

AROUND AND BEHIND THE DIALS.

Shortwave Notes and News

THE 10 m. band is at present fairly active, and during the last few days several "W" phones and also VK's have been logged. The best time to hear the "W's" is from noon till 3.30 p.m. The signals are not strong, but very clear. It is fairly certain that if "W's" are logged on 10 m. they will verify.

The Empire station GSH. on 13.9 m., can be heard very well in the late evenings round 11.30 p.m., signals being fairly strong and clear.

The 20m. "ham" band is much improved and stations can be heard very early in the afternoon now. Don't forget, when reporting to "W's," to include return postage, or the chances of receiving a card will be very small indeed.

A new station that has recently come on the air, VR6G at Pitcairn Island, has been heard in Sydney with good strength lately. They use both telephony and Morse, and are said to be on 14,100 k.c. (21.28 m.). Station is testing at present and has no fixed times for transmissions.

EAJ43, Canary Islands, on 10,370 k.c. (28.93 m.), has been heard very well during the last few mornings. News in English is given by a woman before closing down at 8.30 a.m.

I have now been living in Nelson for the past five months, and have found reception on the shortwave bands to be much better than when I was in Wanganui. The altitude is 225ft. and is half a mile from the sea. QRN and QRM are just about nil. My set is a four-valve battery operated with a "B" eliminator. The earth is of the multiple pipe system and gives excellent results. Should any dxer wish to know the details of the earth system, I shall only be too pleased to supply same. Address: Mount Pleasant Avenue, Nelson.—H. I. Johns (Nelson).

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Answers To Correspondents

"Savali" (Auckland): Many thanks for your offer, but we do not think any good purpose would be served by reopening discussion on the subject you mention.

Stations Identified

"Repat" (Frankton): The station on 31 metres was probably ZBW3, on 31.49 metres (9.52 m.c.), which transmits from 4 to 5.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. on week-days, and from 1.30 to 5.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Sundays. The address is Box 200, Hong-Kong, China. ZBW is the broadcast band station.

DX Topics

EAQ, Madrid.

EAQ, "La Voz de Espana," can be heard at 7 p.m., N.Z. time, on 30.43 metres. News is given in English with sigs, usually R7, QSA4-5.—246MC (Christchurch).

Loggings and Verifications.

LATEST cards back are from VK6ME, VK4PC, VK2VA, VK4SA, VK3LI, and W2GIZ. My latest reports out are to VK5JS, VK4LK, VK2NY, TI2FG, HC2HP, W4DLH, K6CGK, K6BNR, KA1AF, KA1AP, W6BKY, XUSRB, XUSMC, K6BAZ, W2IKV, NY2AE, K6BJJ, LU5ZA, CE3AC, and W6JP.—"Repat" (Frankton).

Exchange of QSL Cards.

THE following dxers would like to exchange QSL cards with other dxers:—

T. J. Wimsett, Scott Street, Blenheim.

COCM Does Verify.

IN recent issues of the "R.R." several members have stated that radio station COCM, of Havana, Cuba, will not QSL, despite the fact that he asks for reports at the end of his transmissions, but on April 5 I received a QSL from him confirming a report on January 1. It is a very good card with a photo of Havana on the front. On the back is written: "Your report is correct. Thank you." This is written in English, Spanish and French. There is also written: "CMCM, Onda Larga. (Longwave) 850 k.c. And COCM, Onda Corta (Shortwave) 9833 k.c." The QRA of this station is: "Calle 23, No. 482, Vedado, Apartado (P.O. Box) 33, Havana, Cuba."

If there are any SWL's who would like to exchange QSL's with dxers overseas they may send their addresses

to me, and I will send them on to a dxer in America, who will send them on to other dxers who wish to exchange QSL's. My QRA is: Frank Howe, P.O. Box 39, Frankton Junction.

Latest QSL's are: COCM; K6KGA, Honolulu, who would take reports; a card from XE1LK, confirming a report I sent to TI2HP; the book PCJ sent to all dxers who reported them on their special tenth jubilee programme; and W6CQS, who is a very quick QSL.—551A. (Frankton).

Spanish War News.

EHZ, on 28.93 metres, is coming in with a good signal around 8 a.m. Readability is bad owing to it being blurry. The only words that can be clearly understood are those that are said slowly or emphasised. A lady gives news in English at 8.10 a.m., calling different English-speaking countries, and then announces the wavelengths on which the station is transmitting. The call is pronounced "EHZee."

EAQ broadcasts Spanish war news daily at 6.15 p.m. and 7.40 a.m. N.Z.S.T. News in English is given about half an hour after the commencement of the transmission.—R.M. (Auckland).

Nine Months' Dxing.

I HAVE been dxing for nine months, and I think it is about time I gave an account of myself. The following is a list of stations logged to date:—B.C.: 72 Australians, ZJV, KNX, KGU, KOA, KSL, KGMB, KPO, KFBK, KGA, KJR, KDB (100 w.), KGO, WHO, KHJ, KFWB, WBBM, KDYL, KMPC, KFSD, KPNC, KLLX, WIRE, KMO, KSTP, WBT, XEPN, XENT, XEAW, XERA, XEMO, WLW, JBCK, JOAK-1, JOAK-2, JOHK, JOIK, RW54, LR3, LS11. Shortwave: VPD2, DJB, DJA, DJE, DJQ, DJO, W9XF, KZRM, COCQ, COBC, COCM, COCX, COBZ, COCH, W2XAF, RV15, TGWA (31 m.), TGWA (25 m.), CXAS, RNE, W2XG (19 and 25 m.), XEWV, PCJ, TPA4, WSXK, W8XAL, PMH, W3XAL, ZM-BJ, WIXK, HJ1ABP, HP5J, OLR2A, CSW, HBJ, HVJ, H80, EA9AH, VK-2ME (18.37 m.), LRX, JVN, W1XAL, TIPG, OLR2A, VK3ME, VK3LR, VK-6ME. S.W. amateur: K6BNR, K6NZQ, LU1HI, XUSMC, TI2RC, HI5X, W2I-

N.Z. DX Club Meetings

HAWKE'S BAY.

In the Club Room, above Wood's Tearooms, Waiapukurau, at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20.

V. L. KING (119H.B.),
Branch Secretary.

NORTHLAND.

At 21 Anzac Road, Whangarei, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, May 2.

R. A. ROYCROFT (2H4),
Branch Secretary.

AUCKLAND.

In the Society of Arts Hall, Kitchener Street, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20.

F. NEWING (316A.),
Branch Secretary.