

country were only received at certain periods. Of course, they do not realise that being a one kilowatt station and closing at midnight, E.S.T., or 4.30 p.m. our time, it would be only during our winter that they would be heard. So it will be seen that stations do not verify on chain programmes as readily as some would have us believe.

My main object was to find out if the tales which we have all heard were true, and if so I was going to suggest that in all future competitions American stations known to be on chain be deleted from the competition. This would have meant a big decrease in the totals, as practically 80 per cent. of our American verifications are from stations which are on either one or other of the chains, but if it was a fact that 40 verifications could be obtained by taking the programme from one station, as has been stated—well, the American stations would have been better out of our competitions altogether. From the results of this test I personally conducted, I feel sure that these facts are not true, and it would appear that the American stations want local announcements before they will verify a report.

I fully realised at the time that I was laying myself open to being accused as a "faker" if the different stations receiving the reports were to compare one with the other, but took this risk to get the information I was wanting. I must say the result was very pleasing to me after all I had heard, and I am sure that everybody will be pleased to know that all the stories we have heard about the American stations are not true.

From information received from HSP1, Bangkok, Siam, station HSP3 is now off the air. This station was broadcasting on 955 k.c., but was only on the air for a short while, and is now definitely off.—D. N. Adams (Timaru).

Static Severe.

MY latest loggings are WWL, Moscow IV, Leipzig, Vinnitsa, CFON, KOMO, KGW, WBOC, KYA, KGA, WORK, WJJD, WCKY, WLS, KROW and KFAB.

For the past fortnight static, quite an old friend now, has been on his worst behaviour. However, there are still a few stations which may be logged.—"Cleveland" (Taumarunui).

Who is This Stranger?

DURING the last week I have noticed a loud heterodyne whistle on WLW. This whistle is of fairly high pitch, and

"Lone Star" Ladder

- 1—Ken Graham (38HB)24
KFGQ, KGIX, KGBI, WRBX, WJVN, WBNX, WASL, WBNS, WAVE, WEN (U.S.A.); LS9, LSS, LST, LRI, LRS, LRS, LV5, LV9, LV3 (Argentina); CX28, CX40 (Uruguay); VK3XL (Australia); FBR.
- 2—J. R. Bain (217W)17
WOBV, WALR, WBTM, WROL, WFBG (U.S.A.); CKPR, CJRW, CKCR (Canada); Belgrade, Ljubljana (Yugoslavia); Copenhagen (Denmark); ZTC (S. Africa); RKKR (S.S. City of Panama); XEFT, XEFI, XEFC (Mexico); YV3BC (Venezuela).
- 3—D. N. Adams (2HQ)17
KFVS, WAZL, WCAC, WCRW, WHDL, WHBY, WJAK, WKBO, WEHS, WHEU, WGBB, WMBO, KGKX, WHAD, WLVA (U.S.A.); LV1 (Argentina); XEAE (Mexico).
- 4—A. Maule (37T)14
Huizen (Holland), VK's 2DS, 2BK, 2FR, 2SS, 2CM, 3CL, 2AQ, 6AW, (Aust.); IIRB (Honduras); VPL (Fiji); CJCG (Canada); WEED, WIBU (U.S.A.).
- 5—S. R. Ellis (5T)14
CNRO, CNRA, CFCA, CHNS, CNRS, (Canada); CMK (Cuba); WGCU, W6ABR, WFLAD, KSAT, KFQU, KOAC, KFWC, WLBG (U.S.A.).
- 6—F. Carr (150W)6
WNBH, WPCB, WPAD (U.S.A.); VK's 4YC, 4LJ, 4WJ (Aust.).
- 7—S. Robson (1HQ)5
Sundsvall (Sweden); WRDO (U.S.A.); VK's 2JC, 7BQ (Australia); Dresden (Germany).
- 8—"Omks"5
CKEC, CFQC (Canada); XOPP, XQHE (China), LS11 (Argentina).
- 9—"Bulova"3
WGCP, WHDH, WHAZ (U.S.A.).
- 10—J. E. Downes3
KGDE, KBPS (U.S.A.), 4NW.
- 11—A. H. Rean (26W)2
VK3OR (Aust.); KFQD (Alaska).
- 12—L. M. Anderson (32T)1
Magyarovar (Hungary).
- 13—"Oxshaw"1
XEHK (China).
- 2—D. N. Adams (2HQ)15
KFXR, WHA, KIDW, WOOD, WJAC, WFAI, WVAE, WRUF (U.S.A.); XEJ (Mexico); JOIK, JOFK, JOEK, JOQK (Japan); Breslau (Germany); Lyons (France).
- 3—S. Robson (1HQ)15
WABZ, WOMB, WMBC, KREG, WQDM, WOV, WKAQ, WEHC (U.S.A.); Vilpuri (Finland); VK2UX, VK2AJ, 6IX (Australia); Graz (Austria); CFRB, CKNC (Canada).
- 4—F. Carr (150W)11
KGF1, WKBH, WAAF, WEDC, KXL, WCB1 (U.S.A.); CHLP, CRCT, CHGS, CRCO (Canada); CX26 (Uruguay).
- 5—"Bulova"7
WNBX, WGBC, WEW, WAU, WBOQ, WEBC (U.S.A.); XEN (Mexico).
- 6—C. J. Morgan (143W)6
VLBI, WNBO, KICA (U.S.A.); VK 2RJ (Aust.); ZTD, ZTJ (S. Africa).
- 7—"The Southlander"6
VK's 3HK, 3GZ, 4JN, 3KE, 3CB, 3WB (Australia).
- 8—N. Jenkins (22W)4
VK4LW (Aust.); WSMK, KFDY (U.S.A.); Bisamberg (Austria).
- 9—A. Maule (37T)3
KFON (U.S.A.); COMK (China); VK2BK (Aust.).
- 10—S. R. Ellis (5T)2
WILL (U.S.A.); CMC (Cuba).
- 11—L. G. Hopkins (164A)2
CKY (Canada); WBSO (U.S.A.).
- 12—F. J. Reeves (157W) ...2
Nyiregyhaza (Hungary); VK4WL.
- 13—"Oxshaw"2
Hamburg (Germany); Rabat (Morocco).
- 14—"Ariel"1
JOCK (Japan).
- 15—G. E. Bott (99HB)1
WSXO (U.S.A.).
- 16—C. A. Cox (275A)1
Fecamp (France).
- 17—A. Martin (232W)1
VK2WS (Aust.).
- 18—L. M. Anderson (32T)1
WSYR (U.S.A.).
- 19—H. Vine (122M.C.)1
VK7LJ.

