

Our Mailbag

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"Kindness Personified."

WE enjoy the programmes put on by the Radio Broadcasting Company, including the relays, which come through perfectly. I was surprised at "A Friendly Critic" suggesting Mr. Drummond's "Goo-o-d Night" is drawn out to amuse us. —What rubbish? I prefer to think, and I wonder if others do, that he is sincerely wishing us a good night. Aunt Gwen seems a personal friend also, and I enjoy listening to her voice very much. She must be kindness personified. Would you publish her photo for us, please?—NOT INTELLIGENT (Kaitiaki).

Extended Hours.

I **CONTENT** that the company's policy of waiting for increased revenue before extending further broadcast services, is wrong and can only result in hindering the progress of radio in New Zealand. Extend the hours of broadcasting, improve, where possible, the service and programmes, and I feel sure the company will soon reach the thousand of potential listeners that are at present available. With New Zealand's population, we do not need to think about a possible saturation point in radio licenses until the 150,000 mark is reached. Optimistic? Well, yes, possibly so. Nevertheless, 'tis honest optimism, and I believe what I have stated.

We who have been connected with radio since the old 2YK days, can well appreciate the present standard of programmes and service we now enjoy. But if radio is to progress and take its rightful place among the people of New Zealand, it will be necessary for the Radio Broadcasting Company to refrain from "sitting back and waiting for the increase." With warmest good wishes for the future prosperity and advancement of your "Radio Record," and also the New Zealand Radio Broadcasting Company.—H.J.C. (Pet-one).

I Satisfied.

I **WISH** to add a few words in appreciation of the service rendered by the Broadcasting Company, and also by the announcer of 2YA, to whom we delight to listen, and regard him as an old friend. His delivery is very clear, and one can hear every word, which makes all the difference to the programmes. We hope to hear him for a good many years yet.—W.W. (Master-ton).

I **WISH** to congratulate the Broadcasting Company for the way they are carrying on their business. I do think they are doing their best to give us as much for our 30 shillings a year as they can. I dare not try to find fault. Modern music and song I do not understand, but in these days of different tastes it would never do to expect every night songs of 70 years ago. All the announcers that I have heard are very pleasant, plain speakers.—B.L. (Havelock North, H.B.).

DX Notes

Japanese Identified.

WOULD you identify—

1. A Japanese station between 1YA and 2BL? It is slightly nearer to 1YA (JODK, 345 metres, 865 kilocycles).
2. Another Jap. two degrees below 3LO? (JOAK, 375 metres, 800 kilocycles).
3. Another Jap. just above 4QG? (JOGK, 380 metres, 790 kilocycles).
4. Was station 2YB operating at 6.45 p.m., Tuesday, August 6. I had a station about 2YB's wavelength at that time, and I thought it might be KFOX, California. It was fairly weak.
5. Was 2FC operating at the same time and day as above? I had a weak station on 2FC's wave, and think it might have been KPO, San Francisco.—Query (To Awamutu).

Two Stations Identified.

RE "Puzzled" and "Beginner's" inquiries for station identification: "Puzzled" has been hearing KZRM, Manila, Philippine Islands. "Beginner" heard KMOX, St. Louis, U.S.A.—D. W. Tapp (Rotorua).

Philippine Station.

KAUSPANKA (Hastings) writes:—"The following may interest short-wave enthusiasts. I think I heard the new Philippine station on 50 metres on Sunday, July 28. I first heard this station at 10.30 p.m., playing dance items at RS. The announcements were barely readable, but the American accent could easily be recognised. I was listening to this station till midnight, when I turned off. There were two speeches in Japanese during the programme, and the announcer must have been speaking faintly as the Japanese was as loud as the music.

"On the long waves my latest logging is WBAP, Texas, on 800 kilocycles. I heard this at 5.30 last Monday, 12th, just before it closed down. Signals were almost at full speaker strength. Small stations like KFSD are coming in easily readable on speaker."

"I have just received a verification from KFSD, with four valves. I have now 34 Americans. I think 'Switch' was wrong with regard to the frequencies of the two Japs. about which he wrote last week, as a card I received last week gives the Jap. stations as follows (all 10 kw., with the exception of JOCK, which is 1 kw.):—JOAK, 870 kcs., 345 metres; JOBK, 750 kcs., 400 metres; JOCK, 810 kcs., 370 metres; JOFK, 850 kcs., 353 metres; JOGK, 790 kcs., 380 metres; JOHK, 770 kcs., 390 metres; JOIK, 830 kcs., 361 metres.

"Hoping this will help to clear up any doubt about the Japs."

Good D.X. Period.

IN reply to "Beginner" (Hastings), inquiring identity of station heard, but he does not think anybody can locate this station for him if he does not say wavelength or else position on his dials. This is the kind of D.X. notes to help other listeners who have not the luck to hear the call clearly. Also I must draw attention to D.X. listeners in New Zealand in keeping their results to themselves. Some good bags of American stations have been amassed on the East Coast where the

Trade Developments

PHILIPS LAMPS announce the arrival of three new products. A new type B and C eliminator, a simplified version of Type 3003. Four positive B tapping sockets are provided, and adequate C bias provision is made by having three sockets, one of which provides a fixed self-regulating bias for a power valve. Other sockets are independently adjustable between 1 and 20 volts.

Another new product is a new cabinet speaker known as the "Concert Grand." The cabinet is of wood, seven sided and available in two attractive finishes. The pitch of the speaker may be adjusted during operation by means of a three-position switch embodied in the cord.

Two new types of rectifying valves are also announced. No. 1560 full-wave equivalent to UX280; and No. 1562 half-wave equivalent to UX281.

THE Crosley Radio Corporation, America, has introduced new lines to fulfil the demands of the radio-listening public. These new lines, of which we hope to see representations on the New Zealand market before long, are:

1. Four screen grid models. These range from the unit enclosed in a simple case to a beautiful console.
2. Six models have been produced in burle walnut-finished cabinet decorated in white metal in new and original designs. These include battery sets, A.C. sets, straight-out and push-pull; circuits. One includes the screen grid.
3. The drum type dial calibrated in kilocycles has been fitted to each one of the fifteen new models.
4. A new type of speaker, the Dynacoil, claimed to be the last word in moving coil speakers, giving refinement, clarity, and richness of tone, has also been introduced.
5. Separate units of legs are manufactured to fit the table model.

Americans have been coming through with great volume lately. Some are on the air till late in the evening. I hope to see some good D.X. notes in the future.—S. Ellis (Okato).

D.X. Competition.

IN this week's "Record" I see an inquiry from "Beginner" (Hastings) for the call-sign of an American station. He doesn't give anything to identify it by, but the only station I heard speaking of the endurance flight was KMON, St. Louis, on 275 metres.

Re Mr. Ellis's inquiry of station 2ZH, Napier. This station transmits on Sundays from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and 7 to 9.80 p.m. and Wednesdays from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. He is at present operating on 20 watts, but hopes to be on 30 watts soon.

I notice that several of the Americans have been going to 10 and 11 p.m. New Zealand time lately with a programme of request gramophone items. One Sunday night I heard KFOX sign off at 3 a.m. (their time 10.30 p.m. New Zealand time).

I haven't seen many competitors for the position of D.X. king yet. My log now totals 64 stations, 45 being verified. This is on four valves.—A. E. Ireland (Taradale).

[Mr. Ellis has reported the largest number—60 verified on a five-valve receiver. Mr. Ireland, with 45 on four valves, is a good second.]

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