

Short-wave Notes

ON August 19 a station was heard testing on approx. 40 metres with a call-sign CKXX. First heard 5.30 p.m., N.Z. time. Modulation was spoilt by a Morse station, but signal strength was sufficient at times to hear the announcement that the station was located at Alberta, Canada.

A station has been heard on 26 metres quite a number of times, but I have never heard the call-sign given. On July 17 this station was relaying the proceedings of the opening of a new American broadcast station, call WIBA. It was first heard at 4.15 p.m. N.Z. time, when the Governor of the State was speaking to listeners. This was followed by a speech by a Dr. Frank Glenn, who spoke of the advance in radio. This relay was probably through KIO, Kahauku, Oahu, Hawaii, on 25.685 metres, although no mention was made of the station. Did any DX'er hear WIBA on the broadcast band this night?

Evidently station T14NRH changes his schedule, because Mr. Sellens reports his new schedule for Sundays as between 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. On Sunday 23rd, NRH was on the air until 3.15 p.m. our time. The latter portion of his programme was a relay of another station. It is quite probable this was a test transmission. Strength here was R5, but modulation was spoilt by distortion due to another station working near by. In a letter received from NRH just recently he mentions that W9XAA is still on the air on the 49-metre band. It has been reported that this station had closed down on the above wavelength, and was now working only on 25.65 metres. Recently I heard him on the 49 metre band broadcasting a programme by the International Shortwave Club members. The above club is the most reliable in America to-day. Its founder is Mr. Arthur J. Green, and a monthly booklet is printed with some very interesting data on all shortwave stations in operation. His address is P.O. Box 713, Klondyke, Ohio, U.S.A.

The station reported as BAAQ, Madrid, has been heard a number of times, both in musical programmes and in communication with a telephony station located in Buenos Aires. American ham phone stations between 84 and 85 metres are beginning to come in strongly again now. I noticed in a recent issue that a correspondent was inquiring for the best time to listen for these stations. I find any time after 5 p.m. N.Z. time is O.K., and on some nights they can be heard until very late. Conditions are improving on the amateur band of 80 metres, and we can look forward to some good DX-ing. There are still some very fine New Zealand amateurs on phone on 80 metres, and the modulation from many is very good. Station ZL2AW, the official station of the New Zealand Shortwave Club, every Tuesday night puts over the latest data concerning this club, and should reach out very well because he comes in here locally at great volume. Station ZL2AX, Palmerston, at approx. 5 p.m. every Sunday puts over the latest data concerning the N.Z.A.R.T. He also is received well



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.

at all parts of New Zealand. ZL2BE, Hastings, is still a good phone station both for music and speech. Volume is surprising. I believe he is now crystal controlled and tunes very sharply. The pick of the 1st district hams is ZL1BQ, Auckland.

At 10 a.m. on August 27 the Californian s.w. station KBL came on the air

p.m. he was relaying music from a dance hall. All announcements were made in Spanish and the call letters XEW announced very faintly. The station signed off as "XEW, broadcasting from Mexico City, Mexico." He gave his time as 1.34 Mexican standard time (7.10 p.m. New Zealand time). At 7.30 p.m. Sunday, 30th, VE9CL, Manitoba, Canada, was on the air with a test programme, but was not received too well.—6X (Wellington).

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making a test with recordings (wavelength 43.7 metres), and at times could be heard calling Hawaiian Islands. Strength was R5 to 6, but static was bad. A station working above Russia, of which I reported some time ago, and which has also been reported by the secretary of the N.Z. Shortwave Club, has been heard often lately, but it is very difficult to get his call. Saturday, August 29, was the best I have heard him. His programme consisted of musical recordings. One played at 2 a.m. Sunday, 30th, was "Dancing With Tears in My Eyes," which seems to be a favourite item from many stations. Announcements were made after each item, as PK1AA, Wetzvreden, Java. The station is listed as working on 75 metres, but he comes in on 73 metres.

The station reported by Mr. O. J. Stevens, NZ76W, XEW, Mexico City, Mexico, was certainly coming in strongly on Sunday, 30th. As reported by Mr. Stevens, wavelength is just below W9XF, Chicago. I find he is hard to separate from both W9XF and W8XAL. At 6.50

Short-Wave Club

The Secretary Writes

I AM pleased to be able to announce that we are very close to our second century—not bad considering the times and the fact that short-wave has yet to become known. A member remarks that he had seen only one short-wave set beside his own, and in many localities this seems to be a common experience.

Several members report good results from the "Kestrel Three." I have not tried out this set, but as one member is a well-known transmitter he should know.

The station engineer of W8XAL in a letter received last week expresses his thanks at publicity given to their special 24-hour broadcast. He stated that they appreciate reports very much and asks if all short-wavers will continue to report. Their tests will be heard here from 5 a.m. on the first to the same hour on the second day of each month; they are conducted specially to ascertain the most suitable times and conditions for each country, and from the reports much valuable information should be obtained.

By reports is practically the only way that stations can tell where and how their signals are going, and all short-wavers can help in this direction. It is in this way that short-wavers can derive greatest pleasure from listening, and furthermore they give more inducement to stations to broadcast. In this respect the Short-wave Club is endeavouring to carry out its aims and objects by bettering conditions for the listener and working for the advancement of radio generally.

I have to thank the many listeners who have sent letters of appreciation and encouragement. We are always open for suggestions and information, and, if need be, criticism, for nothing is more detrimental to a society than stagnation.

Listeners in New Zealand and abroad may obtain any information by writing me. A. B. McDonagh, secretary N.Z. Short-wave Club, 274 Cuba Street, Wellington.

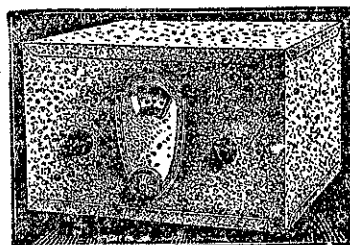
XEW, Mexico.

I NOTICE in last week's issue among Mr. Sellens's notes a query regarding an unidentified station on 49.8 metres. I heard this station on August 30 from 5.45 p.m. until 7.5 p.m. on this wavelength and heard the call "Radio Station XEW, Mexico City," announced by an American, about every quarter of an hour during the broadcast.

The programme, which consisted mainly of vocal items with guitar accompaniment, together with dance music, was received at good strength, R7-QSA4, but QRN and morse interfered toward the end. They signed off at 7.5 p.m., N.Z.T., or 1.35 a.m. C.S.T.—J. V. McMinn, NZ16W (Wellington).

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