

"—, San Diego."

IN reference to the January 4, 1929, number of the "Radio Record," concerning American stations. Until a few months ago I was using a 3-valve 3-coil regenerative set. I have since added a stage of neutralised radio frequency, built like an adapter, so that I can use it or do away with it quickly, because when there is plenty of volume (usual in winter), I don't think any set can beat a 3-valve for clarity.

On Christmas night two years ago I received station KFKX, Hastings, Nebraska. I notice in the "Radio Record" a KFKX, Chicago, Illinois. Have the call-signs been changed since, or is there another KFKX in Chicago? Another station I received was San Diego. I received music well, and often heard "San Diego calling," but I never caught his call-sign. Could you give me any information concerning this?

Other American stations I received on three valves (dect. and 2 audio) were: KFON, KGO, WBBM, and KFL, making a total of six. On four valves I have since heard KHJ and WENR on four valves.—"GRID LEAK" (Hastings.)

THE D.X. CLUB

Views and News.

[Call-signs and wavelengths are frequently changed.]

DX Results Good.

I HAVE had several splendid nights with the American stations lately. Saturday last (February 2) was particularly good, no fewer than eight Americans being logged on my 6-valve set. These were: KFOX, WENR, KWKH, session), KSL, KFRC, KNX and KGO, all on the loudspeaker, with KFOX and WENR the best. Tuesday, February 5 was another good night—no static and great volume from KFOX, WENR, KGR, KGO, KWKH, and KNX. Just for fun, I went down to the back fence, some 100 feet away, and could hear KFOX quite clearly. Last night (February 6) I heard KVOO, Oklahoma, for the first time. Very loud on the speaker. Heard the announcer say it was the first transmission with the new power of 5000 watts. This station is on 263 metres.—J. S. REES (Christchurch.)

Concerning the Z's.

ON Monday, January 28, I picked up a station operating on about 243 metres. The items came through clearly, but the closing announcement was marred by interference, the only words distinguishable were 4Z (Y)—and something about South Dunedin. Is there a station 4ZY in South Dunedin? The previous night (Sunday), a station was heard distinctly, giving bagpipe items during the intervals in 2ZM's programme. Could you identify this station? Three and sometimes four nights a week we hear a station on 2YA's wavelength, giving a mixed programme. Would this be the harmonic of our New Zealand stations or the C. A. Larsen?—"HARMONIC" (Gore).

The private broadcasting stations in Dunedin are 4ZB, Otago Radio Society; 4ZL, Radio Service, Ltd.; 4ZM, McKewen's; 4ZO, Barnett's Radio Supplies.

There is an American about 2YA's wavelength, as far as we know unidentified.

A New American.

ON Friday morning, February 1, I tuned in an American station at 12.25 a.m. This proved to be KTNT, which I have not seen mentioned by any listener yet. KTNT, Muscatine, Iowa, U.S.A. (256 metres). The volume was good, and 'phone strength about 80 to 90 per cent. readable. He gave a great deal of market news. One musical item was "Blue Skies." He announced that it was their morning session. The station was still on the air at 2 a.m. Good luck to the DX Club.—L. M. KINVIG (Wellington.)

On 1YA's Wavelength.

THIS evening (Tuesday), whilst listening to the news session of 1YA (7.45), music came through fairly loud, and could only be separated with difficulty from 1YA. I was unfortunate enough not to get the whole of the call-sign, only catching a Y and

then Los Angeles. Could you kindly let me know what station this is, and whether it was a re-broadcast or direct reception?—J. H. M. WILLIAMS (Westport.)

[On Wednesday night a station on 333 metres was heard on the speaker, and clearly identified as KHT.—Tec. Ed.]

KVOO Reported.

IN your issue of January 4, there appears a list of American stations whose reception has not yet been reported. I have to advise that on Tuesday, 5th instant, I logged one of these stations, namely, KVOO, Tulsa, Oklahoma, operating at 5000 watts on a wave-length of 263 metres. The call was distinctly heard several times before the station closed down, at 10.10 p.m., New Zealand summer time.

Volume varied from good 'phone to medium speaker—as a matter of fact I was listening on the speaker most of the time. The announcer had the breezy Yankee style of introducing the artists to the listeners, to the accompaniment of a running fire of "wise-cracks." The programme was fairly mixed, songs, dance music, organ, etc. I picked up this station again on Wednesday, 6th instant, at 1.15 p.m. local time, and was successful in just hearing the announcement "This is station KVOO, —, Oklahoma." Volume was not nearly as good as on the previous night. No attempt was made to get him later in the evening.

I should be pleased to know, through the medium of your columns, whether any other "DX" has yet logged this station.

