

a letter to Mr. R. L. Jones, Wellington, says: PCK, Holland, is good now in the mornings (U.S.A. time); PHI has closed down for some reason. FTM at St. Assise, France, is heard every day excepting Sunday (U.S.A. time) working LSG in Buenos Aires on the phone circuit. LSG is on 15.2 metres and FTM on 15.5 metres. UZA, at Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, has been heard working a new ship on phone, the "Duchess of York." UZA was on 23 metres. LSH was heard every night except Sunday broadcasting music from 8 to 10 p.m. LSH is on 28.9 metres, and can be heard between 01.00 to 03.00 G.M.T. VRY, at Georgetown, British Guiana, is very good on Wednesday and Sunday (U.S.A. time) evenings.

3RO, in Rome, on 25.4 metres, came in at good volume. XDA, in Mexico City, broadcasts a news report and music session daily, except Sunday, on a wave-length of 20.5 metres, between 19.30 and 20.30 G.M.T. "This station comes in with a terrific 'wallop,'" states Mr. Easter, "and nearly upsets my loudspeaker." The news reports are given in both English and Spanish, the address being "The Trens News Agency, Colon Street 43, Mexico City, Mexico. The address of LSH is Transradio Internacional, San Martin 329, Buenos Aires, Argentine. The announcements are made in Spanish only.

Mr. Easter reports hearing ZLW, Wellington, N.Z., testing with Sydney and London. He noticed the "colonial accent" of the Wellington speakers, which is quite distinguishable from the overseas speakers. W2XAF has stepped its power up a lot lately, and has considerably more strength. CJRX, of James Richardson's Sons Ltd. in Winnipeg, Canada, has been discontinued, and they are now oper-

ating VE9CL in its place, the wave-length being 48.5 metres. Mr. Easter finally removes all doubts about W1XAZ. This station call is correct, and it is not W1XAD; the Z is pronounced as ZEE, not ZED, as in N.Z. This station is on 31.35 metres, and operated by the Westinghouse Company at Springfield, Massachusetts, and relays from WBZ and WBZA. Concluding, Mr. Easter reported the temperature at Cincinnati as 22 above zero.

A Well-known American.

I HAVE received a verification card from KPO, San Francisco. The address is: Hale Bros. and "The Chronicle," San Francisco, California. They welcome reports from New Zealand, and trust that conditions for long-distance reception will soon be favourable again. No particulars of station given.—"Bob" (Wellington).

Short-wave News from America.

THE following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. Fred Easter, 3353 Southside Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.:—"This summer has been the poorest for short-wave reception in three years. The most dependable short-wave station (broadcast) in Europe received here has been G5SW. W2XAF has greatly increased their power, and now blanket Zeesen and PCJ out. W2XAF can be heard at fair loudspeaker strength on the output of a detector preceded by one stage h.f. amplification now. The skip effect is noted on W2XAF here at around 9 p.m. with greatly diminishing signal strength. This at a distance of approximately 650 miles from the transmitter. VRY, in Georgetown, British Guiana, is heard very good at times here, but the wave-length used, coupled with the hours of their

broadcasts, do not admit of reception in New Zealand. HRB is very good at times, but distortion is often prevalent in their signals. March was the best month of the year for all-round good short-wave reception here. During the early part of April reception fell off, and continued very poor until recently. I heard the Pava phones PLB and PLF only in March and April this year. Station HKF, in Bogotas, Columbias, South America, has been in operation only a short while. This station is using a wave-length of 39.7 metres. The address is Laboratorio, Radio-Electro, Apartado 317, Bogotas, Columbias, South America.

ca. The new station at Saigon, Indo-China, on 49 metres, is reported at good strength on the West Coast, but I have not heard it this far east yet."

Useful Tips

THE down lead of an aerial should come either from one end of the horizontal span, or from its centre.

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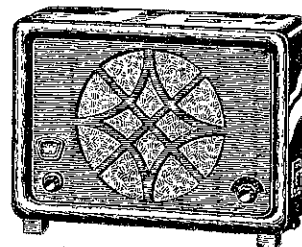
Grandma's grand dance!

The steps in it! Queer little hops and the whirl of long, flouncing skirt.

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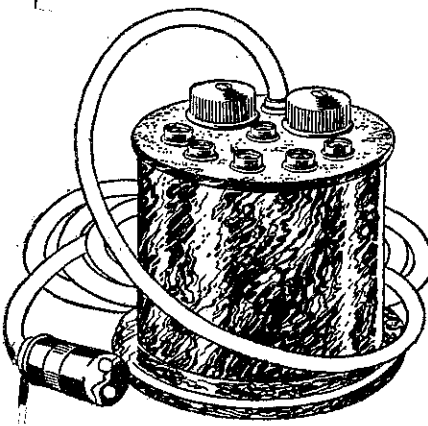
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