

Answers to Correspondents

R.I.H. (Auckland).—You could receive short-wave stations on your broadcast set by building a short-wave adapter. One suited for your purpose is described in the 1931 "Radio Guide." If you have an efficient aerial, unshielded by trees, buildings, etc., and a good earth, there is no reason why you should not receive at least as many stations as your neighbour does, as you say your set is superior to his.

F.L.W. (Fordell).—Briefly, the DX Club is composed of listeners who are interested in the reception of distant stations. Its objects are in general to assist the development of radio in every possible way.

"CIVIC" (Karapiro).—Your log is quite good. The addresses of American stations as given in the "Radio Log" should in the majority of cases be quite sufficient.

"DX260C" (Dunedin).—The best way to identify Japanese stations is to wait until they close down, usually at about 12.30 a.m., when they invariably give their call signs. Programme items, though usually unintelligible to English ears, can be described. Do so when writing for verifications.

W.R.G.B. (Port Chalmers).—Full particulars of the next DX competition appeared in the last issue of the "Radio Log," obtainable from booksellers or from Box 1032, Wellington. Price 7d., posted.

C.J.S. (Blenheim).—KDYL, Inter Mountain Broadcasting Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah. KOA, National Broadcasting Co., Inc., Denver, Colorado. KUOA, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. There is no station KFGH.

"DX12NW" (Nelson).—If you have logged the number of stations you mention in only a fortnight you should be well in the running for the next DX competition.

G.W.C. (Kurow).—There are approximately 16 American stations operating between 3LO and 4QG, so you see

without further particulars it would be useless to publish your queries.

"PURUKI" (Picton).—You will be surprised to see how rapidly your log will mount when you commence DX-ing in earnest. The stations you have already logged will form a good basis.

"PEDRO" (Pahiatua) and M.E. Le P. (Hamilton).—The station you are both mistaking for XOL is the twin station of JOAK, referred to recently in the DX Notes.

Addresses and Addresses Wanted

WOULD ZL2QSL (Waipawa) please forward his address?

WOULD "DX5T" please forward the full address of station XGZ (formerly XOW). "Keigo" (Invercargill). Also has anyone the address of station 3BY, Melbourne?

Identification Wanted

STATION on 1160 kc. (258 metres), heard at 1 a.m. on August 2 broadcast a description of a boxing match. Heard name of one boxer—"Rogers." Later heard vocal numbers, "Old Folks at Home" and "Long, Long Trail."—"M.X." (Penrose).

[The particulars given of the other station you wish identified are much too scanty to be of any use.—Ed.]

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 { brooch } type
and membership card. { screw }

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.

(Strike out last paragraph if not required.)

My set is a } battery, using
..... a.c.

..... valves.

Name

Address

Nom de plume

(Please use block letters.)



News and Views of the D.X. CLUB

AT about 6 p.m. on August 5 a news session was heard from an American station on approx. 1430 kc. (210 metres). An earthquake in Sicily and an aeroplane accident in California were mentioned. At 7.10 p.m. an item, "Eleven More Months and Ten More Days" was heard. Also at 6.10 p.m. on approx. 820 kc. (366 metres), "The National Concert Orchestra" was heard playing "The Cradle Song" and "—" ("the love song of the young things of the twentieth century"). Announcer was American.—"DX9W" (Feilding).

STATION on exactly 440m. (668 k.c.) heard at 1 a.m. on August 3—undoubtedly Chinese. Also another Chinese station on 276m. (1035 k.c.) heard the same morning after the Japs had closed down. At 7.15 a.m. one morning recently I picked up a station on 990 k.c.

To DX Club Members

On page 3 of this issue appears an article asking all listeners to forward reports on heterodyne interference. The problem, as no doubt you all know, is rapidly becoming serious, and in view of this, we are endeavouring to secure and correlate enough data on the position to place before the authorities, who have expressed their willingness to co-operate in every possible way. Without a comprehensive report covering the whole of New Zealand, very little can be done, and it is in this respect you can render invaluable assistance. Reports from all listeners will be greatly appreciated, but in particular, I would like every member of the DX Club to forward a detailed report separately or enclosed with DX correspondence.

The DX Editor.

(304m.) at R3. It slowly faded out between 7.40 a.m. and 7.50 a.m. Orchestral recordings were heard, but no announcement.—"Keigo" (Invercargill).

