

News and Views of the D.X. Club

Answers to Correspondents

H.J.W. (Auckland) and others: The rules governing the DX Competition were published in the latest (October) issue of the "Log."

DX44MC (Christchurch): Sorry, but we cannot discuss the relative merits of commercial receivers. Both those you name have excellent reputations. Full particulars of the DX Club have been forwarded.

DXIT (N.P.) and others: Your letters are being held for publication in the next issue of the "Radio Log."

"Curious" (Katikati): Your log is quite good, but could be better. Keep going. Your aerial and earth installations are O.K. XER, Mexico, has been reported several times in recent issue of the "R.R."

"Night Owl" (Christchurch): In a few months you should be well in the running for the DX Cup.

"Joey" (Hokianga): Your official DX number is DX72A. We have examined our books for a possible duplication but with no success. We will keep on the lookout for the correspondent who is evidently using your number as a nom-de-plume.

V.P.H. (Denniston): Mr. S. Ellis, the first winner of the DX Cup, operates a set of similar make to your own. No alterations whatever are necessary. 830 k.c. is 361.2 m., while 883 k.c. is approx. 340.4 m., so you see there is very little difference. DX-ers are divided in their opinions as to whether the use of headphones on an a.c. set is an advantage or otherwise for DX-ing. Mr. Morley Stafford, the present holder of the DX Cup, uses headphones, and a letter from him on their advantages appears in the latest "Radio Log."

Would the listener who wrote to Mr. S. Ellis, of Okato, on October 23 from Burnett's Place, Denniston, Westport, please write again as you did not sign your name.

J.P.C. (P.N.)—"Tiny," of your town, would like your permission to call round and compare notes with you. He knows your address.

L.M. (Northcote)—2ZF is operated by the Manawatu Radio Club, King Street, Palmerston North. Frequency 1050 k.c. (285.7m), power 150 watts. KDYL, Intermountain Broadcasting Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah. KFBI, Milford, Kansas.

Addresses and Addresses Wanted

DX27W (Marton Junction) wants the address of 3HA, Hamilton.

Would J.V.K. (P.N.) please forward his address?

Are YOU a Member of the DX Club?

If not, post your application to the DX Editor, Box 1032, Wellington, enclosing 2/6 to cover cost of badge and certificate (post free). Subscription to the "Radio Log"—the DXer's own magazine—is 6/6 per annum, post free. Book your order now and receive the latest in DX news.

Identification Wanted

Station heard on 731 k.c. (411 m.) at 6.30 p.m. on October 24. A male vocal number in a foreign language was followed by a long talk in a similar language. A band selection followed, presumably a recording, and towards the end the announcer commenced speaking with the music playing in the background. Station closed down at 6.45 p.m. Volume R4-5.—"Omsk" (Whakatane).

Station heterodyning 3YA at 7.30 p.m. on October 27. Announcer's voice was too muffled to identify call. I was told it was the new Wellington station 2ZR. Is this so?—DX27W (Marton).

Australian heard on October 25 from 11.8 to 11.28 p.m. on approx. 1160 k.c. The following items and times were noted:—11.8, Orchestral selection; 11.17, Chinese operatic number, "Green Jade Hairpin," sung by Chinese male soprano; 11.20, "Chinese Suite Grenade," by the Grand Symphony Orchestra; 11.24, Chinese fox trot, "The Descending Bird" (2). Both the operatic and the fox trot were explained by a Mr. Chang; 11.28 p.m., a short talk on China, Chinese music, and the League of Nations.—L.R.H. (Dunedin).

Is 20A Corawa on the air yet? I heard a station on the air on about 560 k.c., with a call resembling this several nights ago.—"Marama" (Colac Bay)

Station heard at R3-4, at 5.0 a.m., N.Z. summer time, on Oct. 26, on approx. 243 m. An orchestra was playing. At 4.35 a.m. a man announced, and the orchestra again played until 4.45 a.m. Further orchestral numbers followed. At 4.49 a.m. a man spoke in a foreign language for 4 minutes. Then followed several male solos with piano accompaniment.—"Tiny" (P.N.).

What Jap comes in on approx. 215m?—"Joey" (Hokianga).

