

Notes and News

Daylight Saving Time.

AS daylight saving time commenced in England and parts of U.S.A. a week ago, the short-wave stations in these countries will commence and sign off one hour earlier during the next few months.

WSXAL, Cincinnati.

IN reply to a report on reception of WSXAL, the following letter, dated March 18, has been received:—"We wish to advise you that station WSXAL has been off the air for some time as we have been constructing a new ten kilowatt transmitter.

"At the present time station WSXAL is carrying on a series of test programmes each morning from about 1 to 3 o'clock E.S.T. (5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. New Zealand time), on a frequency of 6060 kilocycles, or 49.5 metres, using about 3½ kw. "As soon as we are on a definite schedule we will advise you. Thanking you for your interest, and assuring you that we will be very glad to receive your comments and reports, we are, etc."

Short-wave News from U.S.A.

AN interesting letter has just been received from a short-wave friend, Mr. Joseph B. Sessions, of Connecticut. The following excerpts will interest New Zealand short-wave listeners:—

"I have had quite a successful winter, and have succeeded in locating quite a good number of new stations. Two new stations, in Rome, 12RO and HUJ, are both received very strongly. I believe I have heard OXY, Lyngby, Denmark, but am waiting for verification. There are also a number of new South American stations on the air, especially in Colombia, and I have heard recently from HKA in Barranquilla. Another new one is known as El Prado, in Riobamba, Ecuador, also HKE in Boyota, Colombia. VRY, of Georgetown, British Guiana, has returned to the air after quite an absence. One evening early in the winter I picked up KIO, Kaukuku, Island of Oahu, Hawaii. Rabat, Morocco, I get at quite fair strength on Sunday afternoons. G2NM, the English amateur station, is now coming through fairly well on Sunday afternoons, but is generally buried in code.

"NRI, Heredia, Costa Rica, has changed his call to T14—NRI on account of protest by the Navy Department, U.S. Government. 'N' belongs to the Navy. He has been off the air for about a month, but will resume soon, so I am advised by 'Cespedes'.

"PCJ, Holland, is now commencing to come through after having been extremely poor all winter. I heard VK3ME, Melbourne, for the first time a few weeks ago.

Mr. Sessions is a member of the advisory board of the International Short-wave Club.

HKD, Barranquilla.

ANOTHER new short-wave station in South America is owned by Mr. Elias J. Pellet, of Barranquilla, Republic

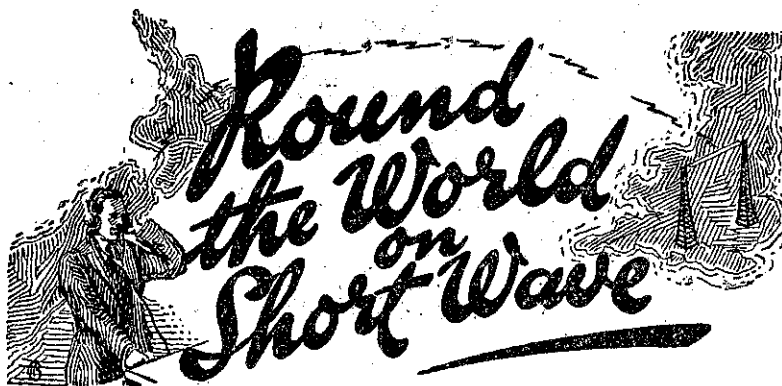
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THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. A weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs of general interest.

of Colombia. The call is HKD. Power 7 watts, wavelength between 41.1 and 42.9 metres. HKD is on the air every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., N.Z. time. Reports are asked for, and should be addressed to "Radio Station HKD, Box 715, Barranquilla, Republic of Colombia, South America."

Log for Week Ending April 25.

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 metres: Volume good as usual each evening. Static bad most evenings.

HUJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres: From 6.30 a.m. at R9. Always talk.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres: Saturday, R8 at 4 p.m., soon reaching R9. Static very bad.

Russia, 49.2 metres (about): Each morning at good volume. One of the best stations just now.

WSXAL, Boundbrook, 49.18 metres: Sunday, volume good, spoilt by static. Saturday, R9 from 4 p.m., reception quite good.

W2XE, New York, 49.02 metres: Saturday, weak and gushy at 4.30 p.m.

F31CB, Saigon, Indo-China, 49 metres: Static was very bad each time this station was tuned-in last week.

HRB, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 48.62 metres: Saturday at R8 till 4.30 p.m. but modulation very poor. Signed off at 4.30 p.m. in two languages, English and another.

Moscow, 45.4 metres (about): Each morning except Thursday, at R8. Static bad every day.

"Radio Maroc," Rabat, Morocco, 32.26 metres: Monday from 7.30 a.m., R9 at excellent quality, music and talk as usual. Slight static.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 metres: Wednesday and Saturday from 9.30 p.m. at R9. Excellent reception marred by severe fading at irregular intervals.

