

Short-wave Notes

Special Transmission from VK2ME.

A SERIES of weekly transmissions for world-wide reception have been commenced by VK2ME, Sydney, working on 31.28 metres.

This series was inaugurated last Sunday, July 5. The hours of transmission are arranged so that the programmes may be heard in most countries from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The schedules in New Zealand time, with the countries served, are as follows: Sunday, 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. for Pacific Coast of America, Alaska, etc.

Sunday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., for New Zealand, Fiji, New Guinea, Eastern and Central Australia, etc.

Sunday, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., for Western Australia, Java, Burma, India, Japan, Siberia, etc.

Monday, 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m., for Great Britain, Western Europe, Africa, Egypt, etc.

Each of the four sessions are well received here in New Zealand.

W9XAA, Chicago.

A CORRESPONDENT has recently been advised that W9XAA have abandoned their 49 metre wave and are now using a frequency of 11,840 kc. (25.34 metres).

W2XAW, Schenectady.

THE shortwave station W2XAW is only used on special occasions. The frequency is 17,340 kc. (17.3 metres).

French Colonial Station.

THE opening ceremony of the French colonial shortwave station coincided with the inauguration of the Paris Overseas Exhibition on May 6, when a special "Far East" programme was broadcast. This station is using a wavelength of 25.2 metres.

EAQ, Madrid, Spain.

MR. GEORGE E. BRIGGS (NZ26W, Morere) writes that the schedule of EAQ on 30.4 metres is apparently from 12.45 p.m. to 1 p.m. each day, including Sunday, as he regularly hears them at this time.

International Cock-crowing.

THE Kootwijk transmitter keeps up regular communication with the Dutch East Indies. A short time ago, according to a correspondent, while the studio windows were open in the early morning a neighbouring chancicleer began to "proclaim the morn"; this "broadcast" was picked up by the microphone and transmitted to the Far East, where in a few minutes all the roosters within

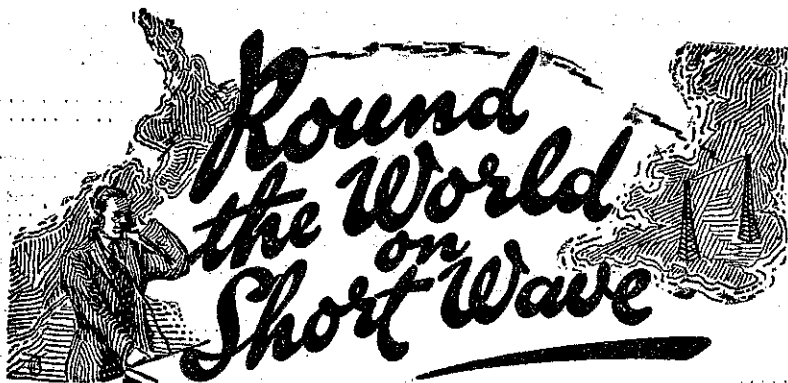
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THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. A weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs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

hearing of the loud speaker awakened a joyous chorus.

Programmes from U.S.: But No "Ads":

CONVINCED that a tremendous market exists in America and abroad for shortwave radio sets, Short Wave and Television Laboratories, Inc., of Boston, plans to enter into a co-operative arrangement with Aviation Radio, Inc., of New York City, whereby they will combine to develop an international relay broadcasting network, using the four relay short waves now assigned to aviation radio.

American programmes would be sent abroad on a regular basis, and American listeners would be urged to acquire receivers that would not only tune domestic shortwave stations, but also the shortwave broadcasters of foreign countries.

It is explained that under rules of the Federal Radio Commission, programmes relayed by short waves must be non-commercial in character. The return to those who seek to develop the short-wave transmitting and receiving field would come entirely from their markets for receiving equipment. Just as regular broadcasting was first developed without advertising to stimulate the sale of radio sets, it is believed that relay broadcasting can be developed to the same end once the public is aware of the excellence of the short-wave programmes.

Log for Week Ended July 11

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 metres: Good volume every evening.

HVJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres: Wednesday, from 6.30 a.m., talk at R9.

Moscow, 50 metres: Every morning, good volume and quality till 8 a.m., when volume decreases.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.83 metres: Sunday, very weak. Saturday, reached R8-9 by 5 p.m., very noisy background.

WSXAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 metres: Sunday, R9 by 4.30 p.m., with rapid fade. Friday night, opened at 10.30 p.m., being very good at R8. Saturday, R8 at 4 p.m., and about the same at 11 p.m., with static.

W2XE, New York, 49.02 metres: Sunday, very noisy at 4.30 p.m., R7.

F3ICD, Saigon, 49 metres: Coming back rapidly to its old-time volume. Orchestral music just before 11 p.m., after which they commence their native programme. R8 at this time, increasing later.

