

## Identification Wanted

**STATION** on about 288 metres (1040 kc.), with call which sounded like NJK, Wyoming. Announcer read out several names of people in St. Louis, and stated that programme by request. One of the items were, "Dem Golden Slippers." It was stated that the station is a new one, and would be transmitting the best of programmes. He was received on August 10 at about 5 p.m., and when closing down gave time as 12.1 p.m.—P.C.B. (Manakau).

**AMERICAN** station heard on August 11 on approx. 265.5 metres (1130 kc.). Several times during his announcements I heard "The Vagabond of the Air." To items announced were "A request number, Metropolitan March," composed by the player (piano), and "Drifting Back to Dreamland." During the last few days I have added KFOX, RSL, KVOO, and KNX to my list. Total, now 69.—L.I. (Gisborne).

**N.Z.** station heard on August 13 at approx. 9.30 p.m. giving results of Invercargill by-election. It was transmitting on approx. 462 metres (648 kc.).—H.W.A. (Nelson).

**STATION** just under 300 metres (1000 kc.) heard on August 8 at 8 p.m. Call-sign 2—M. Same evening at 9.45 p.m. heard a foreign on 265 metres (1130 kc.). Language resembled French. I have logged 50 station to date on an 8-valve all-electric.—"Wilcox" (Timaru).

**AUGUST 10** was one of the best nights for American reception I have ever experienced. I heard the calls of seven, but several others I could not identify for static. One in particular was just above 8YA, and was occasionally drowned it—"Yankee" (New Plymouth).

**STATION** testing from 11.30 a.m. till 12.5 p.m. on August 10. Address sounded like Roger's—broadcasting station, Manurewa, but speech was very mushy. The announcer used two microphones, speech on the second (which he used very little) being quite clear. Gramophone items played included "Cuckoo" waltz, "Orange Blossom Time," sung, and "I Get the Blues When It Rains." His wavelength was about 250 metres (1200 kc.). Also on the evening of August 6 I held station KROW, Oakland, California, from 5.54 p.m. till 6 p.m. Items included dance music by Al. Wallace and his dance orchestra. This station is not mentioned in the "Guide." Wavelength about the same as 3UZ.—S.P.W. (Waingaro).

**ON** August 13, 1930, at 9.50 p.m. until 10.17 p.m. I heard an American station on about 236 metres (1270 kc.). A composition, prize one guinea, was announced. Songs, "Louise" and "Marcheta," orchestral number, "Vagabond King," and a piano solo were heard. Static was bad and station was singing badly at conclusion of programme. Call-sign sounded like KTB or P. On August 14, 1930, I logged KMOX for the first time since March 1, 1929. Strength R4.—"Amazon" (Palmerston North).

**STATION** heard August 15 at 8.30 p.m. on 1500 kc. (200m.), and further down towards minimum reading of dial. Not 2YA's harmonic.—"Yankee" (New Plymouth).

**AT** what times (N.Z.) do any regular time signals and weather reports in Morse come through from Japan and Suva? Also, what is the latter station's call-sign?—R.J.G. (Auckland).

**I** RECENTLY tuned in to a station a little above 2YB, New Plymouth, giving his call as 3—, Melbourne. He came at good loudspeaker strength at 9.35 p.m. on August 8. His call was very clear, but was given at such a speed

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that I could not catch it.—J.W.T. (Dunedin).

[Probably 3BY, Melbourne. See "Stations Identified" column in "D.X. Notes" of last week's issue.—Ed.]

**STATION** heard 1.30 a.m. on August 3 about 2 degrees below 1YA with clock (rather high-pitched but clear) chiming 8. It may possibly have been 7 or 8. The announcer spoke English, and though music came through well, speech was blurred.—G.F. (Ohura).

**WHAT** stations operate on 563 k.c. (532 metres) and 500 k.c. (600 metres), and what American operates on 595 k.c. (504 metres)? My set is an 8-valve all-electric commercially built one, and I am using a 90 foot aerial about 43 feet in height.—"Phones" (Hastings). [You do not give enough particulars.—Ed.]

**STATION** heard at 10 p.m. every night (strength variable) on about 765 k.c. (393 metres). I think it must be a Japanese, but I can never get the call. From 9.40 p.m. till 10.30 p.m. speech is heard, and after that vocal items (at least, I think that is what is intended). My set is a 9-valve all-electric commercial model.—W.D.W. (Dunsandel).

[Probably JOHK, Sandai, Japan, operating on 390 metres (770 k.c.).—Ed.]

records, "Happy Days are Here Again," "Tea for Two," piano solo, and dance music, and closed down at 1.45 p.m., New Zealand time. This will confirm "Amazon's" recent statement.—S. Beckett (Whakatane).

**E.R.** (Heretaunga): The best time to receive American stations is, between 3 p.m. and sundown. Your "Listener's Guide" will give you the required frequencies.—Ed.

**"INCUBU"** (Waitaka): Address of Station 3BA is c/o Ballarat Broadcasters Co., Ltd., 2155 Raglan Street, Ballarat. They operate on 231 metres (1300 kc.), with a power of 50 watts.—"Liederman" (Timaru).

**C.A.H.** (Napier): Anyone revealing an interest in the DX Club by contributing notes of interest, etc., automatically becomes a member.—Ed.

