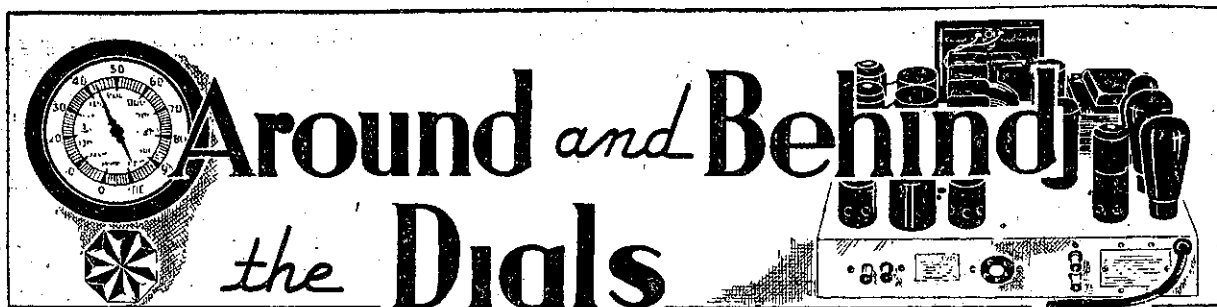




Stations Identified

186W (Wellington): What you took to be a VK on 1290 k.c. is XQHC, Shanghai. He always calls in English, and the call would sound like 2JE. Your other station, on 700 k.c., was XMEC, Shanghai. Both these stations have English announcers and broadcast English dance music. **122MC (Christchurch):** Your American on 1470 k.c. is KGA.—92S (Invercargill).

DX Club Meetings

Auckland

In room 52, 5th floor, Lewis Eady's Buildings at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

H. SUTCLIFFE (194A),
Branch Secretary.

South Canterbury

At the secretary's residence, 35 Bowker St., Timaru, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

D. N. ADAMS (2HQ),
Branch Secretary.

Napier

The Napier branch holds its meetings fortnightly, the second and last Tuesday of each month, at the clubroom on the premises of the Napier Radio Co., Dickens St., Napier at 7.30 p.m.

A. BRIMER (151H.B.),
Branch Secretary.

Whangarei.

The Whangarei branch holds its meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at Fulljames' Hairdressing Salon, at 8.0 p.m.

R. A. ROYCROFT (222A.),
Branch Secretary.

Manawatu.

At 12 Campbell St., Palmerston North, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

C. J. MORGAN (143W.),
Branch Secretary.

Wanganui.

At 21 Lowther St., at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

FRANK CARR (150W.),
Branch Secretary.

Wellington

In room 15, 3rd floor, Dominion Buildings, Wakefield St., at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, May 21.

F. J. REEVES (157W.),
Branch Secretary.

DX CLUB News and Views

Identification Wanted

Station on approx. 1215 k.c. heard on Sunday, May 5. At 2.49 a.m., "Love Was Born," was heard, and at 3.10 a.m. an organ solo was played. At 3.21 a.m. a man announced and gave the call which sounded like 3BK, Melbourne—"Wobbles" (Marton).

DX Topics

Some Facts About MTCY.

I RECENTLY received the following letter from station MTCY:—

"We have received your letter and are much pleased by the fact that you heard our transmissions.

"We find that the broadcast items and times which are indicated in your report, do correctly correspond with our programme of the date. So we have the pleasure to acknowledge your reception of our station.

"At present we broadcast the rise-up exercise, linguistic lessons, market prices, news, weather-note, lectures, programme for children, public announcements, and music either in the Japanese and Manchurian languages through the one kilowatt transmitter everyday in the daytime hours from 6.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and in the evening hours from 6 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., and the lectures, music, drama, story, the reading of the poems, public announcements and news in Manchurian, Japanese and Russian through the 100 k.w. transmitter.

"Our station had been under the management of the Kwantung Garrison up to September 1, 1933, when the management was transferred to the Manchuria Telegraph and Telephone Company, and our 100 k.w. transmission has started on the first last November, and are now on the air every evening.

"In anticipating to receive another report from you, we are, yours respectfully, MTCY, Hsinking Radio Station, S. Kimura, the Manager."—216W (Palmerston North).

This Interference Problem.

AT the last meeting of the Wellington branch, it was proposed and seconded by members that we challenge the following paragraph which appeared on page 16 of last week's issue:

"As long as the nearest national station of good field strength is received without interference, it is considered by the department that the listener is served with a trouble-free broadcasting service.

That is the fundamental standard—and one which must in all reason be accepted at present. This standard means that the department is aware of the meaning of "essential" service to the average listener. Those who purchase sets which which are capable of long-distance reception must expect interference when they do switch on to long-distance. Nature sees to that in many instances, so who can blame the trans, electric motors and so on if they provide a little extra trouble?"

We take it for granted that most listeners can hear a national station at fairly good volume during the scheduled hours. If they can't, well, interference is not going to make any difference to the station if it is not up to entertainment volume.

Then we have owners of shortwave sets only. New Zealand has no national shortwave station, but we must have a license to operate this receiver. On shortwave we have plenty of electrical interference and must therefore be entitled to some consideration. If not, then there is no need for the interference branch of the radio inspectors.

In other towns and cities much interference is being remedied with some success. In one town the radio inspector calls every month on set owners and asks if there are any complaints. If so, they are given his services and the source of interference is located and in most cases remedied.

It would be interesting to know how the other branches regard this matter.—F. J. Reeves (Branch Secretary)

A Noise-Reducing Aerial.

SINCE last writing I have changed my address and am now in a fairly quiet locality. I have done very little dxing

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