N.Z. Short-wave Club

The Secretary Writes

PENDING confirmation, the next meeting and lecture will be held on Thursday, May 28 next, at 7.30 p.m., in Messrs. Nimmo's Concert Hall, corner Willis and Bond Streets, when the president, Mr. F. W. Sellens, will take for his subject "Wavelength Calibration," showing an easy way of finding stations. Any shortwaver in Wellington on that date will be welcome.

Country members will be interested to note that we are getting ready a complete list of stations and times of operation to send to them. In addition, I hope to be able to enclose a few notes of interest (not Treasury notes, as a member suggests). This will enable us to keep in thuch with members until the suggestions sent in can be put into operation.

Any shortwaver in the Auckland diswho attends the Auckland Radio Exhibition is invited to introduce himself to NZ12W, Mr. L. Saunders, who will be at the "Radio Record" stand and will be very pleased to meet members and prospective members. In his abence Mr. Colin Smith, of the "Record" (NZ60W), will supply information and collect subscriptions. It is hoped that Q.S.L. cards will be available for sale at the stand to bona-fide members of the

Several stations have sent to Head-quarters Q.S.L. cards in reply to mem-bers' reports. These I will forward on to their destination. Members are asked to make their reports as complete as posc as, owing to the new postage rates, it is an expensive matter to reply to a ncto saying, "I heard you so and so; ple e send me a card."

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Ve missed a special announcement from W3XAL in Wellington, but, fortunately, NZ9W, Mr. Gee, of Otangihaka, wrote in giving us full details. A number of reports were sent in, which I handed to Mr. Sellens, who asked me to thank members on his behalf. From these reports we can make some interesting comparisons of reception in different localities. The Bay of Plenty seems a very favourable place for shortwave reception.

Yours, MAC.

Short-wave News

KEL Testing. FURTHER to my report in May 8 issue, re Californian station working JIAA through Manila, I picked this

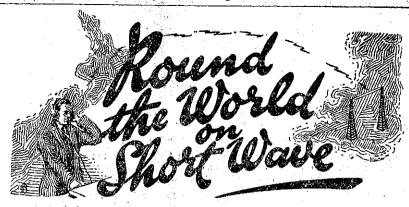
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THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs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

station up direct on the 6th. De(ails are as follow; KEL (10.410 kilo.), Bolinas, California. To be found about one point on dial above VK2ME, Sydney. I stated previously that it was a broad-cast station. This is not the case. A-1 stated previously that it was a broad-cast station. This is not the case. As they also gave the call KEF they were evidently rebroadcasting them. I picked them up at 5.45 p.m., when they were about R7 (reaching R8-9 by 6 p.m.), working JIAA direct. Programme com-

DX Notepaper

DX'ers! Write for that verification on D.X. notepaper and avoid missing out important details. Takes a quarter of the time to write out, too. Obtainable from P.O. Bex 1032, Wellington, in two-dozen lots (minimum order), price 1/6. or six dozen for 4/-, post free.

prised a selection of gramophone records They stated they were testing with the latter station. A few evenings ago this station working through Manila put over greetings to the Emperor of Japan from the Japanese Ambassador, who was seated in the room at his hotel in New York. As greetings were transmitted the English translation was given by the Ambassador's secretary. This was put over from about 11.45 p.m., April 30. to 1.30 a.m. next morning. Station KEL over from about 11.45 p.m., April 30, to 1.30 a.m. next morning. Station KEL is owned by the Radio Corporation of America and Communications Inc.—M. Walker (Wellington).

Recently Heard Short-wavers.

STATION NRH, Costa Rica, Central America, has been heard operating on 29.8 metres for the last month. Reception is even better than on the previous wavelength of 30.5 metres. It vious wavelength of 30.5 metres. It is now possible to receive him 100 per cent. throughout his one hours' transmission. His special test on 30.5 metres to Mr. R. L. Jones (Wellington) on March 28 was not received here too well. Before commencing transmission his general broadcast was carried out on 29.8 metres. eral broadcast was carried out on 29.8 metres. He came through very well indeed, and once he called Mr. Jones and referred to his special broadcast. Afterward, however, he changed his wavelength to 30.5 metres and he was only 25 per cent. readable.

