

# The WORLD on SHORT WAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

## Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen.

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**L**ISTENERS should remember that a penny stamp will not suffice for postage to any country. Be sure to inquire the postage rates at your Post Office (a list was published in the September, 1934 "Radio Times") otherwise your letter may be refused and sent to the Dead Letter Office. For instance, Japan is 2½d. for the first ounce.

**T**HE Japanese station heard on 10.74 meg. (27.98 m.) is JVM, a telephony station, who sometimes relays a programme. Lower down, on 10.66 meg. (18.14 m.) is JVN, used for telephoning Europe. A list of these will be ready for the next issue of the "Shortwaver."

**K**NRA, the schooner "Seth Parker," broadcasting experiences of their world cruise for the NBO, also had on board the portable transmitter, WIOXDA. Usually they worked Rocky Point and amateurs.

**A**LL members of the N.Z.S.W.C. are now also members of the World Radio Research League, and, pending articles on the objects of this society, I would be pleased to receive information from members on radio phenomena.

**T**HE second broadcast of the League of Nations special tests came through practically 100 per cent. readable, and was rebroadcast by VK3LR on 31m., also, I understand, by the broadcast stations. Australia is making a feature of the remaining tests.

**R**NE, Moscow, 25m., seems to be definitely back on their old schedule of 11 p.m. to midnight on Wednesdays and Sundays. They have been heard broadcasting to France and Northern America in the early mornings.

**T**HE Seth Parker (KNRA) reports that she is still broadcasting. The ship was heard on February 15 from 4.15 p.m. on about 28 metres at good strength. The announcer said they would be on again at the same time next week.

**T**HE following shortwave notes are from Mr. H. I. Johns (N.Z.171W), Wanganui:

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

**FYA**, 25.60m., was heard at 12.40 p.m., with talk in French, but was very weak. At 1.50 p.m. station had greatly improved.

**WSXK**, 25.25m., was also heard at weak strength at 4 p.m.

**RNE**, 25m., was heard at 3.50 p.m., but very weak, signals being spoilt by bad surge taking place.

**FYA**, on opening up at 4 p.m., had a strong signal which was very clear. Station was giving out news bulletin in French.

**WSXK**, 48.9m., was heard at 5.14 p.m. reading out letters to friends in the Far North, signals being 95 per cent. readable with fair strength.

**W3XAL** and **WSXAL** on 49.1 and 49.5m., both coming in at good strength round 6 p.m. with usual dance music.

**VK2ME**, 31.28m., at 6 p.m. was coming in at fair to good strength with usual good programme, but slight surge taking place.

**RX15**, 70.1m., heard at 8.15 coming in with fairly strong signals. Talk was being given in Russian.

**GSB**, 31.5m., was putting over a religious service from Wakefield Cathedral at 8.15 p.m., with good loudspeaker strength and clear signals.

**The 20m. American "hams"** in 'phone are starting to come in again, **W6HEK**, which is the portable call of **W6FYM**, was logged at R4, QSA4, on February 8 at 2.15 p.m. American "hams" are always worth listening to and should any S.W.L. log any of these stations and require the address, the writer will be pleased to forward it, on receipt of a stamped envelope. My address is 45 Abbott Street, Gonville, Wanganui.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

**FYA** was heard at 12.45 p.m. with talk in French at R3, QSA3, at 2.5 p.m. Station was at fair speaker strength, with musical items, quality being good. At 5.55 p.m., **FYA** finished up with a very fine signal, being at full speaker strength. The National Anthem was played and the station closed just on 6 p.m.

**W2XAF**, 31.45 m., was heard at 4.15 p.m., reading out letters from friends in America to Admiral Byrd and men of the Antarctic Expedition. Signals were R5, QSA4, but unsteady.

**W1XAZ**, 31.28 m., with musical items, signals at R4, QSA3, also unsteady.

**KEE**, Bolinas, Calif., 38.89 m., putting over a short play, signals being R5, QSA4, at 4.32 p.m. This station broadcasts to Honolulu.

**WSXK**, 48.9 m., with musical programme at 5.45 p.m. Signals R6, QSA5. Other American stations on 49 m. band very weak.

**VP1A**, Radio, Suva, Fiji, 22.94 m., very good to-day, R7, QSA5. **VP1A** will be operating on above wavelength for some time yet. Listeners will be notified when a change does take place. Announcer thanked all S.W.L. who sent in reports. So many have reached the station that it may be some time before they receive the station card.

**W9XF**, 49.5 m., at 6.40 p.m. was R6, QSA5, asking for reports and giving out station address in the Spanish language, after which they continued with musical programme.

**WSXAL**, 49.15 m., was also on the air at 6.45 p.m., with a musical programme at R5, QSA4, with slight noise level.

### League of Nations, Switzerland.

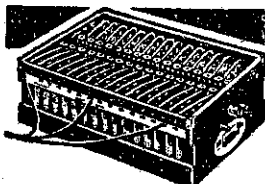
The above station was heard calling up Australia and New Zealand at 9.4 p.m., for a few minutes. They were also heard testing with **VK3LR** at 8.10 p.m. Announcer was heard to say that in five minutes' time the station would broadcast a special programme for Australia and New Zealand. At 8.15 p.m. an address was given regarding the work of the League and was found to be very interesting. This lasted for 25 minutes. Near the end of the address, signal strength fell from R7 to R5, but the address was never less than 95 per cent. readable.

The above test was carried out on 20.04 m., probably by **HBJ**, and also on 16.25 m. by **HBH**.

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