

Oldham, South Dakota. Until recently power was only 15 watts, but they recently increased to 100, hence their test programme. The other station would probably be KTEX, Portland, Oregon.—W.H.R. (Dunedin). Station on 1440 kc. (208 metres) is 2HD, Newcastle. They often broadcast a short Scripture talk.—J.P.C. (P.N.).

D.X. Topics

1ZF, Auckland.

ON January 19 I picked up a New Zealand "B" station in Auckland with call 1ZF. The announcer stated that they were working on a wavelength of 211 metres (1420 k.c.) with an output power of 5 watts, but I made the wavelength as 214 metres (1400 k.c.). All I heard of his address was "Upper Queen Street, Auckland." Perhaps some listener was more fortunate. I held him from 8.35 p.m. till 10.30 p.m., when he signed off. Before closing, mention was made of times of transmission, which sounded like "6.30 to 10.30, Monday and Wednesday." The station came in at fair speaker strength, slightly distorted, fading bad. On the same date I also logged the Wangaratta station 3WR, on 238 metres (1260 k.c.), broadcasting organ music. On January 20 I heard KSCJ, Sioux City, Iowa, at 6.37 p.m. on 229 metres on a special test programme.—R.J.R. (P.N.).

A New Tasmanian.

THE following letter was recently received from Mr. G. Robertson, New Zealand manager Amalgamated Wireless (A'sia), Ltd.:—"7LA, Launceston, are now on the air and have already been heard by several New Zealand listeners. They would appreciate further reports from New Zealand listeners. These should be addressed to 7LA, Findlay's Buildings, Brisbane Street, Launceston. Their wavelength is 273 metres (1100 k.c.). At the moment they are only on about a quarter of their normal power, but toward the end of this month they trust to be on full power."

New Loggings.

THE latest additions to my log are: 2ZU, Dannevirke, 272 metres (1100 k.c.); WHBI, Chicago, 1080 k.c. (277.6 metres); and 3KZ, Melbourne, 222 metres (1350 k.c.), all logged on 21st inst. At 11.57 p.m. a station one point below 2NC, with the call "3W—," announced "the final number for this evening," but 2NC "swamped" anything further.—Guy C. Holmes (Masterton).

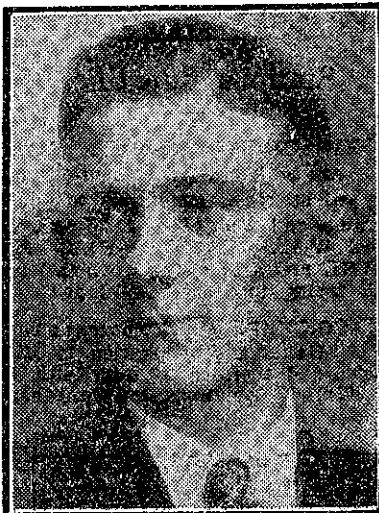
Verification News.

ENCLOSED with a recent verification from station KOIN, Portland,

Oregon, were pictures of the station, showing the transmitter, generating-room, main studio, Golden Organ studio and entrance. I have also received verification from KFOX. They sent me many advertisements and pictures of their artists and studios. They are running for 22 hours of the day and only sign off from 3 to 5 a.m. To-day I received a verification from JOFK, Hiroshima, Japan. It is only a post-card and has two pictures on it, one of the transmitter and one of the generating-room.—"Little Willie" (Timaru).

New Loggings.

AMERICAN stations were coming in well on January 1. Among them were WGY, WHO, WTIC and CNRV. On December 30 I heard WSUI, Iowa City, Iowa (880 k.c.), testing out a new 500-watt transmitter. Signal



ERIC BELL.

an accomplished 1YA pianist.

—S. P. Andrew Photo.

strength was as good as from a 5 k.w. station. Other new ones are KOY, Phoenix, Arizona, 1390 k.c. This station is on until 8.30 p.m. every Sunday, summer time. KFXF, Denver, Colorado, 920 k.c., and KTAT, Fort Worth, Texas, 1240 k.c., have recently been logged. In a letter from KFYO, a 100-watt station in Abilene, Texas, on 1420 k.c., the owner said the station would be on till 10 p.m., our time, on February 19, to celebrate their fourth anniversary. KGRB, Butte, Montana, in on late every Saturday night, so should be heard here after KGER signs off on Sunday evening, our time. This is on 1360 k.c.—"Kauspanka" (Hastings).

News from KWK.

