News and Views of the D.X. CLUB

Answers to Correspondents

A.M.H. (Tirau).—There are over 40 Americans operating between 3AR and 7ZL, so you see that without further particulars it would be hopeless even to try to identify the station you heard. A criticism of your log would depend upon the length of time you have had your set. However, it is quite fair.

A.L.B. (Taradale).—Your log is one of the best we have seen. Why not get the stations verified, and enter for the competition.

"OPAWA" (Christchurch): Any verification whatsoever may be entered for the DX competition, provided that the station it is from is at the closing date of the competition still operating on the frequency indicated on the card. The fact that you have changed your location makes no difference. For further information see DX competition conditions, published in our next issue.

S.S. (Banks Beninsula): The station number you are intended to give when ordering DX Club notepaper, is the number issued you on your DX Club's certificate. The special notepaper may be obtained by club members only, and this will give us a check.

"CLARITY" (Bay of Plenty): See above answer to "S.S." The conditions governing the DX competition will be republished in our next issue.

"SEARCHER" (Manaia): Full particulars of station KFJF are as follow: Frequency, 1480 kc. (202.6m.), power 5 kw., address, National Radio Mfg. Co., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Is that street you live in true?—Ed.)

G.H.S. (Gisborne): The "Radio Log" will be available at local booksellers. Your suggestion re kilocycle order of stations has been noted and will be adopted.

B.W.T.R. (Timaru): As you are a short-wave enthusiast probably the DX Club, which is primarily intended for listeners on the broadcast band, would not interest you. However, we intend to devote several pages of "The Radio Log" each month to short-wave notes. Perhaps you would like to become a member of the newly-formed Short-wave Club. The secretary writes listeners a weekly letter on the short-wave page of the "Radio Record."

DX230C (North Otago): Briefly, the DX Club is composed of enthusiasts whose hobby is long-distance reception on the broadcast band. Its general objects are to foster radio in every possible way.

L.J.M. (Christchurch).—Yes, "The Radio Log" will be obtainable from booksellers.

"KIWI" (Taihape). — Verifications from many of the Australian stations will count for the DX competition. See the conditions governing the DX competition. Yes, it is quite possible to pick up Australians in daylight with a battery set, though this to a large extent depends on locality. In your case it is probably this factor which is preventing you from doing so. Stations for which verification cards have not been secured cannot be entered in the competition, but actual cards are sent in only if required by us for checking purposes.

Identification Wanted

STATION heard at 6.35 p.m. on July 2 just alongside 2ME, Sydney (about 1450 k.c.). At 6.40 p.m., "Beyond the Blue Horizon" was heard. Also station on 850 k.c. (353 metres) heard at 7.40 p.m. playing "Mexicali Rose." It was heterodyning with 7ZL, Hobart.—A.M. (Dunedin).

[Your log, especially of Australian stations, is quite good.—Ed.]

STATION operating on 329 m. (910 k.c.), just one degree below KHJ and right behind 1YA. I held him from 5.30 p.m. till 6.0 p.m. on July 5 when 1YA came on the air and drowned him out. The station was apparently relaying from a dance hall, as quite an amount of applause was heard during and after some numbers given with vocal refrains. Announcements were in a foreign language.—"Scalper" (Ohakune Junction).

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. Box 1032, Wellington, in two-dozen lots (minimum order), price 1/6, or six dozen for 4/-, post free. Special paper for club members.

FOREIGNER on approximately 330m. (910 k.c.) heard on July 5. At times it was necessary to reduce volume. I held him from 5.15 p.m. until 5.56 p.m., when 1YA came on. During this time I heard eight items distinctly. Vocal numbers and announcements were in a foreign language, and the only word I heard in English was "foxtrot."—R.A.M. (Mamaku).

[DX 7 O.C. also heard this station, and thinks it might be Spanish.]

AN American operating on 3WR, Wangaratta's frequency. Item heard at 7.10 p.m. was "Say a Little Prayer for Me."—"DX 7 O.C." (Dunedin).

AT about 5.20 p.m. on July 5 I picked up two Americans, one on 59, the other on 61 (2YA is on 60½). Music was good, but speech was weak. 2YA came on the air and drowned them before I could get call.—"DX8HB" (Napier).

AMERICAN on 700 k.c. (427 m.) heard on July 1 at 5.5 p.m., when a song with piano accompaniment was heard. Call sounded like "WK——" and announcer mentioned "Ohio."—"Howler" (Marton).

