

DX Topics

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hold another one this year. At the present time the committee are discussing plans to make this one even better one than last year's. Every time I see one of the boys the first question I am asked is, not what is coming through, but "When are we having the picnic?"

Bob Thomas reports that he received 10 back last month. This gives him a total of over 160 for six months' dxing. His latest logging is XHHR, China, 50 watts. Merv states he has a few stray Americans back lately, while Stan Hunt says 3PA is his best lately.—S. Robson (Invercargill).

CHSJ Verified. 8

SINCE writing my last notes I have moved to a new locality. I was told that I would not get the same reception as I did in the old locality. Conditions have therefore been given a good test and I am certain they are not worse than in Pukeroro. On February 3 I heard LTL, LR5, LR8 and four other South Americans, and although they were too weak to make reports, it is better than I have ever done before. All locals and Aussies are good, but QRN is severe, even in daytime.

Verifications have been few lately. I received XEBC, 750 k.c., also a second from KTSA, who is now on 560 k.c. In their letter they say their new power is 5000 watts daytime, with permission to test new power after 1 a.m., C.S.T. I heard him at good strength on the day I received the verification. I also received a verification from CHSJ, St. John, New Brunswick, who say I can claim to be the longest distance verified listener. The station is 10,000 miles away, and they use 100 watts on 1120 k.c. They also sent me a local paper with a write-up.

A few words from one of my latest German verifications may be interesting. They are: "We send you and your club our good wishes, and your country all the good."

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My new address is Alpha Street, Cambridge.—"Digger" (Cambridge).

KTSA Now Using 5 k.w.

A RECENT verification from KTSA. San Antonio, states: "This will serve to verify your reception report of October 7, 1934, at which time KTSA, broadcasting on its new wavelength of 550 k.c., announced the programme of the Taylor Tabernacle, San Antonio."

"We have recently been granted a power increase to 5000 watts daytime—with permission to broadcast test programmes on the new power after 1 a.m., C.S.T."

"We were happy to receive your report and hope you'll be dxing down this way again."—IHB (Waipukurau).

Has Any Other Dxr Verified WCBA?

I RECENTLY received a verification from WCBA, Allentown, Pa., in which they say: "It is with great pleasure that I can verify your report of December 12, 1934, which was correct in every detail."

It is signed by G. Y. Synder, the director. The station operates on 1440 k.c. with 250 w., and I think I am the only one in New Zealand to hold a verification from this station.—"Lofly" (Christchurch).

Timaru Notes and News.

OUR Canterbury correspondent writes: "The Timaru Radio Club was formed in this town about three years ago, and since then has been looking after the listeners' interests. Besides, it has done much useful work in putting the installation in the Timaru public hospital into working order, and now, after about 18 months' work, reception in that institution is better than it has been since the radio was first installed."

"Electrical interference has been the subject of many uncomplimentary remarks from the dxers here. There are many keen dxers in Timaru, the present New Zealand DX champion being in this town. This dxer won the New Zealand DX Cup with a verified log of some 546 overseas stations on the broadcast band. Since winning the cup with that log last June he has been steadily increasing, and is now approaching the 650 mark. Despite this huge verified log he is still finding some new stations to add to it. The following is a list of the different countries he has verified:—Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Russia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, North Africa, Siam, India, China, Japan, Philippine Islands, Australia, Hawaii, Argentine, Bolivia, Venezuela, Porto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, U.S.A., Canada, Newfoundland. His set is an ordinary eight-valve T.R.F. receiver."

"When approached re the above he stated that he did not think his log very wonderful when compared to that of another in Pleasant Point, some 25 miles from Timaru. On a home-constructed set of two valves a young enthusiast of some 17 summers is hearing and receiving letters verifying his reception of such low-powered stations as 100-watt American stations, 100-watt Chinese stations, and numbers of stations in Europe of moderate power. This young man now has about 150 verifications from stations outside New Zealand that he has heard on this two-valve set, and has verifications from some 100-watt American

stations which no other New Zealander has heard. This is undoubtedly a truly wonderful performance."

"The aerial used in conjunction with this two-valve set is 200 feet in length, and at the far end is 100 feet high, down to a pole 50 feet high at the other end."

Loggings and Verifications.

RECENT loggings are CFCT, KGDM, KJBS, KTRH, WAWZ, KARK, KGDY and WNAD. CFCT was logged on a Sunday night at 9.30 p.m. This station operates on 1450 k.c., and is listed as using only 50 watts of power. KGDM (1100 k.c.) and KGBS (1070 k.c.) are two stations worth looking out for at the present time. These stations work until late at night, but are best logged just before the Australians occupying the same channels are audible.

KTRH has been testing quite often lately on 1290 k.c., usually closing at 8.30 p.m. WAWZ was logged on January 20 when testing, while WKBF was logged on February 6 testing a 1000-watt transmitter. KARK, KGDY and WNAD were picked up on frequency tests on February 3.

An American station has been heard lately on 730 k.c., closing at 8 p.m. I think that this station is a Mexican, but owing to interference from 3YA I have been unable to identify the call.

Verifications received recently are from CKWX, KGAR, KGGC (all 100-watters), KFBB, KJR, KVOD (new call for KFXF), WNEW, WTAU, 5PI and Madona (Latvia), who sent a very interesting folder describing Latvia and showing many views of Latvian scenery, etc. Some extracts from their verification are: "In Latvia are four broadcasting stations, Riga on 583 k.c., power of 15 k.w.; Madona on 1104 k.c., 50 k.w.; Kuldiga on 1258 k.c., 20 k.w.; and Liepaja, 1738 k.c., 0.1 k.w."

"Madona transmits the programme of Riga. Announcement is 'Hallo, Latvia, Riga, Madona, Kuldiga, Liepaja.'"—GM.C. (Pleasant Point).

Wellington Branch Meeting

THOSE present at our meeting on February 5 were 177, 232, 233, 238, 240, 305, 306, 312, 313, and one intending member. Those members who had not been present at our previous meetings this year were notified of the changes to our competitions, etc.

Reports for the branch notes in the March "Radio Times" should be in the secretary's hands by February 18 (address, F. J. Reeves, 211 Grant Road). Entries for the best verification of the month will be judged at our next meeting, to be held on Tuesday February 19.—K. P. Murphy, Acting Branch Secretary.

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