

Short-Wave Topics

W3XAL and W3XL

THE schedules of these stations to hand are as follows:—W3XAL, 49.18 metres, Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m. to 11.15 a.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., and daily from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; W3XL, 46.69 metres, Saturday and Sunday, 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., and 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., N.Z. time.

ZL2ZX, Wellington.

ZL2ZX, 49.5 metres, "The Voice of Action," is on the air every Monday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Reports of reception are invited, which should be addressed to the Western Electric Company, P.O. Box 605, Wellington.

G5SW, Chelmsford.

G5SW, 25.53 metres, has increased its hours of transmission, which are now as follow: Daily except Sunday and Monday, 6.30 to 11.30 a.m.; daily except Saturday and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursdays, late session of gramophone records, till 1.30 p.m.

W3XAL Programme for New Zealand.

THE short-wave station W3XAL, working on 49.5 metres, broadcast a special programme to be rebroadcast by 1YA and 3YA on Wednesday, August 5. A test commenced at 10 p.m. on that evening, and the programme at 10.15 p.m. Reception in Wellington was spoilt by static and Morse interference, but volume was all that could be desired.

Is it EAJ25?

MR. E. HACKETT reports a station on about 50 metres from 11 p.m. on a recent Saturday night, till the early hours of Sunday morning. In between the musical items, which were of high standard, announcements were made by a lady in several languages, including English, to the effect that "This is the radio station EAR—". The only station near this wavelength with a similar call is EAJ25, operated by the Barcelona Radio Club, which works on 50 metres. I have heard the same station as Mr. Hack-

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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.

ett, but not clear enough to get a call, there being as a rule too much interference on this band.

Log for Week Ending August 8

PMY, Java, 58.55 metres.—Saturday midnight R6, static very bad.

H.V.J. Vatican City, 50.26 metres.—Each morning from 6.30 a.m., R8, now at its best.

Moscow, 50 metres.—Good volume each morning spoilt by a gurgling noise.

50 Metres (about).—Saturday from 11 p.m. at R5, spoilt by static, possibly EAJ25, or EAR station (Spain).

ZL2ZX, Wellington, 49.51 metres.—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings relaying ZZW. Quality and volume excellent.

W3XAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 metres: A special transmission for New Zealand from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, other evenings from 11 p.m. at R8, and Saturday afternoon.

W2KE, New York, 49.02 metres: Saturday, 4 p.m., R8, static very bad.

F3ICD, Radio Saigon, 49 metres: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from just before 11 p.m. Good volume with native music.

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

REN, Moscow, 45.5 metres: Very good each morning till 8 a.m., with music and talks.

PLW, Java, 36.92 metres: Tuesday and Saturday after 10.30 p.m., R9.

Radio Maroc, Rabat, 32.26 metres: Monday, from 7.30 a.m., R9, quite good except for slight rapid fade.

OKY, Denmark, 31.51 metres: R4 on Saturday at 7.30 a.m.

WIXAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres: A programme of band, orchestral, and concerted items were heard on Saturday afternoon from 3 p.m. till 3.30 p.m., from the after quarter-deck of the Argentine training ship Sacramento, lying at anchor in the Hudson River, New York. The concert, which was given by 46 Argentine naval cadets, was received at R9.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres: At 7 a.m. on Wednesday an English translation of a speech delivered for reception in America on the financial position in Germany. This talk, it was announced, was relayed in America by the N.B.C. network of stations. Volume was R8-9, as it is each morning at this time, it being barely audible one hour earlier.

WIXAZ, Springfield, 31.35 metres: Only heard on Saturday after 12 p.m. R2-3.

PCJ, Holland, 31.28 metres: Thursday, just audible at 6.30 a.m. to R8 by 7.30 a.m. Saturday morning about the same. The afternoon was quite good from 2 p.m. till 5.30 p.m., when they signed off. A new song, "Hello, Everybody," was put on for the first time.

VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 metres.—The international programme on Sunday and Monday came in at splendid volume.

EAQ, Madrid, 30.4 metres.—This station is to be heard each day from 12.45 p.m. to 1 p.m., at R8-9. Talk only has always been heard till Saturday, when a record was put on, followed by "Hullo" and talk in Spanish. Just before closing at 1 p.m., the announcer said in English, "Good night, everybody." This was the only English heard.

FYA, Paris, 25.63 metres.—Saturday and Sunday, from 8.30 a.m. to R9, nearly all talk.

G5SW, England, 25.53 metres.—Reaches about R5 by 7.30 a.m., when they close for 20 minutes. Still too weak for reception at 11 p.m.

I2RO, Rome, 25.4 metres.—Weak each morning till after 7 a.m., when volume increases rapidly to R8-9 by 7.30 a.m.

PKK, Kootwijk, Holland, 15.3 metres.—10.40 p.m. on Tuesday, very gushy at R5.

On about 25.2 metres and 25 metres two stations are heard every morning, but have not been able to identify either; both are foreigners.

N.Z. Short-wave Club Meeting

A MEETING and lecture was held in Messrs. Nimmo's Concert Hall, Wellington on Thursday, July 30, 1931, the president, Mr. F. W. Sellens, being in the chair. The secretary was in his usual position, but, owing to his injury, was assisted by Mr. Gordon Blong. Mr. F. Jakobsson moved a motion of appreciation of the secretary's faithful services in carrying on club business as usual despite physical injury and asked that the motion be recorded in the minutes.

A very interesting lecture on the penthode valve was given by Mr. Slade, by courtesy of Messrs. Philips Lamps Ltd. Mr. Slade delivered a masterly address despite the fact that he was under the difficulty of having to deliver the subject in a non-technical manner. With the aid of a blackboard and a skeleton valve, he introduced the subject step by step, and, in conclusion, described how it was used in a two-valve set merely by inserting the penthode and adding another wire to the B battery. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

Short-wave Club Notes

I HAVE to apologise for delay in replying to correspondence, as, owing to an accident, I have to do everything left

handed. I trust members and others will understand.

It is quite possible that next meeting will be an open members' night when each one can tell of something of interest. One member suggests bringing along a sample of a home-made "B" battery and a zinc sheet marked out; this is a good idea. One or two sets would also go well, and would be of assistance to constructors. Anyone interested in radio is invited to attend.

On looking up the minute book of the first general meeting I find that we have made a little over a member a day. One thing that occurs to me, a number of members are newcomers to radio, many of them have never even tackled broadcast; this speaks well for the infectious enthusiasm of members.

With the advent of better reception we are kept busy these times. I have been night owl hunting, and find that 45 to 88 metres is a very busy place. There are a number of faint stations dotted around for DX kings to catch, and there are others which come in like a local. Despite the fact that Saigon is good speaker strength on two valves, there is a persistent howler who keeps at it until it

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A number of inquirers want to know the way to join the club. There are no restrictions, anyone interested in radio may join; the annual subscription is 5s. for anyone residing outside the City of Wellington.

I have to thank several members who sent me down photos. These have attracted attention here, and it gives us an idea of the member's outfit in case he writes down about anything.

Mr. L. Saunders may be heard at the microphone of ZL1BC during the club broadcast from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays. All shortwavers are asked to listen in to 1BC and ZL2AW Sundays from 10 p.m. for items of interest.

Shortwavers, here and elsewhere, address me A. B. McDonagh, Secretary, N.Z. Short-wave Club, 274 Cuba Street, Wellington.



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