

Short-Wave Club

The Secretary Writes

A MEETING of the Wellington district of the club will be held in Nimmo's Concert Hall on Thursday, August 27, at 7.30 p.m., when all interested in radio, whether DX or shortwave, are invited to be present. As this will be a members' open night there should be something to learn.

ZL1BC put over a special test recently and asked particularly for reports. Unfortunately, replies were few. If a station which is doing so much for short-wavers, by giving out technical lectures, etc., is not worth support, then it is hardly worth using time and power. On the other hand, a number of listeners were prepared to report, but with the interference from a shortwave station and cross heterodynes from the broadcast we could do nothing here. The tests are not confined to members, but are open to all shortwavers. This station always replies with a card, and I hope listeners will encourage his efforts.

Speaking of interference, from my correspondence there is a growing feeling that something should be done, and it is suggested that the various clubs should combine and see that something is done.

Someone thoughtfully sent a "Record" to New York, when they wrote to somebody, over there, and, as a result, I have had some information sent to me.

By the beginning of September it is anticipated that reception from overseas will be back to normal again. Although in a very bad locality from an interference point of view, I have been getting good results. There are several stations which we have at last managed to decipher, and from 11 p.m. on a number come in quite loudly.

With the view of assisting boys of 16 and under, the club is prepared to enrol them at a low subscription. The secretary will naturally require proof of age.—Yours, A. B. McDonagh, Secretary, N.Z. Shortwave Club, 274 Cuba Street, Wellington.

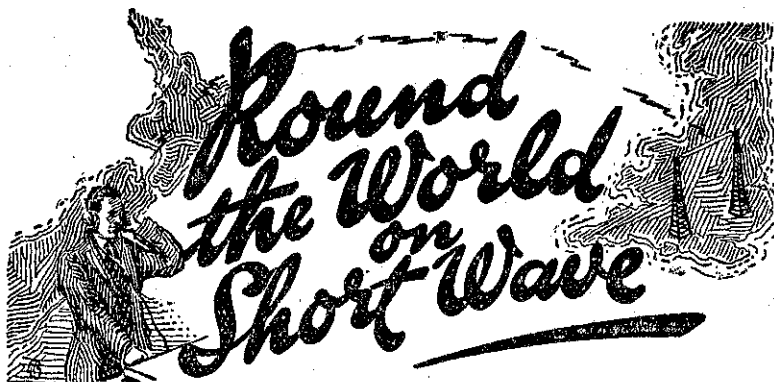
Short-wave Notes

Geo. E. Briggs, Morere, H.B., NZ26W. 5/8/31. Heard EAQ, Madrid, say: "A lot of foreign newspapers have been pub-

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lishing news which is not true. Everything in Spain is alright, quite alright. We are all working and things are alright. Thank you, everybody, good-night and good morning, there."

Also 8/8/31, after music and singing EAQ announced: "Here are some bullet-point one-steps"; then records, after which he announced: "We make this a special programme, as some amateurs asked for it. I cannot stay here for long time, as it makes it too late for me; I have much work to do."

On the Sunday I heard native music at R5 on 30.5 metres, from 9.30 p.m. (This station was R7 QSA 4, at 12.30 a.m.—Sec., N.Z.S.W.C.)

O. J. Stevens, NZ76W, Wellington: For three Sundays XEW, Mexico, from 4 to 7 p.m. All announcements are made in Spanish, occasionally English, as follows: "This is station XEW, Mexico, broadcasting simultaneously on long and shortwave, giving the position as 329.5 and 50 metres, but the wavelength of the shortwave station is received just below W9XF, on 49.83 metres."

Arthur Stevens, NZ15W, Hawera: VRY, 44.6 metres, is now off the air, also KA1XR.

Me and Little NRH

"Me and Little NRH," by Amando Cespedes Marin, Heredia, Costa Rica, is an interesting book, consisting of 272 pages, with many illustrations. It starts with Cespedes' first interest in radio listening, his troubles in obtaining parts in his country. The first components were bought from a junk store in America, and after building up a nice-looking receiver and inviting friends to come and listen, he had the usual luck that many of us have experienced, the darn thing wouldn't work. Examination proved that the valves were dead, transformers burnt out, batteries flat, etc., etc., so he decided that cheap goods were not worth while, and sent away another order to New York, this time to a reliable firm, and in the course of time built up a receiver that worked.

