

On Short Wave

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hour's music tune in CJRX, Canada; he will be found just above KDKA wave. I have written a full report of the reception of this station for one reason because of the wonderful reception I received for a 2000-watt station 8000 miles away. Right through-out, reception was steady and strength from R8 to 9. (Anyone wishing a repeat item on Wednesday, James Richardson and Sons' telephone number is 87053.)

7.20 p.m.: DHC, Naun, Germany, was heard carrying out another duplex test with VK2MB, Sydney. Although reception was very good here, both stations coming in at R8 to 9, conditions were not so good between Australia and Germany.

Thursday, February 28.

2.30 P.M.: KGO, California, 23 metres, was heard, strength R7 to 8, with programme by Palmolive Co. gave some very enjoyable items. At 2.58 p.m. the announcer from KGO said: "We will now go over to relay a description of the big fight between Jack Sharkey and Young Stribuling, where one of the preliminary bouts is now in progress."

I listened for a minute or two, but KGO went off the air, so I tuned for KDKA, because I was looking for a description of this fight. On tuning to KDKA the fight was already being relayed and was in the first round. KDKA was R7 to 8, but was fading a little. For all that the bout could be followed quite well. On looking over the report in the paper on Friday morning it read as if young Stribuling was outclassed, but from listening to KDKA the description was altogether different and not a word was missed.

At the conclusion of the sixth round the announcer stated points were about even, and that in the fifth round Sharkey was practically knocked out of the ring. After the bout finished he stated points were about even up to the seventh round, but in the tenth and last round Sharkey fought so well that the points decision went to him. Tom Heeney will be in battle against Maloney. In his last bout with Maloney, Tom made short work of him in the first round, and thinks perhaps it will be a repeat item. Let us hope so.

4.15 p.m.: W2XAD was coming through beautifully, R8, the programme of music being given by the Gold Wire Co. After this programme concluded he went over to Albany, New York, where further music came from Hotel St. Regent, concluding at 12.2 a.m., E.S.T.

7.10 p.m.: DHC, Germany, was calling VK2MB, Sydney, and VK2ME was also heard calling DHC. Sydney stated Naun was coming in at good strength, but DHC reported that he could not hear Sydney. 2ME gave it best at 7.50 p.m., but DHC continued to call Sydney, and it was most amusing to hear DHC trying to tell Sydney that they could not hear them; he was putting all his words backwards, such as "Meet again till we." DHC closed down at 8.3 p.m.

9.15 p.m.: RFM was heard with music, R7 to 8.

9.30 p.m.: W2XG was heard on word test on 25 metres, R7 to 8.

Later in the evening 2BO, Wellington, was heard testing on the 80-metre band. This was coming in at good strength, the modulation being good, R8 to 9.

Notes from Oamaru

IN thanking the correspondents who answered his query regarding G.C.T., S.W.B. (Oamaru), writes: "I wish to thank you and the correspondents who wrote to your paper on this matter, especially ZL 3 CP. Kindly extend my appreciation to Mr. Morrison on the way he is conducting the Shortwave Notes, while Mr. Sellens is away. This morning, Friday, February 22, I tuned in a station of 21.9 metres. This station was transmitting a musical programme of "National Broadcasting Co.," and closed down at 9 a.m., N.Z.M.T. The closing announcement showed it to be station W2XO, of General Electric Co., U.S.A. Have any of your listeners picked this up?"

Last night, Thursday, February 21, DHC Navua, and VK2ME, carried out a successful test, the former at R7, and later R8-9. On 32 metres, I picked up another foreigner at 8 p.m., strength R7, but modulation rotten.

To-day, Friday, reception has been quite good. 7.30 a.m., PCJ came in at R7, on music, ending by calling "South America, United States, South Africa." 8 a.m.: 5SW, at R6-7; at 10 a.m. this station had only fallen to R4-5, so conditions are improving. 8.30 a.m.: W2XO received on music, at R6. 2.30 p.m.: KDKA (8XK) on 26 metres, was received at R3, increasing to R5 at 4 p.m. 3.45 p.m.: W2XAF, at R5, increasing to R7-8 at 5 p.m. The latter part was organ recital from the "Stanley Mark Strand Theatre, Albany, New York," closing down at 12.15 a.m.—E.S.T.

W6XN and KGO

MR. ALLAN PARCELL, Invercargill, writes:—In "Radio Record" dated February 22, 1929, Mr. Sellens, in "The Short Wave Jottings," mentions the short-wave station of KGO, but so far has not heard the call sign of the short-wave transmitter.

I first heard this station on Monday, January 21, at 5.30 p.m. The signals were 90-100 per cent. readable, and I held them until 6 p.m., when KGO signed off, and announced that the short-wave transmission was carried out through station W6XN. KGO was giving a reception to members of the Young Australian League, who are making a tour of U.S.A. The announcement was KGO, "General Electric Co.," California, and short-wave transmitter W6XN.