OXY, Denmark, 31.51 metres: Tuesday, 6.35 a.m., orchestra, R8, static bad. A lady announcer. Thursday and Friday not so loud, but still static.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres: Sunday and Saturday, R8 at 2 p.m., spoilt by static and gushiness.

Zeesen, Germany, 3.138 metres: Best about 7.30 a.m. each morning, but quite good much earlier.

W1XAZ, Springfield, Mass., 3.135 metres: Spoilt by static on Sunday. Friday, 11.45 p.m., R8, but very gushy. Saturday afternoon very good. At 3.45 p.m. Joe Ryan and his orchestra at Boston were heard with dance music at R8-9. An organ recital was heard later.

KIXR, Manila, 26.1 metres: Friday, after 11 p.m., at R8, with long slow fades and a noisy background. The call was not heard, but the voice was the one we used to hear from Radio Manila a few weeks ago.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres: Each morning (except Sunday and Monday), starting at 5.30 a.m., volume is poor and signals gushy. Saturday being Anzac Day, I was able to try 5SW later, and was surprised to find that, although at 7.30 a.m. they were gushy and quite unintelligible, at 9.30 a.m. Billy Mason and his orchestra at the Cafe de Paris were coming through at full speaker strength, and that every word was perfectly clear. At 10.30 a.m., Big Ben striking midnight (daylight-saving time) boomed in, followed by 5SW signing off till "10.30 a.m., G.M.T., Monday next. Good night, or good morning." On Friday night they were tuned in just before 11 p.m., the Greenwich time signal—six pips—was heard at 11 p.m., when the Wellington Post Office was striking the hour here via 2YA. Talk and music was very poor, much weaker than their carrier.

12RO Rome, 25.4 metres: On Monday morning at 6.25 a.m. a station was being relayed by Rome that made all announcements in English. H.M.V. records were being played, the names and numbers being given. After each item a dog barked, or a similar noise, followed by "calling." Could not get the name of who was calling. At 6.40 a.m. the Englishman said good-night, followed after a brief pause by Radio Roma giving their call, etc. 12RO has been very good every morning, being best about 7.30 a.m.

W8XX, Pittsburgh, 25.25 metres: Sunday and Saturday afternoons early, reaching R8 by 1 p.m.

Short-wave Club

From the Secretary's Pen

THE lecture and demonstration mentioned last week will be held in Nimmos' Concert Hall, corner Willis and Bond Streets, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 next.

The activities of the club appear to be arousing interest; many people are going in for short-wave sets who have never bothered about radio before. Our badges seem to create interest owing to their distinctive design.

Let's look to the mailbox. Here is a correspondent in Akaroa jibing at the wrapping paper on his cards; to salve my wounded conscience he sends a donation for the mimeograph. There are several letters from Nelson. Lower Hutt is coming on; it is time we had a representative there. A gentleman of over 60 writes me from Christchurch and gives me interesting news. He tells me about the Morse which they received on a tape before I was born, and wishes us every success.

I have received many letters thanking me for introducing members as pen-pals. One member said his sub. was repaid by some tips he received from another.

There are many members out-back on lonely farms and stations who would appreciate a letter, if members would like to correspond I will supply them with addresses or forward a letter on. One of our objects is to afford members opportunity of meeting or corresponding on subjects of interest. The club is intended to be a fraternal organisation of short-wave representative of the whole of New Zealand, and there are many things which we, united, can do for the advancement of the movement.

Now, what about some more suggestions? We are working on some now, but members' letters are always welcome at headquarters.

Will members sending postal notes please make them payable to Secretary, N.Z.S.W.C., and give their call in their letters. Saves me looking up files. Address your letters and inquiries, A. B. McDonagh, Secretary, N.Z. Short-Wave Club, 274 Cuba Street, Wellington. Inquiries and suggestions are welcomed.

Berlin's Broadcasting Home

New Studio Design

A FEATURE of the partially completed Berlin Broadcasting House is the fact that from each of the three halls, each capable of seating over one thousand people, concerts will be relayed regularly.

Up to the present, only one of the three halls has been completed, and in this experiments are being carried out

DX COMPETITION.

Entries for second period close June 30. Certificates for winners in each district. Verifications are required for every station logged.

to determine the manner in which the other two will be finally equipped. The principle upon which the designers are basing their plans greatly differs from that usually employed. There are no sliding walls or screens, but three sides of the hall are padded with compressed fibre, and the fourth, in the immediate background of the orchestra, is of marble.

The sound is thus reflected back into the hall, and the compressed fibre of the other three walls prevents an echo. To regulate the acoustics, the fibre panels may be opened or closed at will. Built into the marble wall at the back is a vast organ, which is invisible.

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