

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 touch with members until the suggestions sent in can be put into operation.

Any shortwaver in the Auckland district who 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 absence 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 club.

Several stations have sent to Headquarters Q.S.L. cards in reply to members' reports. These I will forward on to their destination. Members are asked to make their reports as complete as possible as, owing to the new postage rates, it is an expensive matter to reply to a note saying, "I heard you so-and-so; please send me a card."

We missed a special announcement from W3XAL in Wellington, but, fortunately, NZ99W, 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

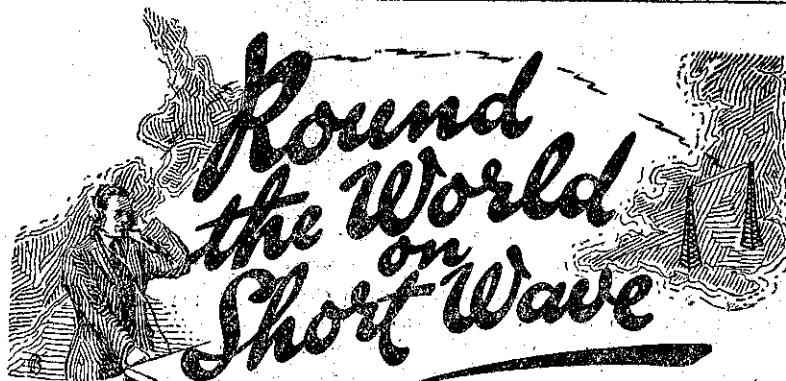
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THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. A weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs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

station up direct on the 6th. Details are as follow: KEL (10.410 kilo.), Bolinas, California. To be found about one point on dial above VK2MM, Sydney. I stated previously that it was a broadcast station. This is not the case. As they also gave the call KRF 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-

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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 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 is now possible to receive him 100 per cent. throughout his one hour's 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. 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.

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call, as far as I could make out, was HKV. He has been heard acknowledging reports from listeners, and the word "Columbia" 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

RADIO 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.

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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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