STATION on 1500 k.c. (200 m.) heard from 10 a.m. to 12.40 p.m. on July 5. Also from 3.30 p.m. to about 5 p.m. No call was given. The following are several of the items heard: "Springtime in the Rockies," "Dancing with Tears in My Eyes," "I Hear You Calling Me."—"2SG" (Takapau).

STRANGER on 260 m. (1150 k.c.) broadcasting a good-night song (not 2MK, Bathurst).—S.M.C. (Anokau).

STATION heard on June 21 announcing baseball results. Several American eastern States were named, and also a series for the following day (Sunday). Items heard: (1) Man at piano, "Sweet Jenny Lee"; (2) Wurlitzer organ solo, lullaby, "Sweet and Low," "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine," and "Ramona." This was on the same frequency as 4ZM, Dunedin, which interfered with it, clear reception being impossible. At 2.30 a.m. on June 19 I heard weird string music on 840-845 k.c. (355 m).—G.H.A. (N. Richmond).

[It would be almost impossible to identify the third station you inquire about, as you heard it so long ago. Your log notes are quite interesting, but are really too full to publish as verification could be secured by this means.—Ed.]

Stations Identified

"MARK" (Dunedin): The only American I have heard between 3YA and 2GB is KJR, Seattle, Washington.—"DX8HB" (Napier).

"RADIO" (Wellington): KFI, Los Angeles, 640 k.c. (648.5 m.), testing. "Searcher" (Manaia): WTIC, Hartford, 1060 k.c. (282.8 m.), and KNX, Hollywood, 1050 k.c. (285.5 m.). "Pitch" (Port Chalmers): KFSG, Los Angeles, 1120 k.c. (267.7 m.). R.McK. (Wanganui): KHJ, Los Angeles, 900 k.c. (331.1 m.).—"DX240C" (Oamaru).

"ENOCH ARDEN" (Oamaru): The "American" station you heard on June 28 heterodyning with 1ZR, on 1080 k.c., was 4ZM, Dunedin. I was listening to this station on this night, and your items correspond with what I heard from 4ZM between 7.45 and 8 p.m. Another correspondent inquires for address of 3RI, Melbourne. This is 3RI, Railway Institute, Melbourne.—"DX70C" (Dunedin).

DX25W" (Wellington): KZRM, Manila. S.M.C. (Mokau): I have logged KMTR, Los Angeles, several nights recently up to 9 p.m.—"Ocol" (Hawke's Bay).

"YELLOW BIRD" (Eltham).—WENR, Chicago, operating on 870 k.c. (345m.), with a power of 50 k.w. (Your log, for the receiver you are using, is only fair. Perhaps your locality is unfavourable.—Ed.)

DX22A (Kakahi).—KZRM, Manila, on 485m. (618 k.c.), 3RI, Melbourne, on approximately 230.6 metres (1300 k.c.).

[The circuit of the receiver you are using is well known for its sensitivity, and this is testified to by the excellence of your log.—Ed.]

"HILLTOP" (Wellington): Station between 3AR and 7ZL is XOL, Tientsin, China. "Pop" (Wellington): Station on 380 m. (790 k.c.) is KGO, San Francisco.—W.L. (Oamaru).

"DX25W": Undoubtedly KZRM, Manila, 485 m. (618.5 k.c.). It has been coming fairly strongly of late.—"Inverleith" (Wellington).

DX Topics

Synchronised Transmissions.

ON July 5, while listening to what I thought was WENR on 870 k.c. (345 metres) I heard the announcement "You have just been listening to WSL operating on 630 k.c. (476 metres). This channel will be occupied immediately by WENR." Then followed announcements and programme from WENR. Apparently they share the 870 k.c. channel, but why the announcement by WSL that they were operating on 630 k.c. (476 m.)?—A. S. Laurence (Christchurch).

Two Excellent Americans.

THE best among many Americans which have been coming in very well lately are KFI and WENR, which are received at excellent loudspeaker strength every evening.—W.L. (Oamaru).

The Mystery Solved.

I HAVE discovered the mystery station which heterodynes with 2YA on 416 m. (720 k.c.). It is WGN, Chic-

DX Club Membership

D.X. Editor,
Box 1032,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,—

I am very interested in D.Xing and wish to become a member of the DX Club.

I enclose herewith 2/6 for badge of the { broach / screw } type and membership card.

I would like also to subscribe to the monthly D.X. magazine, "The Radio Log," and enclose 6/6, being 12 months' subscription, post free.

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