

Short-wave Notes

Lions "Mike Shy."

A FEW weeks ago a special broadcast was arranged for by the "Wireless Constructor" (England) from TLO, Nairobi, Kenya Colony. The main feature of this broadcast was to have been the roar of lions in their native jungle, and to this end microphones were placed at the edge of drinking pools. This was not successful—they were apparently "mike shy."

The rest of the broadcast went off very well and was well received in England. A talk on "Gorilla Hunting" was given by Mr. Martin Johnson and tom-tom dance was heard. Residents of the colony sent messages to friends in the Old Country. A programme of patriotic music was also broadcast. CTIAA, Lisbon, relayed the above special transmission.

NRH Programme for Australia.

AFTER putting over special transmissions for reception in New Zealand for a week, Senor Cespedes, of NRH, Costa Rica, decided to give Australian listeners a special week. This was from June 21 till June 27.

Round the Clock on Short Waves.

MR. CHARLES F. GEE (Bay of Plenty) reports a 24-hour "sitting" on June 12-13, during which period he heard music and talk from many countries. During the intervals when short-wave stations were too weak, Mr. Gee filled in the time by listening to broadcast stations. The following is the log:—

12 noon: 2YA, Wellington, records, excellent at R9.

1 p.m.: W2XAF, Schenectady, R6, increasing to R7-8 by 2.30 p.m.

2.30 p.m.: WIXAZ, Springfield, R7, relaying WBZ and WBZA, Boston.

4 p.m.: W2XE, New York, R6; very rough, weaker later. W3XAL, Boundbrook, R8 (weaker this week). W8XAL, Cincinnati, R8 (best American this week).

6 p.m.: 2BL, Sydney, very clear at R8. 2NC, Newcastle, excellent at R9.

10.15 p.m.: KZRM, Manila, R6; music good.

11.30 p.m.: F3ICD, Saigon, R8. Quaint and weird music, well worth sitting up for.

12.45 a.m.: PK3AN, Java, R7; music very good till 2 a.m.

3.30 a.m.: Zeesen, Germany, R9. Splendid music at 3.30 a.m. from Cologne Cathedral. Boy soprano specially good. Closed at 4.30 a.m.

5 a.m.: PCJ, Holland, R6. Noisy.

6.30 a.m.: OXY, Denmark, R7. Very fine singing till 7.30 a.m.

7.30 a.m.: 12RO, Rome, R9. Operatic music very good. G5SW, England, R8. Greenwich time signal, R4. Radio, Paris,

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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.

R9. "Tei Paree" only call heard. Good music and talks till 9.45 a.m.
8 a.m.: W2XAF talking to Melbourne.
10 a.m.: W8XK, Pittsburgh, R4; too weak to hear much. VE9GW, Toronto; just audible—very weak.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres: Was up extra early on Tuesday for cricket news, the advertised fifteen-minute summary of Monday's play. At 5 a.m. a strong carrier was audible, and odd words just readable of the opening announcement, but the talk was too weak, just a suggestion of talk at times—nothing more. Later signals became even weaker, dying right out, but started to "come

Log for Week Ended July 4

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 metres: Always sure of this station shortly after 8 p.m.

HUJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres: Quite good each morning from 6.30 a.m.

Moscow, 50 metres: R9 early each morning; some very fine music, but plenty of talk.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres: Sunday and Saturday R9 for the last hour. Closes either 5 p.m. or 5.30 p.m.

W8XAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 metres: Reaches R9 by 4 p.m. and continues good volume, but always a noisy background with me. Comes again at 11 p.m. with early morning session.

W2XE, New York, 49.02 metres: Sunday and Saturday, R5 at 4 p.m., increasing to R8 by 5 p.m.

F3ICD, Saigon, 49 metres: Saturday night 11.30 p.m. Native music, R7.

W3XL, Boundbrook, 46.69 metres: Saturday, R9 at 4.15 p.m.; very good.

REN, Moscow, 45.4 metres (about): One of the best early morning stations.

KEL, Bolinas, California, 43.7 metres: Tuned in at 11.40 p.m. Saturday night, when they were relaying Japanese music from JIAA. Volume was R9. At 11.50 p.m. an Independence Day programme was broadcast, commencing with "Stars and Stripes for Ever." At 12 midnight, KEL called JIAA, and then passed the "mike" over to a Jap., who carried on a conversation with Japan.

