

AROUND AND BEHIND THE DIALS.

Want A Pound of Coffee Beans?

CENTRAL and South American stations are well known for the unusual verifications which they send in reply to reports, but strangest of all is that of TGWA, Guatemala City, Guatemala. In addition to the ordinary letter of verification, this station sends a pound of coffee beans to every listener who reports to them, and there is no charge! They do not request I.R.C.'s, stamps or coins. TGWA transmits on 9.45 m.c.

DX Topics

No "Broken English" from PCJ.

ON reading the notes from 229M.C. (Christchurch) in last week's "Radio Record," I felt impelled to take up my pen. We old-timers (radio-actively speaking) know what PCJ used to mean to us in the days of one or two-valve s.w. receivers. We knew the station as soon as we heard it. I have listened to PCJ many a time, and have never heard what 229M.C. describes as "broken English" yet. The announcer

there is a linguist, and his English, though careful, is nearly always correct.

This note may bring down a storm upon my head, but PCJ and its announcer have too many radio memories for me to make any mistake. Personally, I don't think that 229M.C.'s station was PCJ at all!

Incidentally, my receiver has grown from a one-valve in 1923 to an eight-valve superhet to-day; all home-built, including coils and intermediates.—"PCJ" (Feilding).

December DX Broadcasts.

THE following stations will be on test for December. I hope members will be able to log some of them. Times given are N.Z.D.S.T.

2nd, 7.30 to 8 p.m., WHBQ, 1370 k.c.
16th, 7.30 to 8 p.m., WHBQ, 1370 k.c.
16th, 10.30 to 11 p.m., WAWZ, 1350 k.c.

19th, 8.30 to 9 p.m., KVL, 1370 k.c.
19th, 9.30 to 10.30 p.m., KRE, 1370 k.c.
20th, 8 to 9 p.m., KXA, 760 k.c.
20th, 9.30 to 10.30 p.m., KMPC, 710 k.c.

23rd, 7.30 to 8 p.m., WHBQ, 1370 k.c.
26th, 8 to 9 p.m., KFRO, 1370 k.c.
26th, 11 to 12 p.m., WTRC, 1310 k.c.
30th, 7.30 to 8 p.m., WHBQ, 1370 k.c.

—4HQ (Waipukurau).

G2MV Wants Contact With N.Z.

I HAVE been taking the "Radio Record" for over 12 months now, and apart from the weekly programmes I have found some very useful DX notes from time to time.

I have not written to your valuable paper before, but recently I received a verification card from an English amateur, G2MV, and also a letter thanking me for my report. In his letter he stated that he has often heard ZL's calling CQ on CW, and would very much like to work a ZL on phone or CW, but does not think his signals could be heard here. Any amateur wishing to work this chap is sure of a fine QSO, and I would be pleased if some New Zealand amateur would give him a call between 7 and 12 p.m. G.M.T.

G6FS (a New Zealander) is on at the same hours.

My latest verifications are:—W1AXA, W2HCE, W5NT, W9BAQ, W5APW, W4EM, W4FQ, W8ANO, W9RUK, W8DTJ, W6LIP, W6ITH, W5BEE, W6FQY, W6BKY, W4CWV, G2XV, G2MY, VE5OT, V8TRF (all 20 metres), also HJ1ABE, COCQ, DJN, Radio Coloniale, W2XAF, HF1A, and several VK's.—"Mac" (Christchurch).

U.S.A. Station Changes.

RECENT U.S.A. station changes are:

KRGV, 500 w. to 1 k.w.
KVOA, 500 w. to 1 k.w.
WBLB, 2.5 k.w. to 5 k.w.
WMEX, 100 w. to 5 k.w. and 1500 k.c. to 1470 k.c.

WSPG has changed call to WGAN.
KROY came on regular schedule on November 1.

Licences have been granted for the operation of the following new stations:

790 k.c. with 1 k.w. at Pittsburgh, Kansas (daytime only); 1200 k.c. with 100 w. at Sioux Falls, S.D. (unlimited time); 1250 k.c. with 1 k.w. at St. Louis, Mo. (unlimited time); 1310 k.c. with 100 w. at Jefferson City, M. (daytime only); 1310 k.c. with 100 w. at Cedar City, Utah (unlimited time); 1420 k.c. with 100 w. at Watertown, N.Y. (unlimited time); 1480 k.c. with 5 k.w. at Hammond, Ind. (daytime only); 1500 k.c. with 100 w. at Escanaba, Mich. (daytime only); and one at Salina, Kansas (unlimited time).

New calls are: Experimental, W8XJS, W8XJT, W8XJU, W8XIZ; air, KHASA, KHAB, KHASC, KHASD, KHASF, KHASG; special, W3XAH; emergency, WANF; police, KAPI, Grass Valley, Cal. New point-to-point transmissions are KQAN and KAOQ, both at North Naknek, Alaska.

Special from KRKD.

STATION KRKD, Los Angeles, California, will broadcast a special DX programme from 8 to 9 p.m., N.Z.D.S.T., on Saturday, December 5. KRKD transmits on 1120 k.c. (267.7 metres), with a power of 500 watts.—E.W.W. (Christchurch).

Network Changes in California.

AS from January 1, 1937, the following network changes will take place in California: KERN, KMJ, KFBK, KWG from C.B.S. to N.B.C.; KFRC, KHJ, KGB, KDB from C.B.S. to Mutual; KSFO, KNX from Western to C.B.S. This will increase the number of N.B.C. stations in the State from six to ten and reduce the number of C.B.S. from eight to two.

More U.S.A. Station Changes.

WEXP, Clarksburg, W. Va., has changed call to WBLK.

KXOX, St. Louis, Mo., new call.
WEAU, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, new call.

KREC, 100 w. to 250 w. and 1420 k.c. to 1390 k.c. (time unlimited).

KSJS, Salina, Kansas, new call.
KGSS, Sioux Falls, S.D., new call.

New commercial calls are: Aircraft, KHXOL, KHASI, KHASJ, KHASL.
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N.Z. DX Club Meetings

HAWKE'S BAY.

In the Club Room, Wood's Tea-Rooms, Waipukurau, at 7.45 p.m., on Wednesday, December 2. Subsequent meetings will be held on December 16, and January 13.

L. W. MATHIE (4HQ),
Branch Secretary.

WELLINGTON.

In the offices of National Magazine, Ltd., Third Floor, "Dominion" Buildings, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9.

F. J. REEVES (2HQ),
Branch Secretary.

MANAWATU.

The Annual General Meeting of the Manawatu branch will be held at 12 Campbell Street, Palmerston North, on Wednesday, December 2, at 8 p.m. Business: Report and balance-sheet, election of officers and general. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

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

WHANGAREI.

In Fulljames' Salon at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, December 7.

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

AUCKLAND.

In the Society of Arts Hall, Kitchener Street, at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, December 2.

F. NEWING (316A),
Branch Secretary.

NAPIER.

In the Club Room, Dickens Street, Napier, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8.

O. N. HALLETT (143HB),
Branch Secretary.

MARTON.

At 97 Princess Street, at 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday, December 8.

J. R. BAIN (217W),
Branch Secretary.

WAIKATO.

At Morrinsville at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 5.

D. W. B. TURNER (292A),
Branch Secretary.

WANGANUI.

At 21 Lowther Street, at 8 p.m., on Thursday, December 17.

F. CARR (150W),
Branch Secretary.

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