By the way, has KFON definitely changed his call to KFOX? On Tuesday night (5th instant), I had him at speaker strength until he closed down, and it seemed to me that he was still announcing "KFON."

My set is of five valves, home constructed. The aerial is 60ft. long, with approximately 50ft. lead-in, the masts being 40ft. high.—S.J.R. (Wellington).

[It seems fairly definite that KFON is now KFOX, as several DX members have reported its reception.]

HAS anyone heard KVOO, of Tulsa, Oklahoma? This station, on 263 metres, heard at excellent strength—louder than any other American using a new 5000 watt transmitter "just out of the box" on February 6, between 8 and 9 p.m.? The programme was of more subdued type than is usual from the States. Organ, piano, and vocal items were heard. WENR, KNX, and KMOX have been fairly good lately—the first named especially. KFOX Long-Beach has been picked up once or twice also.—R. J. HARRIS (Marton).

A General Report.

THE undermentioned American stations I have logged between January 1 and to-night, Sunday, February 3. These may be of interest to my brother DX-ers. I am now working "Mogohm's" booster on my four-valve after experiencing much trouble with

finding the particular adjustments (had to put four taps on filament end booster aerial coil and same on secondary of my set R.F. transformer after pulling primary completely out) to suit my original set. The booster has made a fair improvement with volume for DX work, but I do not think I am getting the best it can do yet and in the meantime will carry on further experiments.

On phones, from dusk onwards. New Zealand times are all p.m.

January 1: KFOX, 1250 k.c. Signed off 12.13 P.S.T., when KEJK came on.

January 23: WENR (R4); CNRV (R3); KFOX (R6).

January 25: KNX (R9). Signed off 1.16 P.S.T. KFOX (R8).

January 26: KFOA, 1280 k.c. (mushy); KFOX (R6); KNX (R7); KGO (R4).

January 27: KEJK, 1250 k.c. went off 11 P.S.T., when KFOX came on for one hour until 12 midnight P.S.T., when KEJK returned to play latest records. KMOX, 1090 k.c. (R8), 7.30 N.Z.M.T., orchestral items from Hotel Coronado.

January 29: WENR (R7); KNX (R7), being rebroadcast by KWYO, as announced? KMIC signed off, 8.40 N.Z.M.T.

January 30: CNRV (R4), 7.30 N.Z.M.T., dance numbers by "National Melodians."

February 2: CNRV (R6), fading badly at times; KFOX (R6); KSL (R5); KNX (R7); KZM (R4).

February 3: KFOX (R7), 6.55 p.m. N.Z.M.T.; WLAC on midnight jam-boree (R4-5); WENR, 7.25 N.Z.M.T. Usual sign-off song (R7) fading; KGO, 790 k.c., items by "The Trocaderoans," signed off 12.3 P.S.T. (R6); KZM, near 336 metres, dance numbers (R5).

I have also logged a new one to me, WGN, Chicago. I tuned in just too late and only heard a couple of telegrams acknowledged and the sign-off on 720 k.c. at 7.42 p.m. N.Z.M.T. 2YA was inclined to drown him out now and again. I have just received verifications from KNX, KOMO, WLAC, WLW, KHJ, KJR, WFLA, Clearwater, Florida.—C. V. BLUCHER (Walhupo, extreme north of New Zealand).

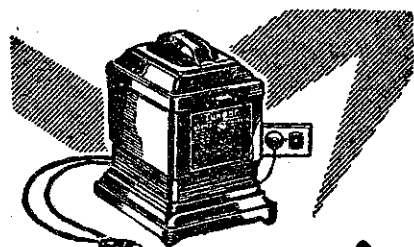
Heterodyning Nuisance.

I SHOULD like to call your attention to the nuisance being created by KHJ, Los Angeles, being on the same wavelength as 1YA, thus creating a continual howl, which I am sure you will agree is very disagreeable. Would it not be possible to alter 1YA slightly to overcome the trouble? In some places it is impossible to get any satisfaction from 1YA while KHJ is on the air.—F. TERWIN (Marohemo).

KTM, Los Angeles.

I NOTICE in the last "Radio Record" that one of your correspondents had a station called KTM, Los Angeles. I had this station to-night about 10 metres above KGO. There was quite a number of player piano music mingled with talk, and then dance music. Fading and Morse were bad, but I heard him say distinctly, "Station KTM, Los Angeles." He also mentioned some park, probably where they are located, and said that the time was 12.28 a.m., Pacific Standard Time. He came in with fair speaker strength between fades, and kept on fairly late.

KNX is the best station I get, which comes in some nights with too much volume for my speaker, which is of



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