

As far as I could judge both stations were using the same language.

The following is an extract from a letter from KRLD, Dallas, Texas: "During the past week we received five letters from your country, whose reception we were able to confirm. One item that might be of interest to you is the fact that your letter was brought to America by the s.s. Tahiti. The passengers and a little of the mail was saved, yours being one of the letters. The letter came to us stained by the sea water but still legible, and with the explanation of its remarkable history printed outside by the postal authorities. A feature story is to be carried in the 'Times-Herald,' the newspaper owning this station, this Sunday, with a reprint of your letter and its story." KSL, Salt Lake City, advise that they are putting on an organ broadcast from the famous Tabernacle, especially for this part of the world. It will take place at an early date between 7 and 8 p.m., New Zealand time.—W. L. Peters (Pahiatua).

Some Seldom Heard Stations.

MR. A. GREENING, of Feilding, has forwarded the following notes on stations on the broadcast band received on an eight-valve battery set: "I have received verification from the following stations: CKCK, CFBO, OAX, VQIA, COMK, VUB, XEI, XEN, ZIJ. All these stations are on the broadcast bands and make interesting fishing. Last week I added a few new stations to my list as follow: KFUM, WREN, VWVA, WMC, WPG, KPRC, KSAT, WIOD, KOMO, KTW, WEEB, VK's: 2KL, 3AU, 3AM, 3ES, 3KU, 4ZW, 2AO, 2AK, 2CZ, 3MM, 4JL, 5WO, 7LJ, 2AY, 2KZ, 3TR, 4MK, 5AD, 7HO, 7LA. In the early morning from 5.30 a.m. till 7.40 a.m. I have traced out the following: 1RO, 411 metres; a Berlin station on 283 metres; Munchen, 532 metres; and RV43 on 366 metres."

A Thoughtful Offer.

EARLY in the New Year I am going overseas and will continue to take an interest in radio. Should I receive any items of interest at foreign stations visited I will be only too pleased to pass them on to you for benefit of radio enthusiasts in New Zealand.—M. Walker (Wellington).

[We are sure that DX-ers will be keenly interested in any such reports you care to send along.—Ed.]

A Guinea for a Report.

OVERSEAS broadcasting stations seem to appreciate very much reports sent in to them from New Zealand listeners. Recently WTAM Cleveland, Ohio, sent me a copy of the "National Geographical Journal," which had a full account of the doings of the Byrd expedition in the Antarctic. From KGMB Honolulu I received a courtesy card extending the complimentary use of its station at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel studios, and from 4BC Brisbane a cash prize of one guinea for a report on a special transmission, my report being from the greatest distance. My latest loggings are KDYL Salt Lake City, 2ZL Hastings, 2ZM Manurewa, and 6ML Perth. I would like to get in touch with "Keijo," Invercargill.—H. Walker, Marine Parade, Bluff.

I RECENTLY received verification from RV15 Siberia on 72.2 metres. The power has recently been increased to 15 kw., and also operates on 35 metres every day with a power of 2 kw. This proves that it is not RV15's harmonic which has been heard on that frequency. I also received a card from KGMB Wai-kiki, which allows me the free use of that station.—E. W. Anglessey (Nelson).

I HAVE picked up quite a few new Americans lately, including KVI, Washington; KYW, Chicago; KGDM, Stockton; and KGA and KHQ, Spokane. On October 9 I received WJZ, New York, testing on about 293 metres (1020 k.c.).

I have received several verifications from New Zealand stations lately, the latest being 2ZD and 2ZQ, Masterton. According to the former's card they are on a power of only 2½ watts. Atmospheric conditions during the past week have been very unfavourable after nine o'clock. Has anyone noticed a bad surge on all Americans below 220 metres (1360 k.c.) lately? Some nights it is not so noticeable. The foreigners broadcasting in the early morning come in quite clearly at times, but as yet I have been unable to hear sufficient to identify them.—V. Cuncliffe (Nelson).