**"UNCONSCIOUS"** (Timaru): Probably WGN, Chicago (just above 2YA). One of the stations just above 7ZL is KMTR, Hollywood. The other—slightly higher—I have not yet identified. "Amazon" (Palmerston North): KSL, Salt Lake City, can be found between KMIC, Inglewood (which 2ZM blots out) and KVOO, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is

## SPELL BEE

Our apologies—we meant Spelling Bee. Do you know that on the evening of August 28 will be broadcast the final of the "Radio Record's"

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## Stations Identified

**A. D. ROGERS** (Wellington).—Address of 5AD, Adelaide, is c/o Advertiser Newspapers, Waymouth Street, Adelaide.

**"AMAZON"** (Palmerston North).—I heard 3DB relaying 3BA, Ballarat (231 metres) on 255 metres (1175 k.c.) recently.—G.F. (Ohura).

**"TORQUE"** (Island Bay).—An announcement was made a month or so ago from W2XAF, New York, that WGY, on 790 kilocycles (880m.), would be carrying out tests on a power of 200 k.w. These tests were received well here in Christchurch around 8 p.m., but I do not know if WGY is using this power regularly now or not.—R.T.S. (Christchurch).

**AT** 12.26 a.m. approximately a station was heard on 21/7/30 which gave its call-sign as 3BY, Melbourne. Played

most probably the station he heard. About 3 degrees on my dial (180) covers all three stations. "Metre" (Huntly): Your station 3 degrees below 2FC sounds like KPO, San Francisco. It comes in close to 6WF, Perth (earlier, of course).—E. W. Anglesey (Nelson).

**"JUST Started"** (Stratford) probably heard BJML, who gave his position when I heard him as 47 miles from Cape Maria. "Gregg" (Dunedin) heard KNX, Los Angeles, California.—"Yankee" (New Plymouth).

**"AMAZON"** (Palmerston North): Station on 263 metres (1140 kc.) is, I think, KYA, San Francisco. It is not KMOX, as another reader suggests; as I have since heard this station on 275 metres (1090 k.c.). L.C.S. reports 2ZE Eketahuna. I also heard this station at good speaker strength one Wednesday evening.—A. D. Rogers (Newtown).

**"SCREEN-GRID"** (Opunake): Ball-for-ball description of Test match England v. Australia was broadcast by 2UW, operating on 267 metres (1124 k.c.).—A. L. (New South Wales).

**"J.C."** (Vogelstown): Station heard J.C. was probably PCJ, Holland (31 metres approx.). Other station is certainly 3RO. I receive him with good volume. He starts at approx. 6.45 a.m., except Monday (Sunday in Italy), and continues until approx. 8.45 a.m. On August 14 a man gave an address in English on U.S.A. The station call is "Radio Roma," and a man and lady both announce. The man, at exactly 07.30, N.Z.M.T., repeats several Italian words which sound very much the same. Then he rings a bell and the musical session is commenced. "Bob" (Wellington): The station you heard was probably KFXM, California. "Gregg" (Dunedin): Station heard was KNX, Los Angeles.—Z.L.D.X. (Palmerston North).

**J.C.** (Vogelstown).—Station heard on 80 metres at 7 a.m. is undoubtedly 3RO, Rome, as they are coming in well on this wavelength at present. The station on the 40-metre band would be WNC, one of the trans-Atlantic 'phone stations controlled by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and operating on approximately 44 metres. This station carries on two-way telephony with London stations, the same way as VK2ME does with GBP. The other American he heard about three metres above W2XAF would probably be another of these stations, as there are several around 34 metres.

The station Mr. H. R. Hughes (Auckland) inquires about as being on 49 metres is 3AN, of Sourabaya, Dutch East Indies. This station is run by the Sourabaya Radio Society. In 1928 it used to be heard here regularly on 39 metres, and a card is held by the writer confirming reception of this station. The wavelength is now changed to 49 metres, but no schedule is available at present to give the operating times of this station. Strength here is not very great at present, but their modulation is always good.—R.T.S. (Christchurch).

## DX Topics

## A Unique Reception.

**I** AM using a four-valve screen-grid New Zealand-made set, and it would be hard to beat. I have heard a lady in London jump out of bed (we hope you had the delicacy to switch your set off—Ed.) and knock a flower-stand over in her eagerness to answer a telephone call from VK2ME, Sydney. I have heard the clocks ticking in the studio of station 2BE, Hastings, and 2AX, Palmerston North, suggested putting a bluebottle on the "mike" to see if I could hear it crawling. (Beware of "Diogenes," Cromwell—Ed.) Has any D.X.-er heard 2BO, Cape Maria? I heard him conversing with 2AX some time ago. The former operator has a brother in Gore who is also a "ham." I have heard all the New Zealand amateurs and several Australians. I have been listening-in for years, but have never experienced a better season than this, both on the broadcast and short-wave bands. The Australian and Japanese stations roar in; so does the Russian station and Manila. The latter has evidently raised its wavelength. I am using a 135-volt "B" battery and a 409 instead of a pentode. I am situated three miles from the coast. My aerial is 130ft. long (45ft. high), and I am using a buried kerosene tin with a soldered cable for an earth.—"W.A.M." (Moumohaki).

## News From Costa Rica

**I** HAVE received an interesting pamphlet from America setting forth the aims and objects of station NREL. A live-