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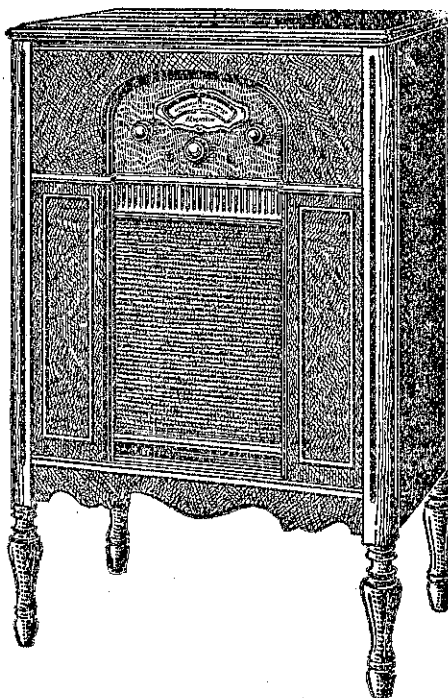
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DX Topics

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competition closed 2AY Albury has changed its frequency to 1460 kc. (205 m.), and 2HD Newcastle, to 1110 kc. (270 m.). KFJF Oklahoma celebrated their eighth anniversary on our July 5.—J.P.C. (P.N.).

Another New Station.

COULD any DXer give me particulars of station 2WL, heard broadcasting a musical programme on July 15. He signed off at approx. 1.50 a.m. on the 16th.—"DX3T" (New Plymouth).

KFI Permanently Increases Power.

STATION KFI, Los Angeles, is now the most powerful station on the Pacific Coast, for after testing it has now increased its power permanently to 50 kw. I am using an old five-valve B.D., with a stage of push-pull, and KFI comes in very well at 4.30. At 7 it is as loud as 1YA and 1YA.—E.A.B. (Hastings).

KFI'S Inaugural Programme.

I RECEIVED by this week's mail a verification from Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd., and they state that there are several small ships on the Australian coast which do not carry a wireless operator, but have a wireless telephone set installed operated by the captain of the ship. These ships operate on a frequency of 1360 k.c. (220 metres), and Melbourne Radio (VIM) replies to them on a wavelength of 670 metres. On July 13 station KFI, 640 k.c. (469 m.), came on at R9 with their inaugural programme of their new 50 kw. station, and could be followed right through from 4.30 p.m. to 7.43 p.m., N.Z. S.T., when they signed off. During their tests they had received some 300 to 400 letters from overseas listeners, many being from New Zealand, and they announced that a listener in California had just picked up station 4ZO, Dunedin, New Zealand, which was rebroadcasting their opening programme. Their programme on this occasion left nothing to be desired, and I am sure must have been appreciated by the many New Zealand listeners who tuned in.—"DXIT" (New Plymouth).

A "Ranger Two" Success.

ABOUT a fortnight ago I built the "Ranger Two" with an extra stage of audio. I am using 1.5 volt valves, and my aerial is an indoor one 15 feet high and 28 feet long. I have already logged ten New Zealand stations, 13 Australians and one American.—S.B. (Dunedin). [An excellent performance with the aerial you are using.—Ed.]

DX Notes.

THE past week has been exceptional for receiving American stations. KFI and KOA came in on our four-valve receiver at full strength—equal to Auckland in volume. WFAA, KGMB, KGER and KTM were very clear. Wellington has been exceptionally good throughout the day as well as at night, whereas most wireless owners in this neighbourhood find it impossible to get Wellington at all in the daylight. Wairoa and Dunedin were both loudspeaker strength on July 9.—H.H. (Whitianga).

[The address of KGO as given in the latest call-book is San Francisco, California. They must have changed their location from Oakland to there.—Ed.]

A New Australian.

AT 1 a.m. on July 15, 4RK, Rockhampton, was heard testing on 910 k.c. (330 m.). On June 29, 2AY, Albury, announced that from July 1 they were changing their frequency from 1320 k.c. (227 m.) to 1475 k.c. (203 m.). I have since heard them on the latter. Latest loggings are: KVOO, KTM, and 2CA.—"New Chum" (Wellington).

"Night Owl" (Petone), has also heard 4RK, at a strength equal to that of 2FC.