W3XL, Boundbrook, 46.69 metres: Saturday, R8 at 4 p.m.

REN, Moscow, 45.4 metres (about): Good each morning.

PLW, Java, 36.92 metres: Have heard this excellent Javanese station each night during the week at good volume from

about 9.30 p.m. Volume has been R9 with very fine modulation. On Saturday a number of children's items were very enjoyable.

Radio Maroc, Rabat, 32.26 metres: Monday, starts prompt at 7.30 a.m. with a short talk, about R8-9, followed by an orchestra at R9. Prior to the opening announcement a metronome can be heard ticking.

OXY, Denmark, 31.51 metres: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, about R6-7 at 7.30 a.m.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.45 metres: Sunday, very good for the last hour till 3.30 p.m., being R9 toward the finish. On Saturday they were much weaker.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres: R8 each morning, at 7 a.m.; very weak at 6.30 a.m.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 metres: Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from about 9.30 p.m. R9 with one stage of audio, but fading very severe at times.

WIXAZ, Springfield, 31.35 metres: Saturday at 11.45 p.m., R8, noisy background.

VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 metres: Sunday evening and Monday morning with sessions mentioned in the shortwave news section, R9 with excellent quality.

PCJ, Eindhoven, Holland, 31.28 metres: Saturday morning, R8 at 7 a.m., spoiled by another station. At 2 p.m. they were quite good, except for a slight surge at R8-9 with a programme for America. A record was put on, which, according to Mr. E. Stavly, the announcer, was music received from Mars; it certainly sounded like something from another world, a mixture of tom-toms and bagpipes was the description given by a visitor. Volume continued good till about 5 p.m.

Radio Paris, 25.63 metres: Commences too late for me except on Sunday, when they were good volume till after 10 a.m.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres: Reach R7 by 7.30 a.m., when they close for nearly half an hour; have been very gushy each morning.

12RO, Rome, 25.4 metres: Quite good each morning after 7 a.m., increasing in volume till 8 a.m. and then remaining fairly steady.

French Colonial Station, Paris, 25.2 metres: At 7.30 a.m., each morning this station is about R8, but is usually gushy.

2ME, Sydney's New Service.

FOR the benefit of shortwave listeners herewith is an account of a transmission from VK2ME, Sydney, commencing 4.30 p.m. (N.Z. time), Sunday, July 5. The announcer gave his call sign, VK2ME, and wavelength 31.28 metres. He said that, commencing on above date, the station would transmit four programmes every Sunday till further notice. The programmes would be identical, but at different times, in order to serve every part of the globe. The times (G.M.T.) and places intended for reception are as follows:—

0500 to 0700—Pacific coast of America. 0930 to 1130—New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

1130 to 1330—West Australia and Japan and China.

1900 to 2100—Great Britain and Africa.

Mr. Fisk, managing director of Amalgamated Wireless (A'sia), Ltd., then spoke. In opening the new service, he said it was hoped to tell the world something of the ideas and ideals of Australia. He then read a message received from Mr. J. H. Scullin, Prime Minister, in which he hoped for unity and understanding, and stated that they were meeting their difficulties with spirit and determination.

An interesting programme followed, including the call of the kookaburra, "Star Spangled Banner"—for American listeners, in honour of Independence Day—and other musical items, interspersed with messages from the "Sydney Morning Herald" and the "Sun," a talk on the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, etc., etc.

Without exaggeration, volume could only be described as tremendous—no static, and the whole programme a delight to listen to. Shortwave may look forward to this on future Sundays with pleasure. For convenience one may choose either the afternoon or the evening sessions (4.30 to 6.30 p.m., and 9 to 11 p.m., N.Z. time).—I. Meltzer (Auckland).

N.Z. Short-wave Club

READERS will remember an account I gave of a member, NZ9C, Mr. McKenzie, who had to take his set out on packhorses to where he camped for the winter. Mr. McKenzie is now 25 miles out, and has added a transmitter to his outfit; his call is ZL2GZ, and he would be pleased to get a call from club members with transmitters.

We are endeavouring to meet boys to whom membership subscriptions are a big item, and something may be done on the lines of a reduced fee for junior members. I would be pleased to hear from any boys who are interested in short waves so that the matter could be dealt with.

I have to thank a number of shortwaveyers who have written in to me on matters of interest. Many people write in to say that they would like to join up, but times are hard, and they cannot get a set. In this respect I would like to mention that at the Radio Exhibition I had a very interesting talk with "Hard Up," who wrote such a good article in these pages. The two-valve sets which have been described in the "Record" will give world results on headphones. When times are better sets according to fancy can be bought or built. One of the main factors is learning the art of tuning, and if you can handle a small set properly you have the necessary groundwork, which will stand you in good stead when you get a big set. In fact, I consider it is

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