 p.m. In concluding I wish to thank the Broadcasting Company for the dinner-time sessions—for I am one of the growlers who have been moaning the past twelve months for such sessions. Also I can find nothing wrong with 2YA. The Wanganui relay was perfect for such a relay—no buzz or crackling of relay lines being audible. I thank you for your splendid service.—N. C. Fitzgerald (Gisborne).

Texas Station Identified.

YOUR correspondent, "Guy Holmes, of Masterton," in your issue just to hand, asks if any other of your subscribers succeeded in getting the American station broadcasting on 341 metres last Saturday evening. I listened to this station exclusively from 7 a.m. till 10.3 p.m. on Sunday, 2nd instant. The station is in Dallas, Texas; sign call, so far as I could make it, is ARLD, and the telephone number of the studio 26811. The programme was good, and came in at great strength through the loudspeaker, and were it not for the peculiar nuances of speech of the Southerner one would have had no difficulty in catching every word. To-night WENR, Chicago, has been excellent, and KWKA, Louisiana, was also good and on the air till 8.20.

My home is situated 1000 feet above sea level, and few wireless sets anywhere here have consequently reception as good.—F. B. Logan (Kereru, H.B.).

Radio News and Reports.

THE Broadcasting Co., by placing on the air news and reports from different parts of New Zealand, and also from Britain, daily, has given a service, educational, instructive, interesting, and valuable, but for some time past the time occupied by this means has been gradually curtailed, more particularly at 2YA, and now we have about five minutes of news and the remainder of the hour is given up to lecturettes, etc. If we deduct the racing, the

cricket, etc., we have some evenings no news at all, and on Thursday evening we had one item of news. Many of the lecturettes are decidedly instructive, as they were on that evening, but the fact remains that we got practically no news from other parts of the Dominion. It would be a great convenience to listeners if the hour were divided into, say, 10 minutes sections, and we would know what to expect at any given time, instead of at present waiting for perhaps half an hour, and then getting one item of news, or perhaps none. Parliament was sitting on Thursday, yet on that evening the fact was not mentioned. Keep clear of politics, but why not give the public, who have no hope of hearing a debate in the House itself, an opportunity of hearing the opening, say, when it again resumes. All parties would be on the same wicket. Again thanking the company for its good work.—Listening In.

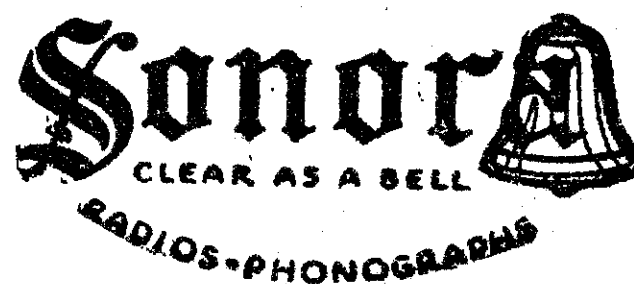
Points About Reception.

THERE are a few points of general interest regarding reception that I have noticed lately, and possibly they may have been noticed by others. During the news and reports session from 1YA there is a continuous heterodyne squeal to be heard, also distant music, etc., which is presumably caused by another station operating on the same wavelength. I think I heard the call sign of WBZ one evening recently. This station has the same wavelength as 1YA, but since it is situated at Springfield, Massachusetts (some 8000 miles distant), it seems peculiar that it should interfere with 1YA, which is only about 60 odd miles away, particularly as my set is only a two-valve one. Last Sunday evening from about 10 to 10.20 p.m. (New Zealand summer time), I picked up the American station KRLD, which, according to my dialing, would have a wavelength of about 290 metres. According to the list of stations in the "Radio Listeners' Guide," KRLD operates on 491 metres. Do you happen to know if this station has changed its wavelength, or would it be a harmonic that I picked up? (Many of the American wavelengths have been changed.) I have noticed in your columns that wireless station signals have sometimes been heard on ordinary line telephones. I have sometimes noticed exactly the opposite here, namely, that through the wireless receiver I have heard scraps of my neighbours' telephone conversations. I may mention that my telephone is on a party line with an earth circuit, but the respective wireless and line telephone earth plates are some thirty feet apart, and the receiving instruments are at opposite ends of the house. The wireless

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