STATION heard testing lately at about 12.30 a.m. Location sounded like "Brighton." (What frequency?—Ed.) Also station situated between KOA and 3ZR heard at fair strength lately. Closes down about 7.40 p.m.—"New Chum" (Dunedin).

[The particulars you give are scarcely sufficient for identification purposes.—Ed.]

STATION heard on 75 (KMI 72) at 10.30 p.m. on July 25, broadcasting American Stock Exchange report. Also station heterodyning 4QG, Brisbane, at 9.30 p.m. on August 2.—"DXEM."

STATION heard at 12.45 a.m. on August 2 on 1110 k.c. (270m.). A soprano solo was heard, followed by applause. The next announcement was from studio, announcer remarking: "We are now going back to the theatre." Then a male voice sang: "There is Danger in our Eyes, Cherie." Would this be KZKZ, Manila?—"Silver King" (Auckland).

EARLY morning station operating on 790 k.c. (380m.), closing down at 6 a.m. on July 31. Also station heard

at 11 p.m. on August 1 on approx. 283m. (1080 k.c.). Male and female duet in what I thought was Chinese was heard, followed by several English recordings. KFB1 was coming in well on 1050 k.c. (286 metres).—R.A.S. (Mamaku).

STATION heard from about July 1 onwards on 3YA's frequency usually between 7 and 8 a.m. Musical items, followed by foreign speech. Also stations heard before 7.30 a.m. operating on 6WF Perth's and 4QG Brisbane's frequencies.—"White Heather" (Invercargill).

STATION heard at 6.55 p.m. on July 28 on 1440 kc. (208 m.), broadcasting a church service. At the conclusion, announcer remarked that reports were coming in from Canada and that he expected more distant ones in a few days' time.—"DX5HB" (Napier).

STATION heard from 5.45 a.m. to 6.15 a.m. on July 28 on approx. 890 kc. (337 m.). A solo on an instrument something similar to that often heard from Radio Bangkok was heard, but no announcements. Also station on approx. 730 kc. (411 m.), heard on July 29, Song by male voice, followed by piano solo. Station disappeared at 5.45 a.m.—"Scalper" (Ohakune).

STATION on 1225 kc. (245 m.), heard on July 30 from 6.26 to 6.53 a.m. Foreign talk and music. I note that N. Jenkins (Masterton) evidently heard same station a few days earlier, and suggests that it is either German or Austrian.—"DX6N.W." (Westport).

STATION heard at 11.45 p.m. on August 5, just below 3LO. Person spoke in foreign language for fifteen minutes, when station faded out. Also, station heard at 11 a.m. on July 30, 2 degrees above 4QG Brisbane. Heard chimes, followed by the weather report.—J.H. (Wellington).

[We have not tested your make of receiver, but believe it to be quite suitable for DX-ing.—Ed.]

Stations Identified

DX9A (Auckland).—American heard 1½ deg. above 7ZL is KTAB, Oakland, not KGAB. At times he is the last American to close down in the evening.—"Notnats" (Dunedin).

"DETECTOR" (Block House Bay).—Station slightly above 7ZL is KMTR, the official broadcasting station of the Los Angeles "Evening Herald." The studios are situated in Hollywood. Write them and you will receive a very nice letter and an autographed "Elkko" stamp. "Fellow" (Auckland).—Your two stations are undoubtedly Japanese—one on 65 is JOHK, Sendai (it is coming in very well just now), and the one behind 4QG is JQAK, Darien.—"DX1" (New Plymouth).

[Your own station would be 5DN, Hume Broadcasters, Limited, Franklin Street, Parkside, Adelaide, broadcasting on 960 k.c. (312 m.). Power 900 watts.—Ed.]

"SMART SET" (Timaru).—If you mean 3UZ, then station is probably 4RK, Rockhampton. Station JOHK operates on 770 k.c. (390m.). "Novice" (Dunedin)—JOAK heterodynes 4QG practically every night from 9.30 onwards. Has any DXer heard a station giving the call 3WI, operating on 1420 k.c. (212m.)?—"DX7W" (Marton).

"EGA" (P.N.): KFOX, Long Beach, California, on 1250 kc. (240 m.), power 1 kw.—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

H. WALKER (Bluff): Station on approx. 785 kc. was one harmonic of 2YA. I picked up three of their harmonics on the same evening on frequencies as follow:—Approx. 1460, 785, and 660 kc. Other harmonics I have picked up are 1YA on approx. 645 kc., and 3LO on