I RECEIVED a rather interesting letter, dated December 12, 1930, from Mr. Thos. P. Convey, president of the station KWK, St. Louis. This was in verification of my reception of his station's programme which I received on the night of October 22, 1930. Mr. Convey stated that my report was received among 20 other reports from New Zealand. He said it was quite remarkable that KWK was being heard so well here, as all the reports were very favourable and commented on the clear reception. KWK's power is 1000 watts, 1350 kilocycles (222 metres). Their broadcasting schedule is as follows:

Week-days: 6.45 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.

Saturdays: 6.45 a.m. to 2.00 a.m.

Sundays: 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

The above being U.S.A. Central Standard time.

I also received verification from KGO, Oakland, California, 790 kilocycles, 379.5 metres. This station is on the air on week-days from 7.30 a.m. to 12 midnight, and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Their power is 7.5 kilowatts.—"Cockney" (Inglewood).

2NC, "A" or "B"?

ON 5th inst. I logged 3GL, Geelong, on 214 metres, R.6. On the following night I logged 2AY, Albany, on 227 metres, R.4; fading and static. Recent verifications include VK2NO and 2AY. If 2NC is classed as an "A" station, as stated by J.P.C. (P.N.), why the prefix, "VK"? I would also point out to J.P.C. (P.N.) that the station is owned and operated by the Postmaster-General's Department, Sydney, and not by the A.B.C. This information is obtained from a verification dated 15th inst. The power is 6 k.w. input to the final stage, corresponding to 2KW unmodulated carrier power in the aerial.—"Amazon" (Palmerston North).

A New Japanese?

ON November 19 and 21 I picked up a new Japanese station on 610 kc. (492 m.) at good strength. His call is undoubtedly JOAK, but how this is to be explained remains to be seen. Re the relay of this station picked up by E. J. Haynes (Christchurch) on 710 kc. (422 metres), would this be COMK, China, on 705 kc. (425 metres)? About two months ago I logged a Jap. on 980 kc. (306 m.), 3YA's frequency, but have had no trace of him again until I picked him up on January 21. I have never seen him mentioned. The latest additions to my list are: WOAI (San Antonio), KFVD (Culver City), KGU (Honolulu), 3WR (Wangaratta), and 7LA (Launceston).—B.W. (Stratford.)

"Following 1930."

I HEARD 2ZO (P.N.) on January 16, at 11.30 p.m. I was much interested in Mr. Ivan M. Levy's article, "For Three Thousand Miles I Followed 1930." I also did the trip and heard 24 stations. Mr. Levy concluded his

tour at 2.38 a.m. on 6WF, Perth. I left this station a few minutes prior, and at 2.40 a.m. was listening to KTM broadcasting Spanish items. This concluded a splendid evening for reception. My aerial is 132 feet overall, and I am using a triple earth. My set is a four-valve, long-wave, all-electric.—Earl J. Haynes (Aranui).

American Reception.

I HEARD WLW, Mason, Ohio, on 700 kc. (428 metres), broadcasting on January 16, at 11.50 p.m. At midnight physical drill instruction to music was broadcast. With the exception of slight fading, reception was perfect. I am puzzled over a foreign station transmitting on 810 kc. (370 metres). It sounds like Japan.—W.H.R. (Dunedin.)

An Excellent Reception Night.

DID any other DX-ers find the evening of January 21 an exceptional night for results over the air? In my case it was so. On the overseas stations there was hardly a trace of the "static fiend"—so much so that it was 2.15 a.m. Thursday before the blankets claimed me. Station WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio, came in on my A.C. set at about 3 degrees above 2YA's frequency (715 k.c.). He was held for about 1½ hours (11.40 p.m. to 12.45 a.m.). Reception was at R7-S. The programme consisted of jazz and other instrumental numbers. During the evening tuition in dancing was in progress, the instructor telling his pupils to "Keep head up! 1-2-3-4; heels together, hands on hips; 1-2-3-4. Out, in! Out, in!" accompanied by a very lively rhythm. Also a song was rendered, "Give My Love to Nellie, Jack." The popular American expression "OK, Boy," was oft repeated, and in connection with the dance tuition he told his pupils to "Make the exercise real tough!"

On the same evening station WOAI, San Antonio, Texas, came in at good strength (R7-S), on about half a point above 3ZC Christchurch's frequency. His call was announced clearly and unsparingly—a good feature to be copied by other stations. Their programme was of the usual jazz, interspersed with news items and advertising. The announcer also mentioned a "dynamite explosion which occurred at Havana, the outcome of workers' disagreements with the Government." A song item included "If I Could be With You" and selections by "The Troubadours."—"Radio Bug" (Raetihi).

DX Competition

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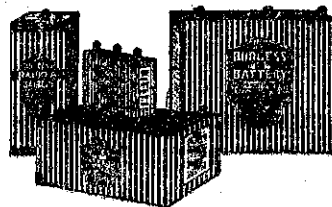
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