A verification was recently received from TLO, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, and they mention previous to my report reaching them reports had come from Auckland, Christchurch and Johnsonville. The engineer in charge, Mr. N. H. Venn, mentions that he belongs to the city of Wellington.

Quite a number of verifications were received recently from American amateur 80-metre zone stations. One station I hear often is W6BIF, Glendale, California. Mr. Lester P. Abarta, operator, states in a letter that he is receiving credit not due to him and that he hear credit not due to him, and that he has received several letters prior to mine stating that they had heard his transmission on phone on 80 metres. Mr. Abarta states someone is using his call letters, because he does not work on 80 netrers, because he does not work on 80 metres, and asks if any New Zealand listener hears the call and the address of W6BH given on 80 metres he would appreciate it if they would drop him a line. Mr. Abarta mentions that New Zealand amaieurs on 80 metres phone are being heard well in America.

In one reply I received from the States the writer expresses considerable surprise at my hearing h.m. because he was using extremely low power, even lower than NRH on $7\frac{1}{2}$ watts! He was also using an ordinary telephone microphone.

On May 3, at 7.30 p.m., VESCL was heard on a special list programme, trans-

mitting, from the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Reports were asked for. Strength was R7 to 8. On May 2 a French station was coming in like 2YA with musical items, and calling Stigon. His wave length was approximately 25 metres. A letter received from Mr. Fred Easter, Ohio, recently, remarks mately 25 metres. A lefter received from Mr. Fred Easter, Ohio, recently, remarks that this French station is FTK. who also works Saigon on 18.8 metres. Mr. Easten's letter contains some interesting topics on shortwave stations:—"Watch out for XZ6A on 41 metres (7300 k.c.). This station is located at Nuevo Lanedo (Mexico), and is broadcasting daily now. You would hear it in the early evening, your time. El Prado, in Riobamba, Ecuador, South America, is on 39.5 metres, and is on the air from 9 to 11 p.m., Ohio time. The announcing is done in Spanish." Mr. Easter states that the station Mr. Sellens mentioned on March 6 is station XDA, on 51.2 metres, which has been testing a 1½ k.w. transmitter lately. HKF, Bogota, Colombia, is 39.4 metres. The 7-watt station mentioned by Mr. Sellens in his notes on May I with the call sign of HKD I have heard on approximately 41 metres, but the

call, as far as I could make out, was HKV. He has been heard acknowledging reports from listeners, and the word "Colombia" has been mentioned, so it is probable the correct call sign is HKD. I am writing for a verification and data. On May 7, at 11.45 p.m., a station was heard on 47 metres playing music, and an announcement was made that it was "Patan, California, U.S.A." Strength was R9, and very clear. I would like to hear from Mr. Mark Churton, of Auckland, and Mr. Ellis, of Okato.—A, P. Morrison, Brooklyn, Wellington.

Free Licenses for Unemployed

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m ADIO}$ is considered to be practically a necessity in Germany, and the Government is considering a scheme whereby persons who have been out of employment for six months or more shall continue to work their receiver without payment of a license fee until such time as they are earning again, The same privilege of free radio is accorded the blind and those who are suffering through war service.

Enthusiastic Radio Amateurs

Clandestine Listening

THAT his establishment is "full of clandestine wireless amateurs" is the complaint of the headmaster of a famous Paris school. He states that pupils are constantly "making radio sets on the sly," installing them in their dormitories, and sometimes concealing them under their beds. Certain pupils, he declares, have hidden receivers in their classroom desks, and when they have appeared to be listening to their professors, have actually been holding phones to their ears.

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