

Identification Wanted

COULD any member of the D.X. Club furnish me with the call-sign of an American station which was on the air from about 8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. (when I closed down) on Wednesday, January 8. This station was operating just above 2YA's harmonic, which is given as being 208 metres, 1440 kilocycles. I get this harmonic on a reading of seven (0-100 dial). The American station sought was on dial reading eight, wavelength approximately 212 metres (1410 k.c.). We couldn't get the call, which was frequently given, but the following items were plainly heard: "Just a Little Love, a Little Kiss," followed by a soprano item, then an orchestral number, which was followed by "Piccolo Pete." At this stage the station was coming in stronger and we heard the following announcement, which was given out before each item, more plainly: "This is a test transmission of station (sounded like WJKN) testing their new transmitter from the Engineers' National Bank Building." The announcer then proceeded to read out what appeared to be telegrams received by the station reporting on transmission. The name of a Miss Pickard was mentioned, also a Mr. Chaytor, of 1814 Westminster Street. Someone from Ontario (Canada) was also mentioned, but the call of the station and the town where it was situated were always marred by static. However, just before closing down, we got "This is Station WB—." Later in the evening the station became weaker, so at 9.55 o'clock I gave up. If I can get this station's call it will add another to my log, which now totals 51 stations.—H. D. Hunt (Nelson).

[Probably WHK, Cleveland, Ohio, operating on 216 metres (1390 k.c.). Power, 1 kw. Refer to D.X. columns in last week's issue of "Radio Record."—Ed.]

ON January 5, 1930, I tuned in a very distant station on 240 metres, at 3 o'clock a.m., playing records: first, "Sonny Boy"; second, "Wedding of the Painted Doll," and following that an orchestra playing several jazz tunes. There was very little static, although fading was bad. I could not catch announcement of station, but could hear quite plainly the announcer apologising for the absence of some record. I am quite positive it was not an American, as the accent was good English.—Universal Five (Ladbroke).

ANOTHER three stations for D.X. enthusiasts to identify. Sunday, January 12, at 6.10 p.m., on 945 k.c. approx. (317 metres), I picked up a station at fair speaker strength, though slight fading made volume vary. The following items were heard:—"Smiling Irish Eyes" and the other side of the record, containing the songs sung by Helen Clark. Then two Wurlitzer organ solos, followed by "Shine, Little Glowworm," and a violin solo medley, containing "Annie Laurie" and "Auld Lang Syne." A saxophone band item was also heard. During the whole time I was listening to this station I heard no announcement, but a ticking sound very like a metronome was heard. Monday, January 13, at 8 o'clock

p.m., on 715 k.c., approx. (420 metres), the following items were heard:—"Shine, Little Glowworm," an orchestral item, followed by an announcement, unidentified on account of static bursts. Also "Sweethearts on Parade" and "Where the Shy Little Violets Grow." Several other items were also heard, but though volume was fair to good, 2YA marred the best reception by occasional spreading, especially when coming out of a fade. While 2YA was fading this station was at its best, but static, in violent bursts, prevented any speech being heard. Could this be KFVD? This evening, January 15, on 840 k.c., approx. (357 metres), from 6.45 p.m., a strong carrier wave, but no speech or music was heard up to 8.40 p.m. This is well separated from 2BL, Sydney, and is on one of the Japanese stations' wave-lengths. Could there be any connection between my station on 715 k.c. and the one heard by D. McLaughlin (Karori), after 2YA closes down?—Arthur E. Allen (Avondale).

[As Mr. McLaughlin does not mention the approximate frequency of the station received, it is impossible to identify same unless you are able to recognise the items he mentions as coincident with those you receive.—Ed.]

ON Saturday (11/1/30/), at about 7.57 p.m., I tuned in a station which sounded like an American. This was on 860 k.c. (348 metres), or on 0-100 dial, was on 39. I receive a Japanese station on this reading, and also receive 1YA, Auckland, on 37. I was just in time to hear the announcer say "Good morning," just as they say "Good-bye" in the American talkies. After playing a short piece of music they closed down. On Sunday I tuned into two stations. The call of the first I took to be KOIM, but later found it was KOIN, Portland, Oregon. The announcer said they were broadcasting on 940 k.c. (319 metres). The other was KGM on reading 51. This would be about 775 k.c. (386 metres). On looking up the call book I find there is no station using this call. They were reading telegrams from all parts of America complimenting them on their programme. I am positive of this call being KGM. Did any other listener hear this station?—J.T.S. (Napier.)

Stations Identified

I SEE someone has logged a station with a call IFC or 1ZC on January 4. Would it be the new Hamilton station 1FP? This station should be found any time now, also 4ZI, Invercargill. What wave are these stations and time of broadcasts? Could any listener give same through the D.X. Club? KBCA is coming through well now on 1430 (kil.). Has any listener logged this station? My log is now 95 stations and 72 verified.—S. Ellis (Okato).

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Views and News.