American station on 484m. heard every evening until 8 p.m. Los Angeles is mentioned quite often.—"Digger" (Hamilton).

Station heard at 8 p.m. on October 27 operating on JOAK's frequency on 590 k.c. (508). Strength good. A male voice, accompanied by an orchestra, sang "You Will Remember Vienna," and "I Bring a Love Song." No announcement was heard.—L.M. Northcote).

American on 260 metres (1200 k.c.), on 3ZC's wavelength, which signs off at 5.30 p.m. every evening (midnight P.S.T.). He gives news for five minutes before closing. On October 14 he closed down at 5.30 and then came on again for half an hour's "midnight medley music." Organ music followed. He closed down at

6 p.m., remarking that time was half past midnight, and that the station would be on the air at 6.45 the following morning. It is not WOAI.—"Digger" (Hamilton).

Station on approx. 1110 k.c. (270 metres), which relays from "Congress Hotel." Closes down at 7 p.m. N.Z. summer time. New York City was mentioned.—DX1HB (Waipukurau).

Could any dxer please supply me with the correct frequency of station KZRM, Manila, as I heard this station on September 6, broadcasting a boxing match on approx. 730 k.c. (I have asked for verification on this frequency), and on October 25 I again heard him broadcasting a boxing match on 3AR's frequency (620 k.c.).—W.N. (Dunedin).

[KZRM's frequency is listed as 618.5 k.c. (485 metres).—Ed.]

Stations Identified

W.K.L. (Motueka) and "Northern Patrol" (Dunedin): Station XER, Del Rio, Mexico. I heard this station on Oct. 19, operating on approx. 735 k.c. (408 m.) from 11.20 p.m. till 12.15 a.m. The announcer asked for reports to be sent to XER, "The Sunshine Station," Del Rio, Mexico. DX910C (Green Island): Station 3HA, Hamilton (the voice of Western Victoria) was testing on October 21, and was officially opened on Oct. 24 by the Victorian Postmaster-General.—W.N. (Dunedin).

I took the station on 730 k.c. (411 m.) to be XER, Del Rio, Texas. I would be pleased if any DX-er could give me any further information.—N. Jenkins (Masterton). KFJF replied to me within

two months, and 3BA by the second Australian mail.—"Wainui" (Gisborne).

DX450C (Dunedin): Address of VK3BY is H. J. and O. Holst, 27 Bambara Road, Caulfield, Victoria.—DX203 (Oamaru).

DX1HB (Waipukurau): I think your European station on 1190 k.c. (252 m.) is Leipzig, Germany.—H. Jenkins (Masterton).

DX Topics

3HA, Hamilton.

AT 10 p.m. on Oct. 24 I heard the official opening of station 3HA, Hamilton, "The Voice of Western Victoria." His frequency is approx. 1010 k.c. (297m.). Strength R6-9. TDA, Davenport, can be heard until 3 a.m. broadcasting on approx. 1290 k.c. (232 m.). He comes in at R3-6, and may be heard generally calling up New Zealand DXers.—DX11.N.W. (Blackball).

Shortwave Jottings.

SHORTWAVE reception has been very good here lately. RV15, Siberia, on 70.1m. comes in at R9 after 7.30 p.m. each evening. Announcements are made in Russian. VK2MB, Sydney, on 31.28m. is very good each Sunday evening. Many listeners state that 2MB is always accompanied by a fade, but this is not so here. VK3LR, on 49 metres, sometimes relays the Melbourne broadcasting stations, and is well heard, while VK3ME, Melbourne, on 31.25m. is excellent on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Would the French station on 2ME's wavelength be Paris Experimental Radio on 31.65m.? 3ZC, on 50 metres, fades a good deal on their Wednesday afternoon session, but otherwise, except for the fact that it is inclined to move off its wavelength, it comes in quite well here. I have received it on dial reading 35, 42 and 45.—"Shortwave" (Marton Junction).

America at Midnight.

OCTOBER 24 I picked up a new Australian "B" class station 3HA, Hamilton, on approx. 1010 k.c. (294 m.), just beside 2UE, at R6, Q.S.A. 5. The transmission was remarkably strong and clear, and, strange to say, fading was practically non-existent—a remarkable feature

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