

## Addresses &amp; Addresses Wanted

H.F.A. (Masterton): W5PP. L. F. McCollan, 629c, New Post, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. W2XP. L. G. Paent, Myers Ave., and Queen's Blvd., Winfield, N. York. W6FAL. We cannot trace.

"OSCAR" (Marton): Your letter has been dispatched to Europe.

A.N. (North Otago): VK3ES. E. S. Yorston, 15 Springfield Avenue, St. Kilda, Victoria, is an Australian amateur transmitter. As you heard him on the broadcast band he probably has an experimental license.

## Replies to Correspondents

A.G. (Inglewood): Unfortunately we have not the list you inquire for, and we can give you no indication of the verifications which were accepted. A number of factors influenced our judging—such as comparisons with verifications from other DX-ers, etc.—so you can well understand that to compile such a list is now impossible. However, the majority of letters in which verification was not definitely granted were not accepted, and you will probably be able to sort these out.—Ed.

## Identification Wanted

STATION heard at 6.30 p.m. on March 13 on 1460kc. (205m.) Station was just closing down and gave the time as 1.30. Call sounded like KFGB, owned by the Federal Radio Commission, Washington. Station KGA was heard 1 degree above, broadcasting a description of a wrestling match between George and Marcovitch, the latter winning by one fall. Dial readings: 2HD 21, KGA 15, and unknown station 14—"Bulls-eye" (Featherston).

STATION heard on March 11 on 1410 kc. (212m.). I was unable to get call as static was bad, with rapid fade, but managed to hear the following announcement at 7.30 p.m.: "You are now to hear —, known as the red-headed entertainer, in two numbers —, an

H.M.V. record." Faded out at 8.10 p.m.—T.J.L.T. (Miramar).

STATION heard on 2NC's frequency from 3.50 a.m. to 4.30 a.m., on March 15. Good strength, but mushy, and was unable to get call. At 3.55 a.m. a baritone solo was heard, followed by a banjo solo accompanied by piano. At 4.20 a.m., announcer mentioned time was half-past — in the morning. Closed down at 4.30 a.m. with orchestral item and baritone singing a verse ending "Good-night, good-night, good-night."—"Mark" (Dunedin).

AT 9.45 p.m. on March 16 I heard a strange station, I think an Australian, at 12½ on the dial. A string band was performing at the time. At 9.55 p.m. "God Save the King" was played and the station closed down.—E.T.B. (Blenheim).

STATION on 850 kc. (353 metres) heard on March 16 at 12.30 a.m. A man was speaking in a foreign tongue. I returned to him at 1 a.m., and heard music followed by three strokes on a gong, an announcement, and then three more. Also a station on 780 kc. (384 metres) heard at 12.17 a.m. After waiting a while I heard the man say "One, two, three, four (repeated twice), KTL, testing." He then closed down.—C.G.C. (Christchurch).

AT 9.20 p.m. on March 15 heard a station on 1360 kc. (220m.), playing classical orchestral music, good volume. No call was heard. Also at 7.15 p.m. on March 16 station on 1180 kc. (254m.) playing gramophone recordings. Two items were "In a Monastery Garden" and "In a Persian Market." Static prevented my getting the call.—W.A.P. (Halcombe).

I HAVE recently received a letter from 7LA Launceston, Tasmania, owned and operated by Findlay and Wills,

# News and Views of the D.X. CLUB

Broadcasters' Pty., Ltd. The transmitting plant occupies a site 4 acres in area. The steel aerial masts are 160 feet high on a land site 650 feet above sea-level. Aerial radiated power is 200 watts, and the wavelength 273m. (1100 kc.). Hours of transmission are: 4.30 to 6 p.m. daily except Sunday; 7.30-11.30 p.m. each evening (New Zealand standard time).—M.B. (Kaiapoi).

STATION heard at 2 a.m. on March 9 just below 2NC, Newcastle. A tenor solo. "Mary, the Rose of Tralee," was heard just after 1 a.m., followed by a fox-trot. I think the speaker said 3F or 38F, but I could not catch the remainder of the announcement. Is there more than one station at Albury, N.S.W.? (Not on the broadcast band.—Ed.) I heard a shortwave station just after midnight, and it closes down about 3 a.m. He announces "Ah Loo" twice, and taps a gong before each item.—"Jacko" (Rerwinui).

## Stations Identified

L.F.C. (Chch.): PLM, Java, on 24.46 m. They called Sydney and asked them if their transmission was coming through all right. Children were singing at the time. Later they called Amsterdam. The sawmill noise you heard was probably occasioned by power-line leakages during a relay.—L. Saunders (N.Z. 12.W.).