JIAA, Japan, 38.07 metres: Saturday, midnight, R5, talking to KEL, California.

Radio Maroc, Rabat, 32.26 metres: Monday, from 7.30 a.m. R8; talk and music.

OXY, Denmark, 31.51 metres: Varies considerably. Friday morning was best, being R7 at 7.30 a.m. with orchestral music.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres: Best just prior to closing at 3.30 p.m., when they are R9. On Saturday this station and W2XAD broadcast a German version of the contest between Max Schmeling and Young Stribling.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres: Weak at 6.30 a.m., reaching good volume by 7.30 a.m.

WIXAZ, Springfield, 31.35 metres: Saturday afternoon, Wurflitzer organ recital for the Paramount Theatre, Springfield, from 4 p.m. at R9. Again at midnight, R7.

PCJ, Holland, 31.28 metres: Only heard on Saturday morning, closing at R8-9 at 7.40 a.m.

Radio Paris, 25.63 metres: Best volume after 8 a.m.; continues till about 10 a.m.

Urgent letters are treated in the ordinary manner.

I received a letter from the British Broadcasting Co., stating that they hoped to draw up plans for a dual wavelength short-wave station, but, at present, nothing definite had been decided on. The B.B.C. wish the club every success.

Rumour has it that another of our members has his ham ticket, Mr. McKenzie, near Blenheim. Reports still come in expressing appreciation of the slow morse transmissions.

Mr. L. Saunders, writing from Auckland, sends me down an interesting report on reception there. He says he gets far better results than in Wellington, and can put 2AW on the speaker with only two valves. He often gives headquarters a call from IBC's Monday session from 7 p.m. onward. The mascot of IBC is one black cat.

A number of members evidently missed the issue of the "Record" which contained instructions on how to fill in report cards, so I am arranging for instructions to be included with each order. Don't forget the address, A. B. McDonagh, secretary, N.Z. Short-wave Club, 274 Cuba Street, Wellington.

Parallel Feed B.D.

(To the Editor.)

I HAVE been experimenting with an old parallel feed B.D. circuit. I have added a push-pull stage and made a few other changes to the variable condensers and coils, and the result has exceeded expectations, and in my opinion is as good as any 5 or 6-valve electric set. On June 3 I was waiting for Auckland to come on the air, so that I could neutralise the set, when I heard someone reading out the cricket scores from England. Imagine my surprise when the announcer said 2YA. This was easily heard all over the house.

At 4 p.m. the same day I logged 4YA, and the next day at 4.30 p.m. 2BL. This may appear nothing unusual, but as I am only 20ft. above sea level, it must be conceded that this performance is good for a set of this type. My aerial is no good as it is only a temporary one. All the above-mentioned stations were at excellent speaker strength, and 1YA roars in during the daytime. Mercer is 40 odd miles from there, and entirely surrounded by hills. I shall gladly furnish further particulars if anyone is interested. I am sure this set will give their DX work a considerable lift.—L.H., Railways, Mercer.

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12RO, Rome, 25.4 metres: Weak at 6.30 a.m., increasing to R8-9 by 7.30 a.m., remaining at this till after 9 a.m.

W8XK, Pittsburgh, 25.25 metres: Saturday 1.30 p.m. R7, noisy background; from 2.30 p.m. this station put over the Schmeling v. Stribling fight, which came in well at R8-9. The description was difficult to follow, partly on account of the fast talking, but chiefly the American accent.

W2XAD, Schenectady, 19.5 metres: Saturday 1.45 p.m. R8-9, excellent quality with the kodak hour. The RKO programme followed from 2 p.m. The station calls, WGY, W2XAD, W2XAF, and W2XAW were given. The latter is a station only used for broadcasts of special interest. At 2 p.m. W2XAD with the other shortwave station of this company put over the fight in German for reception in Germany.

W8XK, Pittsburgh, 19.72 metres: This station on this wavelength was heard for the first time on Saturday. They also were broadcasting the fight—in English. The wavelength, 19.72 metres, is given as such in the latest American lists to hand, but they were a little above W2XAD on 19.58 metres.

N.Z. Short-wave Club

ROUTINE work has occupied my time this week; to give an idea of the business, 30 letters and 150 circulars were posted in addition to interviews and other duties. The plan is being adopted now of sending a letter once a month when all cards, etc., can go together.

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