Eliminators

- 1—T. H. Bassett43
KGCK, KGEF, KRGV, WEVD, WAAM, WMAF, WWSW, WCAJ, WCAD, WOCL, WOS, WPRO, KXRO, KPFC, WCLO, WCDA, WFDE, WHEB, WTRC, WKBI, WMBQ, WCBX, WJBI, WJBC, WMBQ, WFBF, WSVS, KGEZ, KUJ, WIL (U.S.A.); CHBC, CRCV (Canada); Berlin, Gleiwitz (Germany); 2GF, VK's 3HR, 2BV (Aust.); VUL (India); Florence (Italy); Paris, 670 k.c. (France); Algiers (N. Africa); XEH (Mexico); EAJ7 (Spain);

Double Claims

KPCB, WMBI, WRVA, WTMJ, WUNC, KFXF, WJSV, WAAW, WQAM, KTAB, WPTF, WTAH, WBBC, WMBG, WSUI, KWSC, KALE, WEEI, WCEL, WBEH, WHEC, WJJD (U.S.A.); LR3 (Argentina); 3AK, VK2LZ, VK3CH (Australia).

when WLW closes at 7 p.m. a strong carrier is audible slightly off WLW's frequency, on about 595 k.c. On speaking to another local dxer, I found that he also had heard this whistle. Could anyone inform me what this station might be?

On looking through the "Radio Times" I see that among the DX programmes, LR5 is listed for December 10, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. From an announcement of KOA on November 4 I understood that LR5 was to be on a special broadcast on the first Sunday in December, January and February, commencing at 7 p.m. New Zealand summer time.

KMTR has been heard on all-night programmes lately, coming in at good strength after 2YA closes down.—9HB. (Gisborne).

A Mystery Verification.

LAST week I received a card verifying reception of LR4, Argentina. I have never reported to LR4, nor have I ever

heard their station, but as my name and address on the envelope is absolutely correct, it is without doubt meant for me. The only solution I can think of is that I reported to XEAF, Mexico, on 990 k.c., and they have evidently forwarded my report to LR4. I have never received a reply from XEAF.

New loggings are scarce, the only ones being WOWO, XEBC, WWL, WMBI and KOIN. Verifications to hand this month are KEX, KFAC, 2FC, LR4, LR8, LS2, KGB, KZRM, and KTFL.

Will those dxers using a five-valve or less kindly let me know through the DX columns, as I dare to think I am the only one in New Zealand to hold WBBC, New York, as a verification.

From my observations up here, the DX season is about finished. QRN is R9 and QRM R1 to 9, mostly 9. KFI is at his best at 7 p.m., being R5; KPO is R3, and WLW R4, while the others are poor.—"Bluegun" (Whangarei).

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