

Hawke's Bay Notes

(By XYZ.)

OF course there is only one real outstanding feature to comment on in this week's notes, and that is the news from Invercargill that a solution of the static problem has been found. Everybody's talking about it, but honestly one can't say that everyone believes it. In fact, one radio enthusiast sportingly offered to purchase for the writer, free, gratis, and for nothing (even if it cost him £100) one of these discoveries, provided the claim turned out to be really true. That's an indication of how the news is accepted up here, although everyone hopes (even the man who made that promise) that it will be OK. If it turns out trumps a new era is opened for broadcasting reception, and provided it can be marketed at a reasonable figure, then all radio fans will join in acclaiming the southern inventor a friend for all time. In the meantime we all wish him the best.

CERTAINLY, this district would have appreciated a static eliminator over the past few weeks, for it is a long time since atmospherics have played up so badly. With such conditions, it is hardly likely that there is any boom in radio business, but those who have the "bug" are an optimistic crowd, and each night finds them switching on in the hope that "things will be improved on last night." When it is found to be even worse (and such has recently been the case), one is excused for getting a bit down in the mouth. Still, "to-night" may be OK, and we'll tune in to-morrow night if it isn't.

CONGRATULATIONS to the performers of 1YA with their "convivial evening." Everyone seems to have thoroughly enjoyed that. The appreciation of this was in marked contrast to the feelings with which the broadcast of the Wellington Symphony Orchestra was received. Even the most ardent lovers of good music had more than they wanted that night. No one can deny, of course, that it was a brilliant orchestra, but the programme was too "heavy." To make things worse, reception that night was not good, and more than one party of real musicians (to the actual knowledge of the writer), cried "quit" and turned the dials.

LAST Wednesday night, the members of the Hawke's Bay Radio Society turned out in good force to visit the Napier Radio Club in Napier. The visit was very enjoyable, and an interesting demonstration on amplifiers and pick-ups was given by Messrs. Alward and Harris. The visitors from Hastings voted it a jolly fine evening, and now that they have been started these exchange visits will no doubt be continued.

THERE are a number of local listeners who have not yet renewed their licenses, but in numbers of instances this is purely oversight, and really few listeners seem to have heard the over-the-air announcements urging the renewal last month. In fact, two licensees asked the writer when they had to renew. They were quite sur-

D.X. Notes

Is It a New Station?

CAN you or any of the readers of "Radio Record" tell me where station W.F.J.M. is situated? I tuned this station in on Sunday last (April 28) at 2.35 p.m.; it absolutely roared in. The volume was easily R8-9. The voice of the announcer was unmistakably American. He called, "Hullo, D.I.O. Hullo, D.I.O. Send us another report." This announcement was made three times in twenty minutes. The music was as clear as a bell. I tuned W.F.J.M. in on about 25 mcfres. He closed down at 2.58 p.m.—"PUZZLED" (Palmerston North).

More Americans.

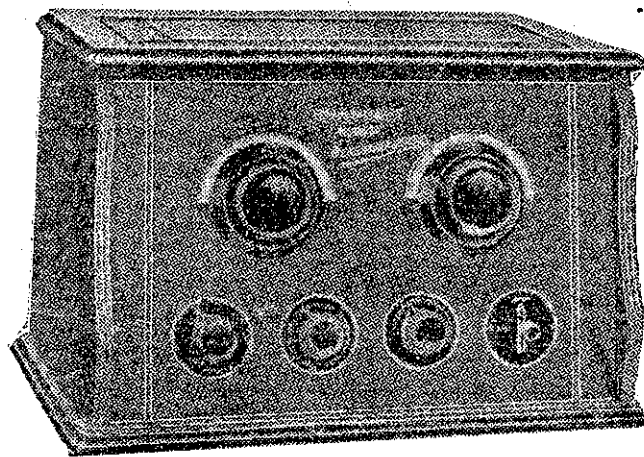
I HAVE not been doing much logging lately, but I have added the following stations:—KDVL, Salt Lake City, March 21; KOIN, Oregon, 28th; KRLD, Texas, April 7; KFVD, Culver City, Cal., May 1, with four valves. The last stations I have had verified are: WMAQ, KNX, KSL, KFKB, KMIC, KGO. One of the letters I received was stamped with the 1d. New Zealand stamp I had enclosed in my letter. My log is now: 16 New Zealand, 16 Australian, 5 Japanese, 2 South Sea Islands, 33 American. The following is an extract from a letter I received from KSL:—"... You were listening to our Saturday night feature—the KSL Coyote Club, 'It's our night to howl.' It is for that reason that you heard so much howling. We employ the hours from midnight to 2 a.m. Mountain S.T., and have a general good time. We call it the Coyote Club because the animal after which it is named is a very gifted howler, and his howls are by no means uncommon to this western country. It is suggested, however, that you not use the howls we create as an example of a coyote's efforts. Any sort of howl seems to serve us here."—KAUSPANKA (Hastings).

Canadian Licenses

THE Canadian Government is in receipt of more than a quarter of a million dollars as the contribution of listeners to the Federal coffers through the medium of their one-dollar tax, though it is believed that this by no means represents the number of radio sets that are in operation throughout the country, owing to the belief that many are being used for which no license fee has been paid, in some instances owing to ignorance of the Government requirements as to registration. It is intimated that in the very near future the annual "drive" and investigation of license certificates will be instituted, with a view to having the records brought up-to-date. The funds derived from the payment of this tax are applied to improvement of the radio service, one of the branches of the Government service being the operation of radio interference cars, manned by experts charged with the duty of investigation of local sources of interference.

prised to learn that their 30s. was overdue, and that the R.B.C. had freely reminded listeners when it was time to renew. In both instances they were expecting a notice of advice when the period for renewal arrived.

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