I have since heard W6XN in the morning at 6 to 7 o'clock, at about R5 at 6 a.m. to R8 at 7 a.m., usually on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. I have written to KGO for information, and will be pleased to forward to you any further data I may receive.

ANE Bandoeng

MR. A. GLEDHILL, of Spreydon, has received the following letter from the engineer of the shortwave station ANE, Bandoeng, Java: "We received your very interesting letter dated December 18, 1928, concerning your reception of ANE. We have four shortwave telephony transmitters, used for duplex telephony, with PCLL, Holland, or with 2ME, the shortwave station of the Amalgamated Wireless Company at Sydney. The lowest in wavelength is PLE (formerly ANE), on 15.74 metres crystal-controlled, power 25 k.w. The second is PLF (formerly ANH), on 17.4 metres, power also 25 k.w. The third is the high-powered, just finished PLG crystal-controlled, on 18.88 metres, power about 60 k.w. The last, PLR, on 27.8 metres, also using 25 k.w. PLE, PLF, and PLG daily start at 12 deg. G.M.T., until about 16deg. G.M.T., after which PLR is used until 19deg. G.M.T. Only on Wednesday, PLG or PLF, starts at 10 deg. G.M.T. for duplex telephony with 2ME. We are sure reception of these stations will be very good in New Zealand, and we should like to get any information about it. It was our station PLR on 27 metres you have heard once in the early morning. PCLL, the Dutch station, is on 18.4 metres from 12deg.-16deg. G.M.T., and on 38.8 metres from 16deg. G.M.T., and twice daily, except on Sunday. Perhaps you will be so kind to inform the New Zealand radio Press, and ask them for reports."

2FC Short Wavelength Alteration

UNDER the rearrangement of short-wave lengths, as the result of the recent International Broadcasting Convention held in Washington, the low-wave lengths used by station 2FC on their short-wave transmissions, viz., 28'5 and 31'5, have now been cancelled, and the new wave length that has been allotted to the New South Wales Broadcasting Company, Limited, for use from its 2FC station is 31.28. Short-wave enthusiasts should make a note of this alteration.

Uncle Ernest in Canada

A Short Wave Announcement

A CORRESPONDENT in Rotorua, "Centre Tap," writes: On Wednesday afternoon, February 27, 1929, I picked up a Canadian short wave station, CTRX, operating on about 25.8 metres. At 5 p.m. volume was R9, with no fading, and very little static. Reports from New Zealand were asked for. The announcer said they had a few visitors from New Zealand in

Good Reception Overseas

Canada and U.S.A. Hear New Zealand

THE last American mail brought a large budget of letters reporting overseas reception of the New Zealand station. During January, 2YA was heard well on the Pacific coast of Canada and the States. Reports have come from as far inland as Oregon, Indiana, Texas, and Illinois. Reception on the night of the Burns anniversary seems to have been very good in California and Oregon.

THE Texas correspondent, Mr. A. K. Mallard, of Dallas, wrote: "On the evening of January 31, at 4.22 Central Standard time, I received your station. A band furnished good music, in fact, it sounded better to me than any other band, or orchestra, that I have ever heard, possibly because it came from a foreign country. At the end of the last number, the announcer said, in clear English: "This is 2YA, Wellington, New Zealand." At this I nearly fell out of my chair. I woke up all the folks, but when I came back to the radio at about 4.30, you were gone."

Australian Artists Hear Sydney and London

HARDLY a mail goes by without some letter being received in Sydney from an Australian artist resident in England who listened with a throb of pride to the Empire Broadcast carried out last year between 2FC and 2LO, London. Peter Dawson, writing to Mr. Anderson, manager of the New South Wales Broadcasting Company, Limited, was huddled round a fire in his flat in London with headphones on, and heard his name being called, together with a number of other artists. He, like many others, drew a comparison between the description from 2FC of the glorious spring morning to the conditions that they were passing through at that time.

Winnipeg, two of whom were Uncle Toby and Uncle Earnest (Rev. Weeks, of 2YA, Wellington, New Zealand. I anxiously listened for Uncle Earnest to speak, but evidently if he had spoken over the air, it must have been before I picked the station up. Has any listener heard a station giving call sign 2XO? I have heard this broadcaster on 21.5 metres on two Tuesday mornings running. Seems to be 2XAD under a different call, the old call being transferred to about 19.5 metres.

I notice a writer in the D.X. Club reports having heard KMRX, Vancouver, B.C. I think he has got the call sign in error. This station is most likely CNRV.

Mr. Morrison, our shortwave correspondent, also heard the broadcast, and has a report to this effect in his notes.

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