

News and Views of the D.X. Club

Answers to Correspondents

"Country Lad" (Gore): Yes, if you heightened your aerial poles to 40 feet and increased the span to 60, you would get better results. An article describing methods of attaching headphones to an all-electric set appeared a short while ago. DX-ers are divided in their opinions as to whether phones are an advantage for long-distance work.

TDXC (Oamaru): Full particulars of the Transcontinental DX Club have appeared in the "Radio Log."

DX26W (Ohakune Junction): A list of the main European stations, giving frequencies, wavelengths, and interval signals, will be published in the next issue of the "Radio Log."

DX14 (Pahiatua) and others: Your letters are being held over for publication in the next "Radio Log."

"A.E.S." (Wellington): It will be quite in order for you to print your club number on your DX forms. Yes, we would like to see a copy.

"W.H." (Onehunga): Your log is only fair. It seems that your locality is unfavourable.

S.C. (Pukekohe): We value DX-ers' opinions too much to ask them to identify a carrier wave. They might resign in a body.

DX38A (Motiti): You might let us into the secret of the frequency on which you logged JOAA.—B.W. (Stratford).

Addresses and Addresses Wanted

"Country Lad" (Gore) wants address of station 3TFO.

Identification Wanted

For the past two weeks I have been listening to a station, I think foreign, on approximately 276 metres (1080 kc.). The following are the items and times heard:—September 26, 5.30 to 5.50 a.m., piano solos; October 1, at 5.15 a.m., soprano with violin obbligato. At 5.20 a violin solo, followed at 5.40 by a soprano with

violin obbligato. At 5.30 a.m. on October 2, a man and woman were speaking, evidently giving a lesson in English. This took the form of a description of a house and its contents.—"Riser" (Dunedin).

Station on about 1280 kc. (234 m.) between 3KZ Melbourne, and 2NC Newcastle, heard on September 30 at 11.50 p.m. Two soprano solos, "Loch Lomond" and "The Bluebells of Scotland" were heard, followed immediately by "The Last Rose of Summer."—L.M. (Auckland).

Europeans heard on 1235 kc. (243 m.) and 885 kc. (339 m.), on Oct. 5 from 5 a.m. From the former, guttural speech,

town or country. The following are some of the items I heard: 11.27 p.m., "When Your Hair has Turned to Silver"; 11.38 p.m., "Be Careful of Your Conversation on the Telephone"; 11.56 p.m., "I'm Dancing with Tears in my Eyes"; 12 midnight, "Little White Lies." There was no fading. It is puzzling to know why he made no station announcements. It was certainly not 2ZP or 3ZR.—"Maru" (Napier).

What station did I hear on October 8 on KOA's wavelength, between 2BL and 3ZR? I heard him at 7 a.m. with an orchestral item, followed by a vocal

of J.P.C. (P.N.). However, I think your clock was 10 minutes fast.—B.W. (Stratford).

DX58A (Motiti): Your stations were 2AE and 2AC. Mr. Patty (2AE) was testing the Gisborne Harbour Boat's transmitter under his own call with another Gisborne amateur, 2AC. Mr. R. G. Patty's address is 55 Salisbury Road, Gisborne.—DX24HB (Waipawa).

L.M. (Auckland): 3BA, Ballarat Broadcasters Pty., Ltd., Ballarat, Victoria, operating on 221 metres (1355 kc.).

DX400C (Invercargill): Station on approx. 380 metres (790 kc.), Radio Toulouse, France. That on 239 metres (1255 kc.) is Nuremberg, Germany. Zurich, Switzerland, and San Sebastian, Spain, both operate on 459 metres (652 kc.).—T.D.X.C. (Oamaru).

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singing and a band selection were heard. At 5.50 a cuckoo chime sounded. The latter station was broadcasting a vocal duet, apparently in Italian, from operas, both at R7.8.—"Maru" (Colac Bay).

Station on dial reading 113 (221, Gisborne 112, 2ZP, Invercargill 112½) heard at 5.39 p.m. on October 4. "Where the Wind Blows," an orchestral number with vocal refrain, followed at 5.56 p.m. by "Eleven More Months and Ten More Days." At 6.4 p.m. a trombone solo with orchestra was heard. Announcer mentioned Havana and counted one, two, three, twice between each item.—DX58A (Tauranga).

