

BRANCH NOTES AND NEWS

Auckland

At our meeting on June 20, 24 members were present, and all had an enjoyable evening. Entries for our various competitions were judged at this meeting, and also at the meeting held on July 13.

Toward the end of June, we received a visit from the members of the Northland branch, and were favoured, the same weekend, by the presence of some of the Waikato members. The visit is fully covered in the Northland notes, so suffice it to say here that the 50 members and friends who gathered at Morningside Hall on the night of June 25 all voted it an excellent evening.—F. Newing (316A.).

Northland

DX in the town area is very slack owing to QRM and QRN, but members are still keen. New loggings in the north are 7ZR and KTHS, while verifications received include WGY, 6PR, WBT on broadcast, and RNE, OLR, COCG, ZMBJ, FOSAA and a few of the more common ones on shortwave.

Snippets.

It is rumoured that an old member of this branch down Wellington way has just been presented with a young dxer. Congratulations, Bob!

"Three-Six": We were summing up the trips we are due to take during the coming summer. They are: West Coast 30 miles, Kaitiaki 104, Tangowahine 40, Auckland 120, and, of course, the Waipoua Forest again, and return from all. Wouldn't you like to be with us?

Our Visit to Auckland.

On June 25, four car-loads of the Northland clan set off to visit "Tack," Frank, Dr. Mac, Coxie, and the rest of the Auckland gang. After a very good journey, we duly arrived at the queen city at 5 p.m. The whole Auckland population was there to welcome us, and, after pushing our way through the Aucklanders, we were confronted by a party of Morrinsville dxers, including Lee Mathie.

At 8 p.m. all hands congregated at what the hosts referred to as the "Point Hall." There were three tables decorated as only Don McIntyre can decorate them—flowers, radishes, cheese, biscuits, spring onions and glasses to drink — out of.

I was detailed to a seat close to where a host of trophies were reposing. I thought Northland were in for a surprise, and it certainly was a surprise to see the way Tack presented these trophies to Allen Ross, Clarrie Lloyd and Don Intyre (we can't give him the "Mac"). After each presentation the winner was toasted in the usual manner, and, instead of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the representative of His Majesty's Navy (Clarrie Lloyd) received "Pop-eye the Sailor Man." After a sumptuous supper, etc., we were taken home to sleep.

On Sunday were were taken for a beautiful drive over the Wai-Tack-er-rees, named after "Tack" evidently, and, later, after we had eaten, the Auckland gang

out of house and home, we set out for the Northern City (Whangarei), which we reached in time to go to bed.

Sidelights on the Visit.

The "classical number" rendered by Dick Turpin was beautiful in its simplicity—he being ably assisted by Dr. Mac.

Hughie McKenzie's bagpipe act was very good—especially when we had managed to stop him. Later, he was shouldered from the hall for his tin whistle solo.

Mr. Mathews, the magician, caused many anxious moments by getting watches from nowhere and many other tricks that he said he was going to pay £20 to learn.—R. A. Royeroff (2H.Q.).

Wellington

FIRST let me sincerely thank all the enthusiastic members of our branch who sent me their reports on the VK3 competition. I feel sure that even if we don't win the shield, Mr. G. F. Thompson will appreciate our great effort.

Owing to the uncertainty of what would take the place of the "Radio Times" as our "official organ," the "gang" has definitely got an excellent excuse this month for not sending in notes. Please let me have them in time for next month—not just one member, but everybody (this includes our president). Let us show other branches that we are still on the map and not only that, but that we are logging and getting as good verifications as other branches.

I heard a whisper 534W. had logged South Africa, Iceland, etc. on broadcast. What about some information on them, O.M.?

At our last meeting, which was our annual meeting, the usual annual business was attended to, during which the winners of the Shortwave and Tasman Cups were announced as follows:

1938 Shortwave Competition.

A. C. Brown	1
A. Kindell	2

Tasman Cup.

C. Reeves, (only entrant)	1
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The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President: A. C. Brown
Vice-Presidents: A. Kindell and H. Hamling.

Secretary: H. Wickens.

Treasurer: K. P. Murphy.

Entries for current competitions were also judged at this meeting.

I have not received any reports from members this month. I have logged a number of Americans, 17 Aussies, HSP1, VUD, JFBK and JECK on broadcast. Only verifications were from three shortwave stations—KALNE after 14 months.—H. Wickens (503W.).

Nelson

WELL, chaps, I don't know what has come over you all, I have received only one report this month. How do you expect the Nelson branch to make progress, when members don't throw in their

weight? I make an appeal to you to do your bit to help the branch.

Jack Brown (Hector): We are very sorry to hear you have been in the hospital for some time now, and our members wish you a speedy recovery.

44N is the only member who has sent in a report this month. His list of loggings for the month totals 41 shortwave and broadcast, while he has received 34 verifications, mostly shortwave.—M. G. Neighbours (39N.).

Westland

DURING the past month reception conditions have, on the whole, been very good indeed. All the main overseas stations regularly heard in New Zealand, and many of those usually not so consistent, are coming in at really good strength. If dxers have not taken advantage of the favourable conditions existing of late, they have lost a golden opportunity of increasing their verification totals.

On the shortwave bands, conditions have also been excellent and many of the European shortwave stations have been almost as consistent in strength and clarity as stations operating on the broadcast band.

Westland dxers have been keeping very quiet of late so far as reports go. Wake up, Coasters, and let's hear from you all next month.

The only report to hand is from 40Wd., who reports good reception conditions, but complains that, owing to the number of stations now operating on the broadcast band, dxing is not what it used to be.

I recently paid a visit to our branch president, Mr. Fred Smith, of Greymouth, and wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Smith and his family for the cordial hospitality extended to me on that anything but pleasant winter's day. It is my hope that in the not too distant future Fred will return the visit, only I think it would be advisable to tune in the local weather report before deciding on any date.

Fred is rather active on the shortwave bands, but on broadcast—well, I don't suppose I am in a position to throw any bricks!—W. A. Reynolds (34Wd.).

Southland

THE annual meeting has been held and I must say that the attendance was splendid. It was good to see so many there, and also to see a good muster of country members. I hope the country members arrived home safe and sound. Everything went off without a hitch and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

After the election of officers and the usual routine of business, the social part was held. This, I think, was what the members wanted. Bob made an excellent chairman, and presented to the various winners their cups and certificates. Also a small presentation was made to Eddie on the occasion of his marriage. It would be pleasing if all the meetings were attended as well as this one.

I must not forget to welcome in the two new members—Mrs. R. Dowling and Mr.

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