

## Short-wave News

**VE9CL, Winnipeg.**  
SOME particulars of VE9CL, Winnipeg, which operates on 48.8 metres, were received from the owners, James Richardson and Sons, Ltd., grain merchants. The people operate four stations—CJRM, Moose Jaw, Sask. and CJRW, Fleming, Sask., both on 451 m.; CJRX, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on 25.6 m.; and VE9CL, Winnipeg, on 48.8 m. At present, transmissions from CJRX are temporarily suspended. The power of VE9CL is 2 kilowatts, the studio is at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, and the transmitter is at Middlechurch, near Winnipeg. CJRX was reported in more distant countries, but VE9CL is found to be more suitable for reception in North America, as it covers this continent consistently. VE9CL broadcasts the same programmes as CJRW each day, except Monday, till 3.30 p.m. N.Z. time.

**ONVA, Brussels.**

**ANOTHER** new station has come on the air recently on 49.5 metres. This is ONVA, Brussels, Belgium. The station can be identified by the call: "Allo! Ici la station d'essai de la Societe Belge Radio Electrique."

**HB9OC, Switzerland.**

**STATION** HB9OC, Zurich, Switzerland, on 32.85 metres, can be identified by the call, "Hier Radio Zurich," preceded by two strokes on a Gong.

**Programmes from Madrid.**

**THE** National Broadcasting Company in U.S.A. are making arrangements to relay programmes from the Polish capital. Plans are also being made with EIAR in Spain to relay musical programmes every Sunday from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. G.M.T. (Monday morning, 6.30 a.m. to 8 a.m., N.Z. time).

**Zeesen, Germany.**

**MR. W. BRIDEN JONES** (NZ17W) has just received the following transmitting times from the powerful German shortwave station at Zeesen, which works on 31.38 metres:—12.30 a.m. to 1.30 a.m., 3 a.m. to 6 a.m., 6.30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and occasionally till 12 noon (all N.Z. time). The aerial output is 8 kilowatts. The programmes originate from the main Berlin station, which works on 1634.9 metres.

**WSXAL's 24-hour Test.**

**REPORTS** to hand state that WSXAL came in at good volume from about 5 p.m. till near midnight. It appears that this station was heard earlier in the southern parts of New Zealand than in the north, but that reception continued

further particulars of your own set write the Technical Department of Philips lamps.

2. Is it possible to convert the radio-player to shortwave by substituting the present coils for smaller ones?

A.: It is not practicable to do so. Use shortwave adapter of approved design.

3. I find I can receive a Japanese station best by disconnecting the aerial from the set, and connecting the earth wire to the aerial terminal. Why?

A.: The wires leading to the set from the mains are acting as an aerial, and the natural wavelength appears to be that of the particular station you receive best.

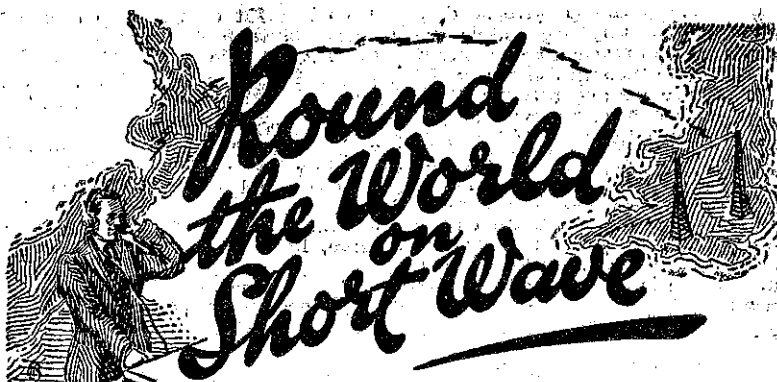
**OOOL** (Waipukurau).—Is my set a good one?—Yes.

2. Is it possible to fix phones to this type of set?

A.: Yet, but you could not do the job yourself, if you do not know exactly what to look for when you get "beneath the lid."

3. Can you suggest a suitable make of phones?

A.: Almost any make of first-grade phones will do such as Brandes, Siemens, etc.



**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.

satisfactory till a later hour north of Wellington. Some listeners heard WSXAL commence the test at about 4.30 a.m., but Moscow and HVJ were too strong for the American.

