

Shortwave Club Notes

Motor-ship Kanimbla.

I HAVE had many letters asking for information, so briefly, these are the details. The 11,000-ton Australian passenger steamer Kanimbla was built in Belfast, and on her first voyage to Sydney broadcast for the national network. The 1.5 kilowatt transmitter is crystal controlled, and can operate anywhere between 20 and 50 metres, but at present is on 25.54 or 49.47. The announcer is Miss Eileen Foley, of Sydney, and the call-sign is 9MI. The ship's equipment includes special studios, and has an extensive public address system. Another transmitter can operate on 600 metres. Among the different items are receivers covering from 15 to 20,000 metres, echo-meter and auto alarm receiver. Thus the ship can broadcast over speakers in various locations on board as well as put over complete ship to shore broadcasts. In other words, in addition to being a passenger steamer, she is also a floating broadcast station. One member tells me that 9MI does not verify, but letters addressed to the ship at Sydney will be delivered.

Mr. W. Findlay, of Waikino, reports that, in his locality, the 25, 31, and 49-metre bands are not very good until midnight, when they considerably improve. 20-metre amateurs are still active and his "bag" includes G6LK and G6WY heard between 6 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 27.

Mr. S. D. Weaver, of Wellington, advises that as from June 10, GSO, 19.76 metres, replaces GSI, 19.66. In Transmission 6, GSF uses 19.82 m. as an experimental wavelength in addition to GSC and GSD. GSF was to discontinue from June 24, and an announcement was to be made as to the substitute. English news from Paris is now at 2.50 p.m. instead of at 2.30 p.m. DJB, 19.73 m., is now on the air from 9.35 a.m. to 3.20 p.m. in addition to DJD, DJA, and DJN. JVN, Japan, is again on with English news at 4.30 p.m. with a lady announcer, on 14,600 k.c.

The U.S.A. Presidential Elections.

On June 28 those who listened to W2XAF heard an excellent broadcast of the nomination of President Roosevelt. The Governor or representative of each

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State made the declaration individually before the Convention. At intervals the microphone was switched over to different booths to relay a description of the proceedings.

The N.Z. Shortwave Club has now been established for close on seven years. Further information will be supplied if a stamp is sent with your address to 4 Queen Street, Wellington.

Reception Notes

THE following shortwave notes are from Mr. H. I. Johns (Wanganui):

W6ITH, California.

Tuned into the above station, when the operator was heard speaking to VK4JX. It was very pleasing to hear what W6ITH had to say regarding S.W.L.'s reports from New Zealand and Australia. He has, literally speaking, received hundreds of reports from New Zealand and Australia, and they have been very much appreciated by him. The reports have always contained information regarding signal strength, QRN, QRM, and QSB, etc. W6ITH prefers reports from New Zealand and Australia in preference to those from his own country, which he says always give him the idea that they are only reporting for a card, and, furthermore, his signals are always R9. W6ITH thinks that there is a large army of S.W.L.'s in New Zealand. I suggest that we keep the good work going and always send out the best reports we can, so that they may be of some use to the station engineers who receive them.

Wednesday, July 1.

DJO, 19.63 m., 10 a.m., had an excellent signal, the programme consisting of band music. Speech was also very clear and steady. Signals were R6, Q5; closed at 3.25 p.m., at R7, Q5.

DJN, 31.45 m. Transmitting a beautifully clear signal at 10.15 a.m., the programme also consisting of band music, with signals at R6, Q5.

2RO, 31.13 m. Just signing off at 12.30 p.m., with the Italian National Anthem. Signals R6, Q5.

GSB, 31.5 m. Closed down at 12.40 p.m. for transmission No. 5. Prior to closing news was given out, signals being very clear, which is the case with all signals to-day; R5, Q5.

HJ1ABP, 31.25 m.: Musical programme at 12.45 p.m., the strength being fair, but very clear. This station closes around 1.30 p.m., and is on the air daily. Signals R5, Q5.

EAQ, 30.4 m.: An excellent signal, one of the best heard from this station as far as volume and clarity are concerned. Musical programme at 12.55 p.m. Announcements in English and Spanish. Signals R8, Q5.

TPA4, 25.60 m.: Excellent signals at 1 p.m., with musical programme; signals R8, Q5.

DJD, 25.38 m.: Another excellent signal. Announcer heard thanking S.W.L.'s for reports sent in. Signals R6, Q5.

W2XAD, 19.57 m.: Very fine musical programme at 3.30 p.m.; excellent signals and steady. W2XAD is the experimental station of the N.B.C. and closes at 4.30 p.m. daily.

GSC, 31.32 m.: At 3.28 p.m. was giving out county cricket scores, signals being beautifully clear and steady. Transmission for Western Canada. Signals R6, Q5.

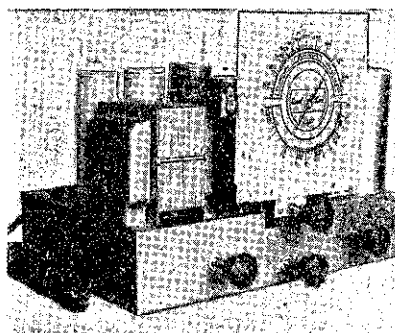
W9XF, 49.4 m.: One cannot mistake this station round 4.30 p.m., when the call-sign is always given out in several different languages. If one cannot understand the language, they will at least hear the call sign about six to eight times, after which listeners will hear dance music till approximately 5.30 p.m. Signals R5, Q3.

THURSDAY, JULY 2.

PCJ, 31.28 m.: Heard at 1 p.m. transmitting a three-hour programme to South America with a very good signal, the programme being a musical one. PCJ is on the air every Thursday from approximately 11.30 a.m. and closes at 2.30 p.m. The well-known announcer Mr. Startz announces in six languages. This station is always pleased to receive reports. Closed with the playing of the National Anthem of the Netherlands at 2.40 p.m., with signals from R5 to 7 at end of programme.

EAQ, 30.4 m.: Musical programme of good quality at 1.20 p.m. Signals good. Station seems to be back to its strength of two years ago. Signals R7, Q5. Last winter EAQ was weak. Closes round 2.30 p.m., but has been heard to close at 2 p.m.

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