What station heterodynes KDB. Santa Barbara? Would Mr. Ellis please give me some particulars of the best Canadians to be received at the present time (excepting CJOR)?—N. Jenkins (Master-ton).

An early morning station on approx. 265 m. (1120 kc.). First heard at 5 a.m. with a woman talking in what I thought was German. A man then made a short announcement and organ music commenced.—H.F.A. (Master-ton).

I listened to a station on approximately 820 kc. (368 m.) from 11.17 p.m. to 12.22 a.m. on October 3 and 4. The signals were coming in at R9, QSA5. A man announced the item, but no reference was made whatever to any call

item. At 7.15 a piano was followed by a vocal duet comprising several tunes, including "Mademoiselle from Armentieres."—S.C. (Pukekohe).

American often heard operating on Fridays, 6 to 7.30 p.m., on approx. 1250 kc. (240 m.), just below KFOX. Call sounds like KPAC. Generally plays request numbers.—W.H. (Onehunga).

Station on approximately 190 m. (1530 kc.)—certainly not an American. I have heard him often, but cannot secure a call. He is just below 2AY, Albany.—"Static" (Nelson).

On approximately 368 m. (790 kc.) a station comes in every morning between 5 and 6 a.m. at an average strength of R4. Music is similar to that radiated by Bangkok—all reed and stringed instruments. I have never heard singing or a call, and there are only momentary spells between the items. He signs off abruptly at about 6 a.m. Could he be RAJ5, Seville, Spain?—"Digger" (Hamilton).

Stations Identified

DX8HB: Your early morning stations are 1225 kc. (245 m.), Kracow, Poland; 1120 kc. (268 m.), RAJ13, Barcelona, Spain; 1085 kc. (276 m.), Heilsberg, Germany; 780 kc. (384 m.), Toulouse, France; 850 kc. (353 m.), Graz, Austria; 1000 kc. (300 m.), Huizen, Holland. (Please note these are only suggestions.) **DX64A (Mokan):** WFAA verified my report in quick time and also sent an American station list. **DX 34NW:** Station on 1190 kc. (252 m.) was 2ZD, Masterton, 2½ watts. They are on every morning excepting Sundays from 7-9 a.m.—N. Jenkins (Master-ton).

"Hydro" (Napier): You heard TDR. Deyenport, Tasmania. I picked him up on October 4 and held him for 1½ hours. He put over a call for the special benefit

DX Topics

Change of Address.

ACCORDING to a latest verification, WENR, Chicago, has changed his address. The new one is: National Broadcasting Company Inc., Merchandise Mart, Chicago.—"Red Bird" (Wellington).

JOHK Schedule.

ON October 1 I logged 3ZC, Christchurch, testing on 1250 kc. (268 m.). Why do all the "B" class stations crowd on the lower wavelength? It is now impossible to listen in comfort to any station on that part of the dial. A verification received from JOHK recently states that they broadcast on 770 kc. (389 m.), with 10 k.w. aerial input. Schedule 6 a.m.-9.40 p.m. week-days, 9 a.m.-9.40 a.m. Sundays and holidays.—DX80W (Tokomaru).

Recent Loggings.

RECENT loggings include WBOQ, New York, 860 kc. (349 m.); KFPY, Spokane, Washington, 1340 kc. (221 m.); KOIN, Portland Oregon, 940 kc. (319 m.); and 2KO, Newcastle, approx. 1110 kc. (213 m.). I recently received a verification from 4BC Brisbane after waiting five months, so it pays DX-ers to be patient. I see you have included a few more Aussie "B" stations in the list of barred ones for the DX Competition. I think this is making things a little too hard, for, although I have an eight-valve commercial a.c. set, and live on the coast, I cannot receive some of the Aussies at anything like good readability.—DX10NW (Brunnerton).

On Reports.

IN a recent letter to the DX page 4ZP states that they receive about 50 reports a week, and that each card costs 1d. with postage a further 1d. I think most listeners send postage with reports. I forwarded them a report several months ago when they were asking for them and included postage, but I never received a reply. I also agree with the Editor that an R8 signal does not mean maximum readability, even when QRN or QRM

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