

weekly and neighbours far apart, wireless has been of the greatest benefit. The news broadcast has the stamp of authority—idle rumour no place. I cannot understand the daily appeals from the Red Cross for boots and new clothing when funds are so readily subscribed for immediate use. However, that is not the purpose I am writing for. It is to express thanks and gratitude for the wonderful service given.—Farmer's Wife (Waitomo Caves).

"If You Know of a Better 'Ole."

I SUGGEST that when listeners complain they state what kind of a set they operate. I have an eight-valve, and when I do not care for an item I am like Bainsfather: "If I Know of a Better 'Ole' I go there, and I think the vast majority of listeners do the same. One thing annoys me, and that is the announcer at 4YA saying "The next item on our programme." Well now we all know it is the next one—not the last item. Still, I suppose he is like myself, he has some faults, but after all that is only a mere nothing. The programmes put over from the YA stations are poor sometimes, but after hearing some of the Australians I consider we are not doing so badly. Let us hope they keep going ahead, as I think we will be far better off if the Government do not take over control. This is a matter we have heard very little of from those who should be most concerned, and I would like some of the listeners to state their views on the subject. Perhaps something can be done to keep carrying on as at present.

This week's American programme will do me one night a week. What a change to hear what others get in distant lands.

Thanking the Broadcasting Company for the way they carried on during the serious disaster in Napier.—I am, "Just One" (Otira).

Telephony Service.

IN your last week's paper I see an article on the wireless telephone service, Wellington-Sydney, to London.

It is no use Wellington saying the fault lies between the last two. Wellington is poor, and very poor. If one will listen in any morning and pick up Chelmsford they will soon know where the trouble is. Only once have I heard Wellington, and it was the day Ngata spoke those few words to Fenton at Canberra, for as soon as they rang off, the call came through that Waiwera House, Rotorua, was wanted. Sydney is full tone nearly every day, and all the time it is "give it more volume. You have been off the air for 15 minutes. Too much back noise." I often think it would do some of the Wellington operators a service to go to Christchurch and find out how 3ZC broadcasts on the shortwave Wednesday afternoons. The lady announcer is A1. We can sit in the back of the house and often hear Big Ben strike 7 p.m. their time. And Rome is about the best morning station. In the afternoon W3XAL and WENR are mostly very good. After 10 p.m. Paris, Rabaul and Russia come in very strong. It is from about 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. that I cannot pick up some one or place working.

For the last nine months I have had the machine going about five hours or more each day, and I must say that even 2YA is not what it was—fades very badly at night, more so when the news, etc., starts at 7 o'clock. If it is not the stations or those working them, it must be the locality we must blame, for often the B stations over both Islands outclass the three out of the four big ones. Christchurch is always a long way ahead of the others. It is only after 7.30 p.m. that I can pick them up at present. I have just closed down on WENR, 6 p.m., and there is only just a very faint whistle from 2YA. When in England I heard a good many makes of sets. When in Leicester reception was best, America and Europe coming in very good, but usually the static was very bad. The P. and T. operators in Wellington have a lot to learn about the wireless, even if the messages are jumbled up so we cannot understand them. Tune their

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Answers to Correspondents

D.N.A. (Timaru).—KFKB Broadcasting Association, Milford, Kansas. WLW, Crosley Radio Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio. KRLD, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

"Spud" (Claudlands).—2MV, Moss Vale Broadcasting Service, Ltd., Moss Vale. 3GL, Geelong Broadcasters' Pty., Ltd., Geelong. Addresses also wanted of 3ZR, Greymouth, and 2ZJ, Gisborne.

"Cromdale" (Otago).—According to latest call-book there are no stations KFTB or WTHI. Address wanted of station with slogan, "The Voice of Chicago."

H.F.A. (Masterton).—W9DRE, C. M. Slothower, 603. Sixth Street, Rochelle, Illinois. W2ABE, Wm. H. MacGahan, 409 Tremont Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

Identification Wanted

ON February 1 at about 12.20 p.m. station on about 1330 k.c. (225 metres) playing "Swinging in a Hammock." Call, 2L2XY, Wellington, testing. Could anyone give me his address? On Feb. 2 station heard broadcasting a jazz band. Weak volume. The announcer mentioned Chicago and California. He came in a degree or so below 4QG, Gisborne.—D.W.H. (Masterton).

At 9.5 p.m. on Feb. 5 station about 1½ deg. above 2MO, Sydney. Call obliterated by static each time. One item was the "Wedding of the Rose," a Parlophone recording by the Dajos Bela Orchestra. Another was "Tip-toe Through the Tulips." Halfway through this he faded completely out.—"Little Willie" (Timaru). [The 1931 "Radio Guide" will be published about the end of March.—Ed.]

