

ZLW, Wellington, 27.3 metres. Testing with 2ME, Sydney, improving in quality, but too close to my receiver to hear other stations on new wavelength.

GSSW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres. Each morning except Sunday and Monday. Rapid fade, bad each morning, and, when ZLW on, interferes badly.

VK2ME, Sydney, 20 metres (about). Were working with ZLW during the evening on about 20 metres.

Contributed Log

AFTER a fairly severe illness, Mr. Sellens, our short-wave correspondent, is again supplying his reception notes. Several correspondents, noticing their absence, have sent in notes, but while appreciating their interest, we regret that owing to pressure on space and to prevent unnecessary duplication of Mr. Sellens's remarks, we cannot publish them.

MR. H. F. ADCOCK, who has sent in a log, adds:—Sunday, September 14, a station was heard a fraction below 2XAF; they closed at 3.30 p.m. "W3—" was heard, also "907 k.c. and 9090 k.c." was mentioned and owned by the "Western—" Hami 3AB, 2BI and 2GJ were heard.

MR. A. D. ROGERS (Newtown) appears to have heard the same station for he says:—"I have heard a new American, operating on 9520 k.c. (31.28) approximately, using the call of WIXG. This station opens at 11 p.m. each night and is heard at about R4 on phones, and is hardly readable on some evenings. I heard the announcer give the calls of three stations, W—, K—, and WIXG, and adding 'these stations are operated by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.' WIXG, I think, is located at Portland, Maine. A Morse station operates practically on top of this station and makes readability very hard. The Java station, 3AN, Sourabaya, has been heard frequently after 11 p.m. or 49 metres at good phone strength. On Sunday, September 14, 1930, a stranger on 29 metres playing a record at R9 at about 2.30 p.m., closed without any announcement. Could any listener tell me if PHL, Huizen, is on the air now? If so, what is the schedule? Numerous Australian 'hams' have been heard lately on the 40-metre band and some of them come in at good strength. I received a card from VK2LZ, Crows' Nest, New South Wales, and he states that he uses 10 watts input. He comes in here at R8 at times. 2HC, Quirindi, New South Wales, put over a test programme, using 95 watts on 3520 k.c. on September 6, 1930, and was well received here at R9 on the speaker. His gramophone recordings came over very well indeed. I think he is about the best Australian ham."

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H.R.B., Honduras

Reports Invited

READERS may be interested in the following letter received by an Auckland reader from H.R.B. Honduras:—
"Dear Sir,—Just received your report on reception of our station, and wish to thank you for your trouble and trust that we will hear from you again, as we are now using our new transmitter. Yours is the record report on reception from New Zealand. We received a letter from Mr. Arthur Stevens, of Hawera, reporting on our programme during March of this year.

"Your report was dated June 18, and at this time we were using a small experimental transmitter of approximately 50 watts output. On July 1, this year, we installed a new broadcast transmitter which was manufactured by the General Electric Company, and has an output of 2500 watts, with crystal control, and we feel sure that our programmes will be received in your country under normal conditions.

"We are now operating on two frequencies, 6005 kc. and 6170 kc., or 49.95 and 48.62 metres. We broadcast regular musical programmes on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, from 8.15 to 11 p.m., C.S.T. On the above schedules we operate on 50 watts output on 49.95 metres, and 2500 watts output on 48.62, but in the near future we will discontinue using the 50-watt transmitter and operate full time (every day) on either of the above-mentioned waves.

"We would greatly appreciate having you publish something about our station in one of your radio magazines, as we are very much interested in receiving more reports from your far-distant country. If reception is good and you set a date in advance, we will gladly give you a special programme making all announcements in English, and have the best talent in Central America at your services.

"Trust that you will notice the difference in power and that reception will compare favourably with some of the United States broadcast stations, which I understand come in very good in your country. If reception is good and you notify us at least six weeks in advance, we will put on a real programme for New Zealand broadcast listeners.—Kenneth A. See (manager)."

