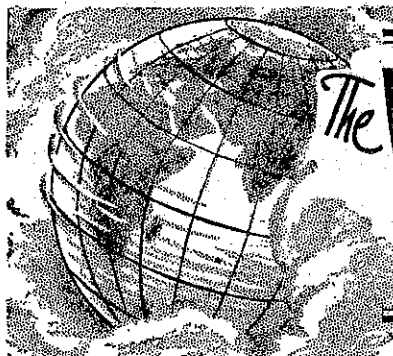




The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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VP1A, Suva Radio, 22.94 metres (12075 k.c.); operates between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. from Monday to Saturday inclusive. The address is: C/o Amalgamated Wireless, Australasia Ltd., Suva Radio, Fiji Islands. This station is usually R6-7 and QSA4-5, but at times suffers from distortion.

RNE, Moscow, 25 metres, 10 to 11 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, and also 3 to 4 p.m. Sundays; maintains good strength.

THE Daventry Empire Service is experimenting with different aeriels.

RV15, Kharbarovsk, U.S.S.R., 70.2 metres, is not so good as it was when opening, and is usually surrounded by static. Recently, however, during tests at headquarters, this station was coming in at 4 a.m. at excellent strength. At intervals the bugle call is given.

ZEESEN, after the Saar voting returns, was worth listening to. The Bells of Victory were pealing and stirring martial music was heard from bands. I usu-

ally find them gushy on 19 metres. Of course, my experience in a locality where the shortwave bands, except below 25 metres, suffer from a heavy local noise level and power leakages, cannot be taken as a guide for all parts.

CAREFUL listening on the bands allocated for shortwave broadcasts will bring results. After midnight, round 49 metres, one can hear W8XAL, Cincinnati, Ohio; Paris, an occasional Japanese station, VE9GW, Canada and others. Near 31 metres the midnight news may bring England, Germany, America, India and so on. It is useful to have a DX clock or time converter. By noting when it is 8 p.m. in various countries and tuning in then, one can generally catch something.

MR. F. V. SHANN reports from Christchurch that he finds the 31 metre band improving. W2XAF and W1XAF now being prominent.

IN order to better the service, suggestions, or if necessary, kindly criticism will assist. Many people write appreciation of the club's efforts and their support in joining up will enable us to get better equipment and to do more.

The N.Z.S.W.C. on the Air.

IT is fitting to note that the preliminary tests of the club transmitter, prior to settling down to official business, were conducted with the pioneer shortwave listener whose notes in these pages interested so many in the game. I refer to Mr. F. W. Seliens, our first president and now the owner-operator of ZL2MY. Thus ZL2QZ made its voice heard with another pioneer of amateur radio at the controls, namely, Mr. C. R. Clarke (ZL2AW), our present president. Our station is on Morse at present and is merely holding point to point experimental tests, but later we will join in with the good work, and, when finance permits, will come on with experimental telephony.

Of Interest to Junior Listeners.

MANY people do not know that a reduced sub. of 3/- per annum was made for boys and girls under 16. We have one boy in the club who joined when he was 12, and who is a very keen experimenter and inventor. I often receive ideas from him, some of them being very ingenious.

MY position brings me in touch, both personally and by correspondence, with a very large number of people, and I would like to point out to junior readers, of whom there are a very large number, that many interesting letters and papers can be obtained by a letter to a station or two, if a good report of the broadcast is sent. To do this, you must give full details of your aerial and re-

ceiver, tell how you receive the programme, give as many items as possible, with the New Zealand time you received them plainly shown, and write an interesting letter. Enquire at the Post Office for the postage rate to the country your letter is going to. You could also give some details of your surrounding country; how you spend your time and so on. These letters are made use of, sometimes in the sessions, or your address may be given to a pen-pal. You might also mention that you read the shortwave page of this paper and ask for radio news to be sent in so that we can all see it.

It is a good plan to have your old battery acid turned out and the battery filled with new acid once every year.

Even when an "A" battery is standing idle a certain amount of evaporation goes on, and it is important to renew the loss regularly with distilled water. (The process is known as "topping up.")

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