On Feb. 9 at 9.30 p.m. I heard what was undoubtedly a Chinese station at R9 just below 7ZL, Hobart. Speech had the regular Chinese sing-song style about it, quite different from the Japs, nine of whom I have logged, including one on 2YA's frequency. Wavelength approximately 500 metres (600 k.c.). Dial readings, 8AR 74, unknown station 82, 7ZL 88.—H.D.H. (Nelson).

American station heard at about 8 o'clock on Feb. 5. Call sign sounded like KBP, Santiago, Cal. Wavelength about 230 metres (1300 k.c.).—W.R.D. (Morrisville). [There is no station with this call listed in the latest call book.—Ed.]

Station heard at 12.40 a.m. on Feb. 6, presumably testing. Wavelength about 303 metres (825 k.c.), good speaker strength, slight static and fading. Hetero-

sets up and give more volume, then the service may in time receive enough calls to help pay interest on the capital expended.—Alfred Colyer (Bay of Plenty).

"PURE English" (Otago Central) reiterates the arguments put forward by "English Mother" (Masterton) and others contending that the American recordings are not suitable for broadcasting. For the defence, S. R. Ellis (Okato) maintains they are, and inquires why "highbrows" should attempt to control the programmes to suit their own tastes.

dyned by JOIK on 361 m. (830 k.c.) until that station closed down. He played "Electric Girl" twice, then an unknown number, followed by "Honey." No announcements were given. I had previously heard 2YA testing, and it came in beautifully clear and loud.—"Kilicycle" (Auckland).

Could anyone tell me the wavelengths of the following stations: The London station of the London-Australia telephone service; the Sydney station of the same; and the Wellington station?—A.G.C. (Te Aroha).

On Feb. 4 when 2YA closed down at about midnight, I switched on a crystal set and heard a station playing gramophone records. I heard him again on the 7th, when he played two jazzy records with a fairly long pause between them.—"Deerslayer" (U. Hutt). [Undoubtedly station 2L2XY, Wellington, testing.—Ed.]

American heard at 1.15 a.m. on Feb. 3, on about 240 metres (1250 k.c.), just below 2NC, Newcastle. News about Canada and Texas was given, and also a report of an automobile accident. The persons in the car were drowned. Probably a Texas station.—"Anxious" (Dunedin).

Jap. heard on Jan. 21, just a point below 2BL, talking in English. He was talking about a Mr. Condor travelling via tube railway in London. He concluded his talk by saying: "My time is up. Good-bye, everybody." This was at 10 o'clock N.Z. time. What time would that be in Japan?—A.F. (Waverley).

N.Z. station broadcasting earthquake news at 11.35 p.m. on Feb. 4. Gave the call 3ZR, and remarked: "All artists have gone home, but we still entertain you with recordings."—"Retsam" (Hawera). [3ZR, Greymouth, a new "B" class station.—Ed.]

Has 2ZL Hastings altered its frequency? I usually receive him on 1330 k.c. (225.4 metres), but on the 10th I received him on 830 k.c. (361 metres).—"Red Bird" (Wellington).

I heard the station on 1ZR's frequency at about 8.15 p.m. on Feb. 6. Speaker was reading a portion of the Bible from the New Testament. I held him for seven or eight minutes, but he finally faded out.—"Mark" (Dunedin).

Station on approximately 3ZC's frequency. He broadcasts a children's session in the morning. Heard him first at about 1.15 a.m. on Feb. 8th, when the announcer requested that all letters for the session should be in by Thursday for the following Saturday. He also acknowledged various letters received, among them being one from Kansas and one from Oklahoma. Signals weak, fading and static bad. Mention was made of a broadcast to be given by W.C.C.—and —. He also mentioned that the Federal Government proposed to erect two stations there.—"Ajax" (Dunedin).

ON February 8 station heard on 830 metres (815 k.c.) between JODK and JOCK. Items heard: (a) 9.34 p.m., accordion solo, "Swanee River," (b) 10 p.m., jazz orchestra, (c) 10.9 p.m., lady singing, followed by community singing. At 10.22 p.m. I heard the 2ZL Hastings announcer say, "We salvaged our transmitter to-day and re-erected it at the Drill Hall."—"Radio Boy" (Oamaru).

STATION operating at about 9 p.m. on February 12 on 2ZP Wairoa's frequency. Was heterodyning with 2ZP, and when the latter closed down he was heard plainer. Items heard were: "Hu-

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