## D.X. Topics

## DX Cup Winner Offers Trophy.

MR. SPENCE R. ELLIS writes thanking all the DX fans who took the trouble to write him congratulating him on his win of the "Radio Record" DX Cup. He also desires to thank members who expressed their appreciation through the DX Club's column. Mr. Ellis has also made a proposal regarding the establishment of a cup for the best log of verified stations received on a battery set up to five valves, under the same general rules as apply in connection with the "Radio Record" competition. We are in correspondence with Mr. Ellis concerning details in connection with this matter, and hope to be able to make an announcement at an early date.

## Seasonal Effects on Transmission.

LATELY a station giving the call 2AY has been heard as loudly as any New Zealand station. [2AY, Albury, on 227 m. (1320 kc.), with a power of 50 watts.—Ed.] 8DB, Melbourne, has also been at full strength. I have noticed that lately 2YA has been fading badly.—E.F.B. (Blenheim).

[Note: This is due not to any fault of the transmission but to a seasonal effect, which was fully explained in last week's issue.—Ed.]

## Verifications from Australia.

"CROMDALE" (Otago): Re KZRM, Manila, and KGW, Portland, Oregon. I think we must both be right, as I hold verifications from both stations for programmes on January 1 (KGW, 7.40 to 9 p.m.), and 2nd (KZRM, from 12.0 to 2.50 a.m.). "Cromdale" evidently heard them on their morning transmission. I still think he should hear the Manila

station on the same frequency, 620 kc. (485 m.), as they have increased their power to 50 k.w. In common with other DX-ers, I have written to amateur Australian stations in answer to requests for reports and have sent complete data for verification. I have received no reply. I have written twice to 4ZP, Invercargill, and once to 2ZR, Wanganui, but have not heard from them. Of course, they are under no obligation to reply, but when reports are asked for it is at least common courtesy to do so.—J.P.C. (P.N.).

## A Two-way Talk.

A unique conversation between ten "hams" took place on the 80-metre band last week. The transmitters, 8AB, 3BJ, 3OK, 3BO, 3AM, 3BG, 3OW, 3CZ, 3CA and 3AD, are all in the third district. The best, in this locality at least, was 3CW, of Greymouth, operated by H. Spiers, 5 Cowper Street, Greymouth. His phone was very clear and at good strength. Some of the others were distorting, possibly through little or no fault of the transmitters.—R. L. Jones (Wellington).

## A Mystery Solved.

IN a recent issue "Wireman" (Master-ton) mentions hearing a station on a wavelength slightly higher than that of KGMB, with a call sign which sounded like KNX. I also heard this station and received the call quite clearly. Some time ago I heard this station announcing WLW, so it evidently makes a practice of relaying other stations. "Wireman" also mentions hearing Japanese music from KGMB. This is quite common. A few nights ago I heard a complete Japanese programme.—G.R.M. (Clevedon, S.).

## 4ZP's Schedule.

THE hours of 4ZP Invercargill, as given by "Inquisitive" (Motueka) have been changed. He came on the air on March 7 after six week's silence. Schedule as follows:—Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8-10 p.m.; Friday, 8-11 p.m.; Sunday, 6.30 p.m.-7.45 p.m.; present power is from 50 to 100 watts, but this will shortly be increased to 500 to 1000 watts.—"Amuri" (Invercargill).

## New English Short-Waver.

SHORT-WAVE reception is steadily improving as winter approaches, and Zeesen, Rome, and Chelmsford are approaching their normal strength. HVJ, Vatican City, is on the air every morning on 50.26m. Carrier is P9, but music and speech is barely audible. Following is an extract taken from "International Short wave Radio News":—"Plans are now being made by the Ministry of Colonies and the Ministry of Dominions to erect a short-wave station at Davenport which will transmit on two wavelengths. This station will take the place of the experimental station 58W, and will have 25 kw. power. Construction work will start shortly."—H.F.A. (Masterton).

## Frequency Mix-up.

IS "Big Bill" (Timaru) sure that he heard "Don't Forget Me in Your Dreams" on 1290 kc. (232 m.)? On March 3 I received KGO on 790 kc. (380 metres), and heard the same item. Time was given as 12.1, followed by the weather forecast. I also heard KTM (just above KGO) on the same night fortune-telling.—"B. Ginna" (Rotorua).

## D.X. Wanderings.

ON March 1 KUX, Portland, 254 m. (1180 kc.), was clearly heard, and later KOB, State College, was transmitting a special test programme at good strength. WOIA on 252 m. (1190 kc.) was also heard. Recently KFTB was heard on a special test programme on 236 metres. Could anyone give me his location? [This call does not appear in the latest call book.—Ed.] On the 5th D.X. conditions were excellent. KHJ, Los Angeles, 333 m. (900 kc.), was heard with unusual clarity relaying from the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. This programme was also heard through

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