

ville, Kentucky, on 366m. (820 k.c.). I recently received a certification and two stamps from KMOX, Hotel Mayfair, St. Louis, operating on 275m. (1090 k.c.).—W.L. (Oamaru).

#### Another European Verification.

**R**ECENT verifications have been received from KYA, KZRM, WRR, 3TR, and a somewhat belated acknowledgement from the Bratislava station in Czechoslovakia, which I wrote to during February last. The actual verification serves a two-fold purpose, in that it also verifies a transmission picked up from a sister station operating simultaneously on a higher wavelength. The letter reads as follows:—

"We received your letter of February 27, and thank you very much for your interest. Please do excuse our answering only to-day, but we were almost overwhelmed with verification letters, and it was impossible to answer them all at once. There is no doubt that you heard our station of Bratislava, and we feel very glad that it is heard so far in the world. Bratislava is a branch-establishment of Paraha, and is working on 278.8 metres (1076 kilocycles), and has a power of 18 kw.

The other station you picked up is also a branch establishment of ours, Brno, which is going on 341.7 metres (878 kcs), with a power of 28 kw. Enclosed we are sending you the wanted list of more powerful European stations, and wishing you a good receiving further on. We remain,

Yours, etc.,  
Radio Journal,  
D. DOBRIAR."

I am forwarding the list of stations mentioned in the hope that it may prove useful to DXers.—D.T.H. (Timaru). [This list appears in a panel on this page.—Ed.]

#### Frequencies of the Mexicans.

**I**N addresses column in "Radio Record" issue, August 28, I note 3RU given as R. A. Durant, 6 Trumper Street, Camberwell, Vic. I have a verification of very recent date giving station as 3RU, G. F. Palmer, 8 Yerrin Street, Balwyn, Vic. Can anyone explain this? Two new relay stations will shortly be testing in Australia—2CO, Corowa, 560 k.c. (536 metres), and 5CK, Port Pirie, on 635 k.c. (472 metres). Touching on the Mexican station question. A paragraph from a recently received American magazine states that the Federal Radio Commission is in a quandary as to what to do about the wandering propensities of the Mexican station, as they seem to do as they like. This will account for XEW being received on 910 k.c. (330 m.). The early morning stations are coming in well now, except for static. Bratislava was at wonderful strength on the 3rd at 5.30 a.m. Bucharest was fairly good, and on the 1st at 5.55 on 865 k.c. (347 m.) a station I should say was Strasbourg P.T.T. was quite readable.—J.P.G. (Palmerston North).

#### A Hard Battle.

**B**ETWEEN 1.30 a.m. and 2.15 a.m. on August 30 Manila and Bangkok were coming in at good strength. The former relayed a boxing match in which one of the contestants had one eye completely closed, the other blackened and

his mouth and nose both bleeding. The announcer seemed upset. No wonder!—DX670C (Dunedin).

#### The Moon's Influence on Reception.

**W**HILE listening-in to VK2ME, Sydney, 200m. (1500kc.), at 6.30 on August 31, talking with VJMS (S.S.

### Faraday Centenary

On the evening of September 4 a Faraday centenary celebration was arranged by the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Society of Civil Engineers and the Institute of Electrical Engineers, in co-operation with the Victoria University College authorities and the Post and Telegraph Department. Following lectures on Faraday and his work by several prominent authorities, a public demonstration of electrical developments was made at Victoria College. Unfortunately heavy pressure on space has precluded the publication of an account of the proceedings until next week.

"Broadway". I heard him state that in future his call would be VKO, instead of VK2ME, though he did not give any reason for the change. On September 1, at 7.40 p.m., while listening to the news items from 2YA, orchestral music could be plainly heard, but there was no heterodyne whistle present, thus making it appear that the music was coming from one of the 2YA studios. During the past week conditions have not been very favourable for DX-ing here, though KDYL and KOA have excelled themselves, while the New York station, WABC, on 860kc. (349m.), has been coming in with great volume.

