

The DX Club

Its Definition

"P. S.—I would like to know what the DX Club is," adds a correspondent to a letter reporting the reception of certain stations. This is not easy to define. The club was suggested by a member of the listening fraternity who was greatly interested in overseas reception. The idea was that a certain page of the "Radio Record" should be devoted to long-distance listeners, who could there exchange views and notes of reception.

It often happens that a station is brought in, and through static or fading the call sign is not obtained. Most listeners wish to "bag" as many of these distant stations as possible, hence, in order to identify them, there is a justification for a medium in which to exchange notes. This medium is supplied through the DX Club page in the "Radio Record."

There are no rules for membership, and certainly no entrance fee. Anyone interested in long-distance reception may send in a report that he thinks may be of interest to others. Those wishing to have stations identified enter their query in the "Identification Wanted" column. Other listeners who can identify these stations reply through the "Stations Identified" column.

An interesting competition is in progress. An endeavour is being made to find who has the largest log in verified stations in New Zealand. In order to verify a station, a few items are listened to, and noted. Likewise, the time, and this converted into Greenwich mean time (New Zealand time minus 11½ hours, or reference may be made to the DX clock published in an early edition of the "Radio Record"). This report is then made as complete as possible, and forwarded to the station in question. If the report is correct, a card is returned. This is a rather long task, and very few listeners take the trouble of so verifying their stations, but it is the only fair means of deciding who has the greatest log. Mr. S. Ellis, of Taranaki, has so far reported the greatest number of stations, 68 verified.

All correspondence for publication in the DX Club page should be addressed "DX Club, Box 1032, Wellington." Make reports and questions as brief as possible. Write in ink, and on one side of the paper only. If a non-de-plume is desired, keep the same one on future occasions. All letters should be signed and the name or non-de-plume printed in block capitals. Editorially we cannot take any responsibility for the authenticity of news published in this column. To help DX enthusiasts we are publishing in our booklet, "All About the All-Electric," a very full list of all stations that may be heard in New Zealand. In addition, there will be the main stations of the world which might be heard under favourable conditions.

Topical Hints

(By "Switch.")

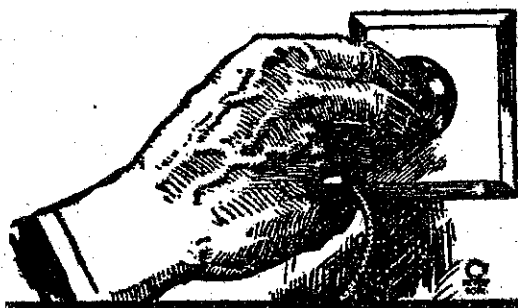
THERE is always a danger of a meeting of listeners committing themselves to a resolution expressing approval or disapproval of a broadcast item. Such a resolution may just scrape through by a bare majority, and is then issued to the public as the opinion of the meeting, while as a matter of fact there is a substantial minority opposed to the resolution. A large minority should prove that the resolution is questionable, and so it should be dropped. Unless such a motion is carried unanimously it should be withdrawn, otherwise it is open to doubt whether it is a fair expression of opinion.

THE greatest praise of the concert relayed by 2YA, Wellington, from Hawera recently is heard everywhere. Listeners are unanimous in their praise of the quality of the talent, the choice of items and the faultlessness of the technical side of the relay. One had only to listen to the political speeches relayed lately by the Australian stations to realise the absence of a background of telegraphic clicks in the recent Hawera relay. Even in Wellington, 1250 miles away, the telegraphic clicks in the Australian relays were loudly audible on a number of occasions.

A SPORTING friend has suggested to "Switch" that possibly the Broadcasting Company will re-broadcast a running description of the ensuing Melbourne Cup, the greatest race run in this quarter of the globe. It is safe to assume that the company will consider the matter, and as the running description will, no doubt, be sent by land-line to 2BL or 2FC, Sydney, the Sydney short-wave station 2ME may transmit also. New Zealand will be represented in the race, and listeners over here will eagerly watch for an announcement regarding such a rebroadcast.

[It has already been announced.—Ed.]

BEFORE many weeks elapse units of the Australian Navy will be visiting Wellington, with Rear-Admiral E. R. G. R. Evans, the hero of the big destroyer, Broke, when she valiantly engaged some German destroyers in the English Channel one dark night during the war. It was practically a hand-to-hand engagement in stygian darkness. Evans sent the Broke full speed at one of the German destroyers and rammed the enemy at 27 knots. The impact was terrific and the German received her death wound. During the engagement the Broke lost 57 men killed and wounded. Rear-Admiral Evans has broadcast from 2FC, Sydney, some thrilling episodes he experienced in the Dover patrol. Possibly we may hear him from 2YA, Wellington.



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