ON October 12 the Americans were coming with rare volume and clarity, and I logged three or four new ones, and one Canadian, giving the call-sign CFON, Calgary. KGW, Portland, Oregon, 484 metres (620 k.c.) (right on 3AR), was heard at R6. WHAS, Louisville, 365 metres (820 k.c.) (just above KOA); WCCO, Minneapolis, was received at R9 on the speaker and was found just below 3LO. Then WCOA, 223 metres (1340 k.c.), was R6 and located



MISS SHEILA NEILSON,

Of Dunedin, a clever elocutionist, who, on October 31, will direct the presentation by "The Sketchers" of two half-hour plays. Photo, Artlite.

just above 2HD. I have been listening consistently to the 5 a.m. stations, but have got no further ahead concerning their identification. One morning I heard as many as twenty stations operating, but fading was the chief complaint. I have recognised the language spoken in one or two cases, and of the two stations, one on 440 metres (680 k.c.) and one on about 463 metres (646 k.c.), I take the former to be of German and the latter of French origin. Short-wave reception appears to be improving, too, and on October 13 I heard as many as four unidentified stations on 49 metres, 40 metres, 31.48 metres and 29 metres respectively. Did any DX enthusiast enter for W9XAA's contest? I listened-in from 4 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. and sent in a report covering every item. Static was the troublesome feature toward the close of the broadcast, and this, coupled with somewhat severe gushiness, made conditions anything but pleasant. However, the 10-valve long and short-wave super-heterodyne, not to mention numerous other valuable prizes, proved too much of a draw for me. Is there a Chinese station operating on about 420 m. (712 kc.) or just above 2YA or another on 480 metres (625 kc.)?—"Unconscious" (Timaru).

Australian "B" Class Stations

Recent Additions

DESPITE the financial depression at present existing in Australia, the number of "B" class stations operating in that country has been increasing regularly since the inception of broadcasting. This appears to indicate that however bad times may be, broadcasting will always prosper, for people realise the cheapness of such a varied means of entertainment.

The first "B" class station to be operated in a country city or town in Victoria is 3BA, Ballarat—"The Voice of the Garden City"—as its slogan proclaims. Although on the air only since August 1, the new station has already received reports from all over the Commonwealth, and even from so far afield as New Zealand. In view of the comparatively low power—50 watts is put on the aerial—this is a splendid achievement.

The station is situated in the Commonwealth Bank Buildings, at the corner of Lydiard and Sturt Streets, and broadcasts on a frequency of 1300 k.c. (230.8 metres). At present it operates nightly from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m., and on Saturday nights from 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. on dance music (New Zealand Summer Time). The station is on the air on Sundays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Another "B" class station which has been frequently logged by New Zealand listeners, despite the distance intervening and the low power used (500 watts), is 6ML. This is operated by Musgrove's Limited, the Music House, Perth on a frequency of 1010 kilocycles (297 metres), and is on the air from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. (N.Z.S.T.) on week days.

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"Safety First!"

Children's Essay Competition

RECENTLY the Australian Broadcasting Company, in association with the Royal Automobile Club of New South Wales, invited essays from children on the meaning of "Safety First," offering a gold medal as first prize. Of the hundreds of essays received, none, perhaps, moved the adjudicators more than that sent in by a small seven-year-old girl, who wrote with her left hand, because the right side of her body was paralysed.

She was awarded the gold medal for her excellent attempt, and for her pluck in entering a competition with children in much more favourable circumstances, was given a special prize of one guinea. The presentation ceremony, which was broadcast, took place in the 2FC studio, and the little fair-haired cripple made a short speech of thanks, in which she stated she was going to keep her money until Christmas.

Dirt-track Broadcasts

A FEATURE of the Saturday night programmes from 2BL, Sydney, shortly will be a broadcast description of the dirt-track speedway racing. It is interesting to learn that this sport, which now enjoys world-wide popularity, originated in New South Wales about two years ago. Since then wireless has played a prominent part in its development, both in Australia and England.

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