

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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WITH the holiday feeling still lingering and the many outdoor attractions calling, very little news is coming in. Mr. H. I. Johns, on his return to Wanganui, will resume his notes, which we are missing during his absence.

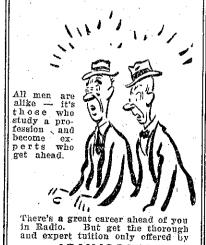
RNE, Moscow, on their new schedule of 10 to 11 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, do not come in very well when opening, though signals are excellent just before closing down. Very few people seem to hear the Sunday 3 p.m. session. This station is also on 25 metres at 2 a.m., Monday. REN, 50 metres, comes in at 9 a.m., weekdays

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THE Empire station is at present testing with different aerials. Reports from listeners would be welcomed by the B.B.C., and would be a great help to the engineers in bettering the service. Unfortunately most of the overseas stations are spoilt by "howlers."

1X/8XK-KDKA DX sessions between 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturdays are not very good when opening. Owing to local' interference the 49-metre band is not received very well in Wellington until late at night. At night from 25 metres downwards there is an absence of static and local noise. Zeesen on 19 m, is usually gushy, but improves later.

A LARGE number of people who own all-wave receivers seem to leave the shortwave side of the machine alone. To obtain results is a matter of getting to know the schedules of the regular broadcasters, and then running around the dials to look for strangers.

A NOVELTY broadcast undertaken by Moscow last year originated from the bottom of the sea. The Russian steamer Whale, sunk by the White Russians some 17 years ago, was the scene of operations. The announcer donned a diving suit and descended His description was spoken into a microphone in his helmet and relayed to the station, where ir was rebroadcast. A more intricate broadcast will be undertaken this year. Many of these things we do not hear, but they are the reward of the keen listener. A vivid description of the Managua earthquake was heard by Mr. J V. McMinn, of Wellington. The first test of ship to shore telephony, and the R101 disaster, are among the "thrills" I have experienced.

GETTING nearer home, a very large amount of work has accumulated at headquarters as a result of Christmas overtime and the holiday season; this all takes time, but we will catch up. Another "Shortwaver" is in course of preparation for members.

WITH reference to the announcement of the talk by Mr Max Riske from RNE, on 25 metres, on the 20th, those who do not catch the 3 p.m. session are advised to tune in at 10 p.m. sharp. The station is just below where Daventry and Paris come in. All-wave receiver owners should tune to the extreme edge of the wave and turn the volume control up if "howlers" are in evidence; by means the howl will be lost.

Radio Round the World

RSTHONIAN broadcasting, now run by private companies, is to be nationalised, and to have a 40 kilowatt station. There are more than 15,000 licensed listeners.

VIENNESE police have confiscated. 139 small transmitters in an attempt to stop the rapid communication between Viennese Nazis and Nazis outside Vienna.

THE Soviet Symphony Orchestra, which is heard daily from the Moscow station has 163 players, and the Russians claim it is the largest broadcasting symphony orchestra in

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