

DURING the last week it has been just great as to DX. The Americans are coming in with plenty of volume and many at full speaker strength. KNX, on 285.5 metres, came through here on January 29 at full speaker strength and I had to cut the volume back. Their radio club hour is from 12 to 1 A.M.T. or 8 till 9 N.Z.M.T., playing request items for listeners. The announcer had the microphone near the telephone answering calls from all parts of U.S.A. He would then read out the name of the person asking for the request item. This was very interesting. He closed down at 9.18 p.m. N.Z.M.T. KFON, on 239.9 metres, announced that they have changed their call to KFOX. Has any D.X. listener heard this call? KHT, on 1YA's wavelength, came through at good speaker strength on Monday, 28th. I have received verifications from stations the last fortnight as follows: KHJ, KNX, KFRC, KFO, KYA, KOIN, KEX. This makes a total of 18 now and four more to come. Following is a letter from an American D.X. enthusiast. Cheerio. —S. ELLIS (Okato).

IN your answer to Mr. Ireland at Taradale, it was not KPLA as they had their wavelength changed on November 11 to 526 metres. KPLA has an output of 1000 watts. I think he heard KRLD at Dallas, Texas, 10,000 watts, or WFAA, Dallas, 5000 watts, both on 288.3 metres or 1040 kilos. I think the one on 420 metres was WGN at Chicago, 416.4 metres, 720 kilos, 15,000 watts. The 2B station might be 2BE or 2GB on 326 metres.

I have logged 55 stations so far, but the only foreign one is CNRV at Vancouver, B.C. KFON is now KFOX. Who is KFPR? I have what they call a "Sunset Ground": just a lot of chemicals mixed together in a can and five feet in the earth. Your friend, GECIL GORTON (Los Angeles).

THE D.X. CLUB

Views and News.

[KFOX was noted by one or two in our columns. It was thought to be a new station.]

Identity Wanted.

COULD any listener oblige me as to the identity of what is probably an American station operating on approximately 430-432 metres? I have twice heard this station, the last time being 12.30 p.m. on January 30, when the announcer was giving a summary of the evening's programme.—INTERESTED (Waipukurau).

More Unlisted Stations.

ON p. 3, issue of January 4, you ask for reports of stations. Below is list of some not included in your list of those heard since change of wavelengths. These were all heard recently but did not log date.

KJR, just above 3YA. This to-night at 7.30 (29/1/29).

WLW, on 2YA (trial of 4 a.m. session. Asked for opinions.)

WMAQ, about 2FC.

KFRC, San Francisco, 2 deg. above 2FC.

KFWG, San Francisco, about 1YA.

KFI, Los Angeles, about 4YA.

KRLD, Texas, 2 deg. below 2ZF.

WIZ, New York, 2 deg. above 2ZF.

CNRU, Vancouver, just above 2ZF.

KOMO, between 2UE and 2GB.

KWKH, Louisiana, just below 2BL.

KGO, Oakland, 3 deg. above 3LO.

None of these are in your list as reported. Best wishes to your interesting paper. Yours.—"EAST COAST" (Te Pora).

9XF Changes Hands.

I NOTICE in this week's "Record" Jno. Luke, Clevedon, inquiring about station 9XF, which used to come in at great volume about 12 months ago. This station has changed its wavelength and also its call-sign. The call is WENR and it logs in the same as JOAK, just below 2BL. To-night (Thursday), January 31, it came in at great strength and closed at 7.55 p.m. our time.

KFOX, Long Beach, and KNX, Hollywood, also came in at great strength.

Correspondence Between Listeners

WE occasionally receive requests from interested readers asking to be put in touch with the writers of particular letters that have appeared in the "Radio Record." Without the permission of the correspondent concerned, we are unable to do this, and as a matter of general practice, in order to preserve the definite anonymity of correspondents, which is sacred to the Press, we do not keep any record of the actual writer of a letter, after having satisfied ourselves that the writer is genuine—the name does not even go to the printer.

In some cases we can quite appreciate that correspondence between those interested in radio would be of value, and we therefore suggest to our correspondents, particularly those in the DX Club, whose mutual interests call for the exchange of information in perhaps fuller fashion than can be undertaken in our columns, that they should allow their names to be published, so that those who wish may write them. The particular case that evokes this suggestion is a note from Mr. W. Jarvis, 177 Castle Street, Dunedin, asking that he be given the address of the writer signed "License 97600," whose letter appeared on January 11, 1929.

Following is a copy of a letter received from Mr. E. H. Gager, chief engineer of WENR.—W. G. STURGESS (Christchurch).

DEAR Radio Friend,—Please accept our thanks for your report and comments on the test programme from our experimental station, 9XF. This station is being operated as an experimental station during the preliminary

testing period. When the tests are completed the station will replace our present stations, WENR and WBCN. These stations are owned and operated by the Great Lakes Broadcasting Company of Chicago, Illinois.

The new station is located on a 40-acre farm 22½ miles south-west of Chicago. The equipment is housed in a two-story brick building; the towers are 300ft. high and spaced 700 ft. apart. The equipment consists of a 50,000-watt crystal controlled transmitter built by the General Electric Company and sold to us by the Radio Corporation of America. We are operating on a frequency of 1040 kilocycles, or 288.3 metres, but this frequency may be changed when the new allocations are made, but you will be able to find this station listed under WENR and WBCN.

The studios of the Great Lakes Broadcasting Company are located in the Straus Buildings, 310 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.—(Signed) E. H. Gager, Chief Engineer.

Some Good Results.

RESULTS obtained by me with a 4-valve set may be of interest to some of your DX readers: 2FC and 2BL every day on earphones, 4QG on several occasions. In the evening on speaker 38 stations, including 17 Americans and Fiji. On shortwave I have not done much searching, but have on various occasions readily picked up 5SW, 2XAF, 2XAD, W2XG, 2BG and PCJ. I had London one evening clearer than anything else I have ever heard on the speaker, the voice being so "natural" as to be uncanny. The foregoing results have been obtained from intermittent work over a period of several weeks only. I said that I had London one evening. I should have said early morning, as it was about 1 a.m. The daylight reception from Sydney is surely remarkable for this time of the year on four valves. W. A. WILTON (Mangonui).

Accuracy and DX.

I SAW a letter in our DX Club corner criticising DX listeners as to logging stations, and say some guess the calls. Well, I must draw Mr. Terrill's attention to this, that if he was a real DX enthusiast he cannot get Yankee calls clearly at times. It depends entirely on conditions. Also, I must draw his attention as to station 2BE. I have verified his reception on March 9, 1928. He may not have had the luck to log this station on his six-valve set. Stations heard this week are as follow: KFON, KNX, KEX, KGER, KHJ, KGO, WENR, KOIN, WLW, KPLA, KELW—all logged on a five-valve set. Cheerio.—S. ELLIS (Okato).

Good Record for Two-Valve.

MAY a two-valve receiver presume to join the DX Club? On January 3 and 4 I logged KNX, Hollywood, and I had him again on January 25. He talks about Paramount pictures, boys in red caps, and the Silver Fizz Orchestra. He gave the names of persons requesting "repeat" items, and at 9.15½ p.m. he signed off, stating that it was 1.16 a.m. there. My set was made by a Wellington amateur, and I have now had two Jap stations, and eight Australians. I am miles from any other valve set, so the reception is quite genuine.—"HAYFOOT" (Pirrona).

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