**New French Station.**

**A** NEW and powerful shortwave station, located at Paris, has been reported by several correspondents on a wavelength just above G5SW; in fact, at first it was difficult to separate the two but the Frenchman went up a fraction. I estimate the wavelength to be about 25.7 metres. This station is on each morning just now till 9.30, closing down after the French National Anthem has been played. Volume varies slightly, but is always good, often full loudspeaker strength. A call has not yet been identified.

**Reception in Bay of Plenty.**

**MR. CHARLES F. GEE**, Otangihaku, has forwarded his log for several days, which no doubt will be of interest to readers.

**Wednesday, May 20:** 12RO, Rome, 25.4 metres, excellent at R9; G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres, quite good, R7-8; Paris station, good; 47-metre stations, thought to be XDA, Mexico, talk and records till 5.30 p.m., good and steady; HVJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres, very good; Moscow, 50 metres, good volume, all talk; W2XAF, 31.48 metres, very gushy; amateurs, ZL2AB, Otaki, and ZL3AQ, Ashburton.

**Thursday, May 21:** 12RO, excellent at R9 all through; G5SW, R6 early, increasing to R8 later; HVJ, R9; Moscow, R9; W8XK, 25.25 metres, only R4 relaying KDKA; W2XAF, R6, unsteady and fading; OXY, Denmark, R7, good music.

**Friday, May 22:** 12RO, Rome, R9, always good; G5SW, R6, mushy; W8XK, R4, mushy, readability poor; OXY, R8, very good and clear; PCJ, R8, 9.30 a.m. till 1.30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 23:** 12RO, R9, very good again; PCJ, R8, Australian and N.Z. programme very good; VK3ME, R7, fading very severe.

**Sunday, May 24:** PCJ, R5; 12RO, R9, still good; OXY, R8; W3XAL, R8, not so good as a few weeks ago; W9XF, R8, not so good as a few weeks ago.

**Amateurs:** ZL2BY, Wanganui; ZL3GW, Greymouth; ZL2DW, Gisborne; ZL1BQ, Otahuhu; ZL1CH, Auckland; ZL2AX, Palmerston North; VK3AE, Melbourne, and VK4CJ, Queensland.

**Costa Rica Station****Special Programme for New Zealand**

**MR. R. LESLIE JONES** has received from Amando Cespedes Marin, the operator of Station NRH, Heredia, Costa Rica, advice that he will be operating his short-wave station from June 7 to June 13 at 6.45 a.m. to 8 a.m. (his time), which will be receivable in New Zealand from 12 midnight to 1 a.m. The programme will be for the special benefit of New Zealand listeners. This station is only 7½ watts in power, and has previously been heard in New Zealand. He will operate on a special wavelength of 29.3 metres.

## Short-Wave Topics

**WGY Testing**

**ON** Saturday evening, June 6, at 10.15 p.m., I was endeavouring to pick up VK3ME, Melbourne, when I came across a powerful carrier, and after a few minutes heard the following announcement:—"Good morning, everybody; this is the General Electric Station, WGY and W2XAF in Schenectady, New York. It is now 6.45 a.m. Eastern Daylight-saving Time, and we are now commencing our morning exercises." At 10.30 p.m., after fifteen minutes of exercise, the clock struck 7 a.m. Then at 10.37 p.m. the following was heard:—"Hullo, 3ME, Melbourne, this is W2XAF in Schenectady calling you." This was repeated several times. W2XAF then continued with recorded items for several minutes, when contact was made with 3ME.

The speaker in Schenectady was endeavouring to make arrangements for re-broadcasts through Bangkok, Siam. The speech was very clear, although the records were a little mushy. W2XAF was operating on 31.48 metres, and, although 3ME is scheduled on 31.55 metres, I was unable to locate him on this wave. Then at 11.10 p.m. W1XAZ at Springfield, Mass., was heard on 31.35 metres with dance numbers by the Rise and Shine Orchestra at strength R.9. Returning to W2XAF at 11.50 p.m., arrangements were heard being made between the Schenectady and Melbourne Rotary Clubs for a meeting per the medium of W2XAF and 3ME. Both stations were still on the air when I switched off at 12.5 a.m.

At 9.20 on Sunday morning I ran across a very strong station on about 25.65 metres. All announcements were in French and the station signed off at 9.35 a.m. with the "Marseillaise." This was apparently the new French short-waver FYA referred to by Mr. Sellens some weeks ago.—A.J.H. (Wellington).

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