RE "Westrad's" inquiry re 3LG, Newport. On same date and time I tuned in Newport station KOG and held this station for quite a while. I distinctly heard lady announcer say KOG, Newport. Strength of signals R3. Probably this is the station that "Westrad" heard. I have sent for a verification card. My set is a three-valve kit set. Signals received on loud-speaker.—Cessor (Dunedin).

IN reply to "Westrad's" inquiries re the Japanese stations, I would like to state that the station a fraction under 3LO (not 2LO) is JOCK, 810 k.c. (370 metres). The one below 2BL is JOAK, 870 k.c. (345 metres) the one below 4QG is JOHK, 770 k.c. (389 metres); and that below 2YA is JOBK, 750 k.c. (400 metres). I have not logged the latter station yet. I logged five Japanese stations on Sunday, January 5—JOAK (32 on the dial), JOIK (36), JOGK (40), JOCK (38), and JOHK (42). As my dial seems to be the same as "Westrad's," this may be useful for him. There is another Jap, too, that I have not received yet, JOAK, 850 k.c. (353 metres). Have any listeners noticed the good female singer from JOHK, singing songs such as "Old Folks at Home," all in Japanese?—M.B.S. (Palmerston North).

DX Topics

English from Jap. Stations.

IN yours of January 10, "Universal Five" (Ladbroke) asks if any listener has heard plain English from Japanese stations. Although I have often listened during the last three years to six of these Japs, only on two occasions have I heard English spoken, the latter being when listening to JOHK (Sendai), a lecturer evidently giving a lesson in English to Japanese listeners. The lecturer would speak a sentence of English and then (I presume) pull it to pieces in Japanese, as he used most of the English words separately in Jap. sentences as though explaining their meaning. This was at 9.45 p.m., November 22 last. There was an entire absence of static; volume as usual from this station was ample loudspeaker, and the lecturer's English was good. I can't answer for his Japanese. The other occasion was from JOGK about a week previous, a lecturer talking on world affairs all in English, but static was too fierce to allow of this being followed in comfort, so I left it to him.—John Luke (Clevedon).

WTIC Changed Frequency.

LAST evening (January 9) I received station WTIC with excellent volume at 5 past 11. After 12, however, it became weaker. In "Radio Record," December 20, 1929, you have WTIC power 250 watts,

metres 500, 600 k.c. Since this they have changed their frequency, because I distinctly heard the announcement, "WTIC, Hartford, Connecticut, transmitting on a frequency of 1660 k.c. operating on a power of — watts, operating continuously for 24 hours." I am not sure of power. Has any other listener heard WTIC on 1660 k.c.?—John I. Bilton (Cromwell).

WTIC on 24-Hour Programme.

LAST night (January 9) I heard WTIC broadcasting a 24-hour request programme. I heard a request from Nova Scotia and another from Pennsylvania. The volume and clarity were excellent on the loudspeaker, the speech and music being heard comfortably with the volume control not quite full on. A slight fade was evident, but this disappeared about 9.30.

I also wish to report reception from station WHK, Cleveland, Ohio. I heard this station best on January 4, with plenty of volume, but a sharp fade. I heard the announcer say that the station was experimenting with the sound of the human voice over the radio and the telephone, the microphone acting as a 'phone mouthpiece as well.

Station WTIC, Connecticut, is the most distant station I have got yet, being about 100 miles further than New York.

This evening, just before 8 p.m., I heard items from WENR, Chicago, on a wave-length of about 303 metres, as well as on WENR's usual wave-length of 345 metres. The reception on 303 metres was astonishingly loud, but there was a rapid fade. I heard the announcer say, "WENR and W9XF." The next item was "The end of the day," which I received on both frequencies. Would this be another station relaying? If not, perhaps it had something to do with 3YA. At 8 o'clock 3YA came on the air, and that spoilt my chances of finding out what this station was. Perhaps "Switch" or some other listener can explain this phenomenon.—"New Chum" (Morrinsville).

[This might have been 3YA testing before its time to broadcast.—Tech. Ed.]

Australian Stations.

I HAVE noticed several times recently, and especially in this week's "Record," reports concerning bad reception of the Australian stations by "Switch." Well, almost any night from 10 o'clock on I can pick up 2FO, 2BL, 3LO, 4QG, 5CL, 3AR, 7ZL, and several of the smaller stations. On New Year's Eve I listened to the celebrations from the YA stations, and then about ten of the Australian receptions on that occasion being particularly good. The set used is a home-made four-valve.—L. G. Wainwright (Invercargill).

Japanese Stations.

IN reply to "Westrad" (Woolston):—A list of Japanese stations which I have heard operating from 9.30 p.m. until early hours in the morning is as follows: JODK, Kujo, 345 metres (870 k.c.); JOFK, Hiroshima, 353 metres (850 k.c.); JOCK, Nagoya, 360 metres (830 k.c.); JOIK, Saffaro, 361 metres (830 k.c.); JOAK, Tokio, 376 metres (800 k.c.); JOGK, Kumamoto, 380 metres (790 k.c.); JOBK, Osaka, 386 metres (775 k.c.); JOHK, Sandai, 396 metres (760 k.c.).—Universal Five (Ladbroke).