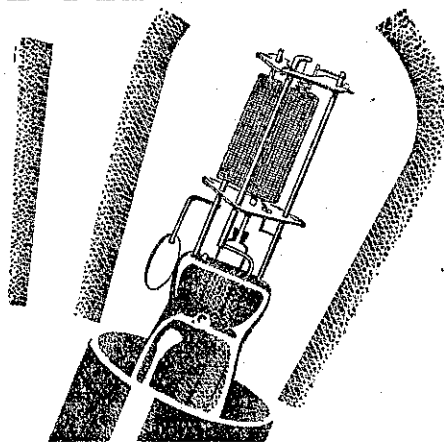


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be very interested to hear of your experiences.—Ed.]

Advice on Sending in Reports.

WOULD you please give us space to state that DX reports will not be answered unless accompanied by a postage stamp. This station receives any number up to or over 50 reports a week. The cards cost about 1d. each, and adding a penny postage to this and time in sorting and replying it will be seen that DX-ing is a fairly expensive sideline. Some of the reports are absolutely useless. For example, one report stated that there was no QRM nor QRN. Strength was R8, yet we were QSA2 only. (No fading.) This is ridiculous, as obviously an R8 signal on a clear night would be QSA5. Yet another report stated that we were QSA7, and the QSA signals only go up to 5. Hoping this will put a few DX

the same proceedings as mentioned by "6X." Transmission was at fair strength and perfectly clear.—O.V.B. (N. Auckland).

Recent Loggings.

RECENT loggings include KOIN, Portland, KMTR Hollywood, KOL and KJR Seattle, KROW Oakland, and KPSD San Diego. KFOX comes in at R3 about 9 p.m. on his morning session, but it is hard to keep him away from 2NC. KFI comes in at between R7 and R9 practically every night. I agree with "Wainui" (Gisborne) about the DX report paper. In reporting on a station from which one has been able to catch only a few items, etc., over a period of weeks, it does not give one much space to describe items heard, and also the space for the time and date received is useless in a case like this. The best solution is, I think, for the DX-er to stick a DX

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enthusiasts on the correct track.—Radio 4ZP, Invercargill.

[We do not agree that R8, QSA2, is an impossibility, even discounting atmospherics and assuming transmission to be steady. Readability is to a large extent dependent on the quality of transmission.—Ed.]

DX Notes.

WHEN is KGIR likely to be heard? A few Americans seem hard to get as there are other stations occupying the same channel. One I have been trying to log for a long time—KOIL—was logged on September 23. Station KSCJ was heard testing last week, coming in with good volume. CJOR, a Canadian on 1210 k.c. (248 m.), has been heard of late with good volume.—DX10C (Timaru).

Frequency of XEW.

THE following extract from a verification from XEW, Mexico, will settle the dispute concerning this station's frequency:—

"We broadcast from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Saturdays until 1.30 a.m.), Mexican standard time. Our wavelength is 910 k.c., or 329.6 metres, and for the short wave, 6000 k.c., or 50 metres."

"Meppo" (Granity), 2XN Lismore, is still operating; schedule, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 8.30-9.30 p.m., N.Z.T. Unless you possess a very selective set you will find him hard to log, as there are so many stations jumbled together near his frequency. G. B. Boy (Dunedin): Your information is not quite correct. The new relay station is to be 5CK, Port Pirie, wavelength 472 metres (635 k.c.). It will commence testing any time now. Another B station, which should appear on the air early in October is 6PR, Perth, Frequency, 880 k.c. (341 metres). Power 200 watts. This will be a sister station to 3BO, Bendigo, and is for Nicolson's, of Perth. B.W. (Stratford): 1ZQ is back on the air again. I hope to have better luck with my second report. I have just received verification from an Australian B after my third attempt. They state I should have received their card and two stamps enclosed in my second letter long before this. I am beginning to think there is something wrong with the postal service in Australia.—J.P.C. (Palmerston North).

A S.W. Relay.

IN S.W. notes of September 11 issue, a listener (6X, Wellington), heard on 25,685 metres the proceedings of the opening of a new American broadcast station, WIBA. He asks if any DX-er heard WIBA on this broadcast. I did not hear this station direct, but through WOAI, San Antonio, Texas, and heard exactly

sticker on the top of ordinary writing paper. The DX report sheets are ideal for reporting stations where one is fortunate enough to catch the names of several items, etc.—"Maroon" (Napier).

[When reporting on a series of transmissions from a station it would be hopelessly confusing to the operators if you recorded all particulars on the one report sheet. A new sheet should be used for each separate transmission.—Ed.]

DX News from America.

RECENT loggings: KUOA, KGB, KWKH, and CJOR. The latter was received on September 23 on 1210 k.c. (248 m.). He was relaying from the Venetian Cafe in Vancouver, B.C. Reception R7-8 until 2YB, New Plymouth, came on the air. According to latest call book this station operates on only 50 watts power. H.F.A. (Masterton): Perhaps this is the station that you heard on September 12. An authoritative verification from WLAC, 1470 k.c. (204 m.) states that 27 letters had been received from N.Z. DX-ers, who heard special church services. Twenty-seven "new Testaments" are to be mailed. Extract of letter from KFBI, 285 m. (1050 k.c.): "This station was formerly KFKB, owned and operated by Dr. Brinkley, from whom we purchased it and took possession on February 20, 1931, changing the call letters to KFBI on May 1. We operate on 5 k.w., 1050 k.c. (285.5 metres). We have just completed the installation of a new rectifier system, replacing our old generators. This is the latest thing in broadcasting equipment, and we believe will give you better reception than you have ever had before from this station. This station is owned by the Farmers and Bankers' Life Insurance Co.—H. K. Lindsley, President."—DX1HB (Waipukurau).

Some Curious Spelling

THE B.B.C. letter-file holds the following renderings of the word "selectivity":—Celektivety, Cilactivity, Chiberty, Elactivity, Inactivity, Lacktivity, Sineivlivity, Silvity, Seractivety, Telectivety, Seelctiffity, Captivity, and Selactivity. Another listener praised his set's "Select Tiverty": but perhaps the most remarkable was the set whose "Civic tactivity" was so noticeable.