On checking back through my diary I notice that distant reception has not been as good while the moon is near its full, as it is during the periods of new moon. I also notice that the last quarter seems to be the best part of the month. During the full moon period static has been worse than at any other. I have arrived at this by striking an average over the last nine months. It would be interesting to know how other members have found reception in relation to the moon. I notice in recent DX notes that some members have logged XEW, Mexico City on 910kc. (830m.); yet according to the latest list of foreign stations issued by the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., XEW is listed at 780kc. (834m.) and on August 9 last I listened to station XEG, Mexico City, operating on 910kc. (830m.), from 6.10 till 6.45 p.m., and I am quite certain that the call was XEG.—DX1T (New Plymouth).

#### DX Notes.

**R**E DX badges. I have recently been in Palmerston North, Wanganui and Masterton and have so far seen only one badge. Re verification cards. I received one from 2ZJ, Gisborne, recently. I had written twice and just about given up hope. I am still waiting for one from 4BC, Brisbane, although I enclosed a stamped envelope with report on August 7. Latest verifications received include KNX, Hollywood; KELW, Burbank; KOA, Denver; THO, Hobart; 2ZD, Masterton (daylight).—DX9W (Feilding).

#### KDB on 100 Watts Logged.

**R**ECENT loggings are WBOQ, New York, 860 k.c. (349 m.); WBAP, Fort Worth, Texas, 800 k.c. (375 m.); 2KO, Newcastle, 1410 k.c. (213 m.); and KDB, a 100-watter in Santa Barbara, Calif. When "Seven Kicker" (Okoroire Springs) said that his call was hard to get he was perfectly right. I succeeded on August 29, but only after six weeks' listening. I have received a small slip of paper verifying my recep-

tion of WGN, Chicago. They also returned my letter. J.C.: WBN does not always close down at 5.30 p.m. I have heard him at 6.45 p.m. A few weeks ago I complained about 3BY, Melbourne, not replying to my report. He must have seen it, because I recently received a verification from him. Particulars of VK3BY are: Wavelength, 249.9 m. (1200 k.c.); power, 50 watts; address, 27 Bamra Road, Caulfield, S.E.F. After four months 2ZJ, Gisborne, also verified. Has any DX'er ever received verifications from the following VK's: 3LA, Taraumea; 3LR, Melbourne; 3KR, Lake Perra; or 3GK, Caulfield? These were heard last winter.—N. Jenkins (Master-ton).

#### Reports Wanted by KZRM.

**H**AS any DX'er heard JOAK heterodyning 1YA? On August 31 a station was heterodyning and during a lull in the wrestling relay I distinctly heard JOAK's announcer. This is the only occasion I have noticed it. On August 30 KZRM called New Zealand listeners when closing down and stated he would be pleased to receive reports. DX-ers can generally rely on hearing a good fight from here on Sunday mornings. Re Japanese station heterodyning 4QG. On August 30 I waited until 4QG closed down, when the Jap came in strongly. When closing at 12.30 a.m. call was very distinct as JOBK, Osaka. Latest American loggings include KJR, KELW, KGU (Honolulu), KTAB and KFWB. The latter was very loud until 2GB came on the air, although power is only 1 k.w. Would "J.P.C." (P.N.) be kind enough to forward for publication a list of Aussie VK's?—"Hydro" (Napier).

#### 4ZL on the Air Again.

**4**ZL, Dunedin, can now be heard testing on his old frequency. He was heard again on 2/9/31, at 11.30 p.m., when the announcer mentioned that they were using 50 watts, one-fifth of their normal power. On 26/8/31 WENR was heard on jazz and organ items at 10.45 p.m. WLW was heard at 10.25 p.m. on September 1, on a test programme. Some DXers have mentioned how slow 4ZP, Invercargill is in replying to reports. I wrote on July 29, enclosing a stamp, and had a card returned on the 31st of the same month.—DX200 (Oamaru).

#### 3ZE, Greymouth.

**P**ARTICULARS of 3ZE, Greymouth, as follows:—Address, Schaeff's Garage, Mackay Street, Greymouth. Schedule: Week days, 8 p.m. till 10 p.m.; Fridays, 12 till 2 p.m. Wavelength, 366 metres (820kcs.). Power, 50 watts. Information of KNX as follows: Studios and offices, 5555 Marathon Boulevard, Hollywood, California. 285 metres (1050 kcs.); 5kw. New scalps include: 3TR, 3ZE, WABC, KFBL, WLW, KMBC, and WBZ. Through the DX columns would like to thank Mr. Ellis, of Okato, for the very fine list of stations.—"Bob" (Wellington).

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