The book goes on to describe the writer's experience in logging distant programmes over the air and sending in detailed reports to the stations responsible. This was ten years ago, when broadcasting was in its infancy and transmitters were working on very low power compared with the present day.

Senor Cespedes goes on to describe how he decided to build a station of his own, not with a view to being heard all over the world, but to give the

population of his own small country a reliable local station.

On account of such good results on a broadcast band, he decided to try short waves, and was surprised to get reports from the Panama Canal zone, and then from North and South America. Later they came in from still further away, till New Zealand and Australian listeners reported hearing music, bugle calls, the tic-tac of the clock, etc., from this wonderful little station, NRH.

To show how NRH is received in New Zealand compared with the more powerful short-wave stations, an extract from the "Record" of Friday, May 23, 1930, is printed, giving the writer's log for Friday, May 16, where NRH compares very favourably with other stations heard on that day.

The book, which is very interesting from start to finish, is, as its writer describes it, "a lively, queer, and interesting story of the smallest radio station on earth, by Amando Cespedes Marin, its owner." It is dedicated to radio listeners, to whom NRH owes its wide fame.

DX Topics

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WLW, 50 kw., 700 kc., 428.3 m.; WGN, 25 kw., 720 kc., 416.4 m.; WHAS, 10 kw., 820 kc., 365.6 m.; WBNR, 50 kw., 870 kc., 344.6 m., and WLS, 50 kw., 870 kc., 344.6 m. (shared time); KDKA, 50 kw.,

980 kc., 305.9 m.; KMOX, 50 kw., 1090 kc., 275.1 m.; KSTP, 10 kw., 1460 kc., 205.4 m., and WJSV, 10 kw., 1460 kc., 205.4 m. (shares time).—DX18A (North Auckland).

DX Notes.

ON August 16, an excellent night for American stations, I logged a new one, giving call WKBF, Indianapolis, 1400 k.c. (214.2m.), 500 watts. When he closed down at 6.30 p.m. strength was R6, but fading was fairly bad. I think it would be better to have DX seals instead of DX envelopes, which no doubt would be expensive, whereas the seals would be fairly cheap. If DX11NW (Blackball) can log all the Aussie stations (VK's included), then he must have a very efficient set. Verifications received lately are: 2WL, Wollongong (1485 k.c.); KTAB, Oakland, California (560 k.c.); 4ZR, Balclutha (1840); and 3BO, Bendigo (980 k.c.). "Hydro" (Napier): You are quite safe this time in saying 2XL is a new station. WABC, New York City, seems to come through better on Sundays than any other days. I think this is because 2BL does not come on the air till late.—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

Unanswered Verifications.

I NOTICE quite a number of DXers have 4ZP, Invercargill, on their black list. I sent him a report on a Wednesday, and received his card on the following Monday. The only stations that have not replied to my report are 4BC, Brisbane, and 2ZJ, Gisborne. Latest verifications include 4ZR, Balclutha, 2ZH, Napier, and 3KZ, Melbourne.—DX270C (Dunedin).

WBOQ Testing.

AT 9.30 p.m. on the 16th, 2XL, Broken Hill, was heard testing on 1360 k.c. (220m.). Latest loggings include 2KO, KTRH, and WBOQ, New York. The latter has been heard testing on the last two or three evenings.—E.J.M. (Oamaru).

Particulars of 2ZP.

THE following are particulars of 2ZP, Wairoa. Frequency 820 k.c. (366 m.), schedule Monday to Saturday (excluding Tuesday) 12 noon to 1.30 p.m., Tuesday 12-1.30 p.m., 3-5 p.m., 6-10 p.m. Sunday, silent day. Power, 50 watts.—DX3W (Wellington).

Unanswered Reports.

I HAVE written three times to 2ZM and 4BC, and twice to 2ZP and 3WR, enclosing stamps, but with no results. These are the only defaulters out of nearly 40. 20A Canberra, and 3SH, Swan Hill, were received at good volume on the 16th at 11 p.m.—DX5W (Palmerston North). [Your set is quite a good one for DXing. Your log is also quite good.—Ed.]

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