They also sent me a huge verification card, almost exactly the same size as two pages of the "Radio Record" side by side. The address is: "Radio Station H.R.B., Tropical Radio Co., Kguicigalpa, Honduras, C.A."

DX Topics

Answer to Correspondent.

C. A. (Invercargill): When you get accustomed to your set you should get a good log. Your present one, if locality is average, can be improved upon.

"UNIVERSAL" (Ladbrooks): We received your excellent log of American stations, but regret that lack of space will not permit of their publication.—Ed.

2ZE Eketahuna.

FOLLOWING are particulars contained on a card received from 2ZE, Eketahuna: Wavelength, 258 metres (1170 k.c.) Sessions: Sundays, 4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Aerial power, 35 watts, using a cage aerial. Address, c/o G. R. S. Allen, Main Street,

Eketahuna. The station owners are prompt in answering correspondence. "Bob" (Wellington).

Jap Broadcasts.

ON a Thursday night a week or two ago I tuned in the Japs, and found five of them broadcasting the same thing. At 10.10 the speaker was quite distinctive and could not be mistaken. Ten minutes later there was someone else before the microphone, but still from five stations. After 10.30 an instrumental item seemed to be the same from four of them. These were all the Japs available to me at the time. The others were so many squeaks. This must have been a special occasion, for the programmes as a rule are different. KMOX has been holding the fort



MISS JOYCE SETH-SMITH,
A mezzo-soprano, who has been heard from 1YA in recital work, and in studio concerts.
—S. P. Andrew, photo.

among the Americans lately, and has been quite good strength when not another American can be heard. Evidently the new transmitter is not bad.—Ben Adhem (Oamaru).

CAN any DX-er tell me how they identify Japanese stations. I have received six Japanese stations, but apart from the frequencies given in the "Call Book" I have no means of telling which is which, as only Japanese music and speech has been heard. I do not regard the frequency identification as definite enough. Take the case of a listener who does not understand English and tunes in on 800 kc., on which frequency both WBAP Forth Worth and WFAA Dallas, transmit. If WBAP is transmitting, but only WFAA is shown on that fre-

quency in the "Call Book," he would log the Dallas station, whereas he was getting Forth Worth. This means of identification works on the assumption that no unlisted station is operating on the same or neighbouring frequency. I heard a programme from Wanganui recently under the call of 2ZR. This was on the same dial setting as for 2ZK, as listed in the "Call Book." Are there two stations in Wanganui or should the sign in the guide read 2ZR instead of 2ZK?—W. Hutchison (Gisborne).

[There are two Wanganui stations, 2ZR having gone on the air since the "Guide" was published.—Ed.]

An Unidentified Stranger.

I HAVE tried to clear up the stranger on 8LO's wavelength. All I can make out is that he is a foreigner. He was R6 on the 17th, at 3.50 a.m. Has anyone heard VK3AM Ellwood, Victoria? He was playing records at 2 a.m. on the 17th on approximately 250 metres (1200 kc.), strength R9. Zeesen and PCJ were both R9 on September 18 from 4 a.m. till daylight. PCJ advised he would mail listeners upon request, a book dealing with short-wave work and describing PCJ. He was testing two different kinds of aerials. At 12.30 a.m. on the same day 3UZ changed over to 8RL for a "graphic broadcast." All I heard then was a high-frequency note—evidently television—"Mug" (Erua).

DX News.

"MEDICO" (Hastings): I have yet to see or hear a goat race, but you have my assurance that I have backed plenty of them. To DX-ers in general: 1ZM is owned and operated by W. H. Rodgers, Massey Road, Manurewa, wavelength 247.89 metres, 1210 kc. Power output, 10 watts. On the air 10-12 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 4.30-6 p.m., 10-11 p.m., Sunday and holidays.—L. Hutton (Mercer).

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