

The WORLD on SHORTWAVE

Conducted by the N.Z. Shortwave Club

Shortwave Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen

(By A. B. McDonagh, 4 Queen Street, Wellington, E.I.)

During the week very little news is to hand from listeners, but the star item is from Mr. Anderson, of Huinga, Stratford, who picked up W6TTH at R6, QSA5, with a very interesting account of the Golden Gate Bridge. Particular interest is taken in this bridge, which will cost six million dollars, and many of the amateurs are lending a helping hand to the committee which has in hand the work of preparation for the forthcoming celebrations.

Again I am receiving "shake-ups" over certain stations listed as being on the air at night time. Well, they are there, but Mother Nature is very fickle, and man has not yet mastered the seasonal conditions. From a dxer's point of view it is as well, maybe, that he has not, because if we had perfect reception the year round the stations would not require reports, and so no cards for our collections. We must remember it is summer over there, and short-waves have a liking for a dark pathway. However, the hardy ones who persist in the search are often rewarded.

The new motor vessel Kanimbla has a broadcasting equipment installed, and has been heard with a lady announcer. The call letters are 9MI.

"Dxr" (Waihi), in last issue, mentions a Spanish station. This would be EAQ, Madrid, but the call would sound "Ay Ah Coo." He mentions two stations on the 31-metre band as not being listed. As a matter of fact, between 30 and 32 metres (what is popularly termed the 31 band) there are 45 stations definitely calibrated and about half a dozen others supposed to be there also but not yet listed. If he listens at night time about 10 p.m. he will hear YDB, Java, CQN, Macao, and perhaps two

Japanese as well as the Australians. Later on others, such as W1XX, Germany, etc., will reappear.

Slow Morse Schedule.

ZL2PX, operated by Mervyn Taylor, of Shannon, (ex ZL4BH, of Stewart Island), who is a transmitting member of the N.Z.S.W.C., transmits a slow morse schedule every Saturday from 7 to 7.30 p.m., on the 80-metre band, beginning at five words per minute. All reports will be appreciated.

Reception Notes

THE following shortwave notes are from Mr. H. I. Johns (N.Z.171W), Wanganui:—

TUESDAY, JUNE 9.

GSP, 19.6m.: At 11.5 a.m. the signals were fairly good from this station, the programme being a musical one. The strength was R4, QSA5.

TPA4, 25.6m.: An excellent signal at 3.30 p.m., transmitting a musical programme. Signals were wonderfully clear. Station closes at 4.30 p.m.; RS, Q5.

GSD, 25.5m.: To Western Canada, but received here with a fairly good signal at 3.25 p.m., at which time the station closes. Announcer was giving out county cricket scores. Signals R6, Q5.

WSXK, 48.8m.: Programme of dance music at 3.58 p.m. Signals good, R6, Q5. Closes at 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10.

2RO, 31.13m.: Heard at 12.10 p.m. with a very good signal. This station is transmitting a programme to America, which is known as the "American Hour" programme, and is broadcast from 11.30 a.m. till 1 p.m. approximately. Music from this station is very fine. Signals R5, Q5.

TPA4, 25.6m.: Programme of music at 12.20 p.m., good quality. Station is heterodyned by CJRX, who is practically on the same frequency as TPA4. Signals R6.

German station heard transmitting programme of music at 12.50 p.m. on the 19m. band. No call sign was given. Volume

was fair. This may be an experimental station. News in English at 12.55 p.m.

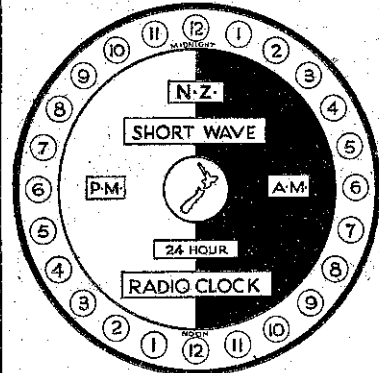
THURSDAY, JUNE 11.

W2XAF, 31.55m.: Was heard transmitting a programme of music, after which a radio play was put over. At 3.55 p.m. volume fair. On tuning into the 19m. band the same programme was also heard from W2XAF. Also operating at the same time was W2XAD on 19m.

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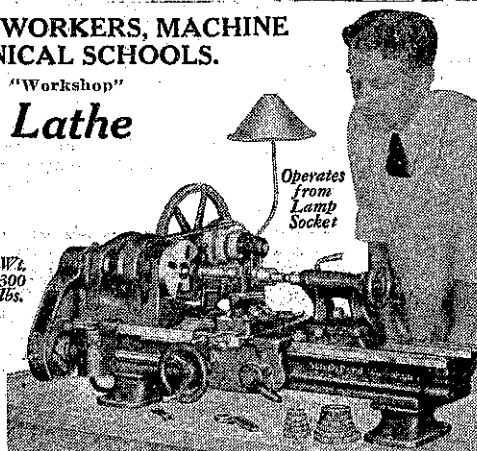
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