

for an Australian "B" class station. I also heard at 12.7 a.m. station KFI, Milford, Kansas, on approx. 1050 k.c. (258 m.) on his morning programme. I heartily agree with DK13T and "Joey" in their views regarding the Australian "B" class stations, published in their month's "Log."—DX260C (Tainui).

#### XER Well Heard.

STATION XER, Del Rio, Texas, was heard well on approx. 735 kc. (408 m.), at 11.30 October 24, giving special request items. These were followed at midnight by a lecture lasting until 12.30 a.m. The lecturer mentioned that his talk was from 6 a.m. until 6.30 a.m. At the conclusion of this the announcer spoke in Mexican, and then gave his call, "XER, Del Rio, Texas," "the sunshine station between the nations," in English.—"Curious" (Katikati).

#### Early Morning Stations.

THE European stations were coming in well on the morning of the 27th. I find the best time to listen for them is around 5 a.m. They seem to fade away about 5.30. On the 27th, Krakow, Poland, on 244m. (1230 k.c.), ORK on 276m. (1085 k.c.), ORB on 343m. (873 k.c.), and one on 360m. (832), were all about R4, while a number of others were at less strength.—"Digger" (Hamilton).

#### Particulars of XER.

STATION XER is not located at Mexico City, but operates from Del Rio, a town on the border of Texas and Mexico. He is officially in Texas, and his frequency is 720 k.c. (416m). I had him at R6 at 12.20 a.m. on Oct. 29, and held him for half an hour. 3HA (Hamilton), "The Voice of Victoria" has been coming in with great punch recently. WLAV (Cincinnati, Ohio), was also coming in very strongly at 11.45 p.m. on Oct. 8.—DX1W (Hataitai).

#### A Valve Catastrophe.

A RECENT batch of verifications to hand includes WGES, Chicago. This station's Ekko stamp is yellow, and portrays the American eagle. KMTR in their letter convey best wishes to the DX Club. As 90 volts are rather high for filament voltage I am off the air indefinitely, but still read with interest the DX Club Notes and "Radio Log."—DX12HB (Havelock North).

[Sorry you have had such bad luck. Flash-lamp fuses are very cheap, and can save you pounds in valves. As an alternative a very thin strip of cigarette packet tinfoil inserted in the "B" lead is quite effective.—Ed.]

#### Siberia On the Broadcast Band.

IN a verification just to hand from the director of the Calcutta station, he mentioned that he lived for a considerable time with a Mr. J. M. Calder, who came from Nelson, so he knows a good deal about this country. "Argonaut" (Auckland): The title of the theme song played from KFI before signing off is "Devotion." H.F.A. (Masterton): I listened to the station on WLW's frequency a few mornings recently from 3 a.m. until 4.30 a.m. and heard several orators speaking at what appeared to be a large gathering, judging by the volume of applause following each speech. Between each speech a brass band played a few bars. I think this station is Siberian, as the speech was certainly Russian and the time—8.30 to 10.10 p.m. in Russia—seemed in agreement. DX840C (Dunedin): I wrote VK3AM a few weeks after I heard VK2UR, Uralla, N.S.W. (not Italy), which was about eight months ago. Re black-listed stations: I would be pleased to hear if anyone has received verifications from 3WR and 5DN. It is ten weeks since I sent my third report, enclosing stamped addressed envelope each time and still have had no reply.—J.P.C. (P.N.).

#### A Tip for DXers.

I HAVE not noticed any DXers reporting on reception of morning sessions from the American stations. On October 26 I tuned in between 12 midnight and 3.30 a.m., and heard a large number of American stations, eleven of whom I had never heard before. DXers who are entering for the DX competition should take advantage of this opportunity now.—"Dud" (Bay of Plenty).

#### Concerning Power Leaks.

THE following is a rather amusing paragraph re power interference taken from a local newspaper. In explanation, C.H.B.P.B. stands for Central Hawke's Bay Power Board; Messrs. Lee

#### Australian Reception

Following is a table showing the relative strengths of reception (R1-10) of Australian stations heard between the hours of 10.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. recently.—N.J. (Masterton).

2FC	9
2BL 4QG	8
3AR, 3LO, 4RK, 2GB	7
2NC, 2AY, 7ZL, 2UE	6
3DB, 5CL, 3UZ, 2HD	5
3BA, 3BO, 3KZ, 4BC	4
2WL, 2XL, 2MO	3
2UW, 2KY, 4BK	2
4LW, 4GR, 3GK	1

and Fowler are the engineer and secretary respectively, and Mr. Russell is the chairman.—DX1HB (Waipukurau).

"In a letter to the editor of the Waipawa 'Mail,' a correspondent, signing himself as 'Eight-Valve,' writes as follows:—'Hullo! Everybody. Station C.H.B.P.B., Waipukurau calling—Lee and Fowler, Inc., distributors of power leakages for Central Hawke's Bay. If it's a Lee and Fowler leak it's the best leak in town. By request of the Waipawa Radio Society, we present that popular melody, 'Gone are the Days of Good Reception,' played by Fowler and his Interference Boys. Following this, a lecture on 'How to produce noises and annoy listeners' will be presented by Mr. Russell.'"

