

A Club for D.X.-ers.

Wellington Meeting Offers Several Suggestions

D.X.-ERS will be pleased to learn that the proposed DX Club is now an accomplished fact.

In accordance with announcements made in the last two issues of this magazine, an informal meeting of local enthusiasts was held in the "Radio Record" offices at 8 p.m. on June 11 for the purpose of discussing the constitution of the new club. A full report of this meeting, with details of the adopted proposals, appears herewith.

AT the meeting of DX-ers Mr. Colin W. Smith, of the "Radio Record," occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks outlined the meaning of DX-ing, stressing the need among DX-ers for a regularly constituted club. To illustrate the definite benefit such a club would be to DX-ers, Mr. Smith called on Mr. A. B. McDonagh, secretary of the recently-formed New Zealand Shortwave Club, to outline the aims, objects and accomplishments of his club.

Following this, a short discussion on whether or not a DX club should be formed took place, the meeting unanimously deciding in the affirmative. The club was defined as a body of all those listeners interested in long-distance reception.

The next question for consideration was that of a special magazine, entitled the "Radio Log," which was to be the DX Club's official organ. The proposal found favour with the meeting, and the suggested contents were the subject of a lengthy discussion. It was finally decided that the "Radio Log" will be published monthly at a price of 6d. per copy and will contain at least: (a) Gen-

eral DX news of importance culled and classified from the four preceding issues of the "Radio Record." Such news, which owing to pressure on space is at present severely condensed, will be enlarged upon and published in detail.

(b) A thoroughly up-to-date call-book of selected stations which may be heard in New Zealand, paying particular attention to those stations reported as well received in the four preceding issues of the "Radio Record." Full details as to call-sign, power, frequency, and wavelength, and address will be included, so that listeners may know the approximate whereabouts on their dials of every station listed. (c) General hints on such subjects as tuning, aerial and earth systems, calibration, charts, etc. (d) Correspondence of general interest from listeners. Only letters from bona-fide members of the DX Club will be accepted for publication in the "Radio Log."

All DX-ers are asked particularly to note, however, that the DX columns of the "Radio Record" are still open to anyone who cares to write in. "The Radio Log" has been created only because space is at a premium in the "Radio Record," and we cannot give DX-ers as much as we would like.

(e) Shortwave news of general interest. In addition, the secretary of the

New Zealand Shortwave Club promised a monthly article.

"The Radio Log" will be on general sale (or may be obtained from the "Radio Record") at 6d. per copy (7d. posted), or 6/6 per annum (post free).

The question of a badge and subscription was then discussed. It was announced by Mr. Smith that the winning badge design in the recent competition has been chosen, tentatively.

5CL and 2YA—The Heterodyning Trouble

FOR some months correspondents have been making complaint regarding the difficulty of receiving 2YA because of 5CL, Adelaide, heterodyning with the New Zealand station. Both stations are of 5 kilowatt power. Adelaide works on 411 metres or 730 kilocycles, and 2YA works on 416.4 metres or 729 kilocycles. 2YA works on crystal control, which means that it is dead on its wavelength and cannot vary. Apparently 5CL transmits by oscillating valve, which cannot be so finely tuned as the crystal control.

Correspondence has taken place between the Radio Broadcasting Company and the Government authorities and the Australian station with a view to adjustment. It is hoped that some satisfactory result will follow from the negotiations now in hand.

and that a report from the block-maker as to its practical possibilities was awaited. When this was received the winner would be announced.

The badge is to be sold at 2/6, inclusive of a DX Club membership card. The meeting was unanimous in its approval of the "Record's" decision to have a badge. It was felt that DX-ers would thus become acquainted with one another, and that while travelling or visiting strange towns members would soon make friends with other badge-wearers.

It was also suggested that the DX notepaper should carry the official badge, and that it be on sale to members only. Non-members could obtain paper similar to that now sold but omitting the badge and the words "Member of the 'Radio Record' DX Club."

The question of subscription involved two alternatives. The first proposal was that the sub. should be approximately 7/6, which included a badge, membership card, and annual subscription to "The Radio Log," and that the latter magazine should be restricted to club members only.

It was then thought that perhaps this proposal would be too expensive for some listeners, and as an alternative it was proposed that the subscription be 2/6, including a membership card and badge, and that the magazine be on casual sale or subscribed to annually. This suggestion was adopted for the time being, pending the consideration of the opinions of other DX-ers.

A proposal that the holder of the DX Cup, be president of the DX Club and that the district winners be vice-presidents in their particular districts during the six-monthly period between succeeding competitions was unanimously adopted. It was also decided that no one DX-er could hold the cup for more than two successive periods (i.e., one year), and that in such an event, he should stand down for six months. A proposal that as town listeners are often under a handicap as regards DX-ing, a certificate should be granted to the town entrant of the next highest log to those already awarded places, was discussed and carried.

These are the suggestions of your fellow-listeners in Wellington. We want your opinions, too, and in order that they may be given the fullest consideration, matters will not be finalised for a few weeks yet. It is your club, and we want your suggestions.

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