#### In Defence of 4BC.

I WOULD also like to say in defence of 4BC that I have just received a very prompt reply from that station. So far all my Australian reports have received prompt attention, with one exception—that of 2XL, Broken Hill. I signed this station when it first commenced operations and was testing, but have received no reply. Has any Xer 4ZL, Dunedin, on his black list? wrote to him on September 7, enclosing stamped and addressed envelope, and I am still waiting patiently. He was testing on this occasion and specially asked for reports.—DX81W (Lynn Bay).

#### Why Not?

APPARENTLY many DXers would like another cup to compete for. I would like to suggest that if each of our 30 odd members contributed 6d. a very nice cup could be procured. It could be awarded to the DXer who won it three times at intervals or twice in succession. I think it would last quite a while, for judging by the reports in the DX column, many appear to be in the running for the next competition.—DX18T.

[The cup mentioned above could take the place of the Ellis Cup, which is to be competed for among DXers using battery-operated sets of five valves or less, and which will be won outright next December. What do DXers think?—Ed.]

#### A Mexican Mystery.

H.F.A. (Masterton) and W.K.L. (Motueka): Mexican station to me appears rather a mystery. According to fre-

quency this should be XEN. I listened to him on the 22nd inst. and again on the 28th. From 12 p.m. to 12.30 on the 28th Dr. gave a talk on ailments and diseases, and recommended a hospital and drug store in Milford, Kansas. At the end of the talk a call was given which sounded like KEBD. On looking up a log I find a station KGBZ, if announced as KGBZee, would sound similar. Incidentally this station is owned by Dr. Geo. R. Miller, York, Nebraska, and operates on 930 k.c. (322 m.). On resuming, announcement was given XER and a talk was carried on till 1 a.m., answering questions and soliciting inquiries be sent in at one dollar a time for mailed reply. This speaker gave his name and address as Mr. Melroy Delves, Texas. No announcement was made at any time concerning Mexico. I have heard the call several times, and I am satisfied it is XER. The latest to my list are WGN, KHQ, WMAQ, KFWL, and 6PR, Perth.—B.W. (Stratford).

#### Recent Loggings.

LATEST loggings include KOL, Seattle Washington, 236 m (1270 k.c.); KYW, Chicago, Illinois, 294 m. (1020 k.c.); 3HA, Hamilton, Australia, 297 m. (1030 k.c.). DX1HB: The only early morning station working near 252 m. (1190 k.c.) is Gleiwitz (Germany), 253.4 m. "Riser" (Dunedin): I also have heard Konigsberg announced from the 1080 k.c. (278 m.), German. Can any DX-er tell me what is the best time to try for Cuban stations, and also the best one to try for? Have any DX-ers received confirmation from a Cuban station?—H.F. Adcock (Masterton).

#### Early Morning DX-ing.

MONDAY, October 26, was a great morning for reception here both for the Australian and European stations. The following Australian stations were logged: 6PR, Perth; 2HM, Bondi; 2HN, Broken Hill; 4QL, Toowoomba (not sure of name of town); 3HA, Hamilton; 3RU, Balwyn; 5WS, Adelaide; 2HL, Sydney; and also a station on 1210 k.c. (248 m.), talking with 5WS giving call VK3R —.

Bratislava on the same morning was R9 on the loudspeaker, while Krakow (Poland) and Leipzig (Germany) were R8. Heilsberg, Brno, Mullacker, Toulouse, and about a dozen others were all between R6-R8. At 3.30 a.m. I counted 27 stations all above strength R3.

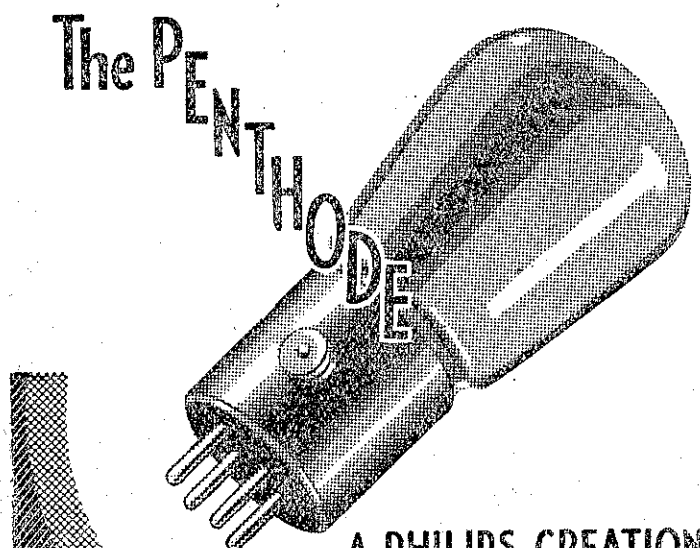
DX840C (Dunedin) asks if any DX-er has heard 3AM or 2UR. I have a verification from VK3AM, Ellwood, whose power is 20 watts. Have also logged VK2UR, Urella, but it is not verified. By the way, my age is 15 years 1 month. On October 27 I heard WMBL, Chicago, 278 m. (1080 k.c.) on their "midnight evangelistic session." Reception was very clear, strength being R7. They closed down just after 7 p.m. This is only the second time I have heard this station. Following is an extract from a letter received from JOJK, Kanazawa, Japan:—"I wish to thank you for your letter dated June 28 on reception of our station, but very sorry to reply that the programmes you heard were not ours." I have heard this station several times lately on 700 k.c. (428 m.), and they nearly always end their English portion of the programme with "God Save the King," and then go on to native music and talk up to 4 a.m. or after. I would be very pleased if any DX-er could tell me what station this is.—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

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