

N.Z. Short-wave Club Notes

WILL intending members please note that the subscription for the remainder of the year, which ends in April, 1932, has been reduced to 3/-. It pains me to have to state this, as I do not like to see the change go away again.

I often notice complaints about not receiving replies from stations. I think this is really due to the sender's name and address being incomplete or not plainly written. It is a good plan to print your name and address plainly on top of your letter, card, or sheet, as the busy station staff have a habit of jotting down the address and passing the letter on to whoever's duty it is to sift the report for filing. Very often I receive answers addressed to so and so, c/o Headquarters, N.Z.S.W.C., Wellington, N.Z., owing to the address being illegible.

Most likely a deputation will wait upon the Postmaster-General to see if we can obtain permission to give club notes over the air again, as is done in other places. The Short-wave Club is not a business concern, but desires to advance radio in New Zealand, and so keep pace with other countries. Very seldom do we hear of short-wavers giving up the game altogether. Sometimes they give it up, but, sooner or later they drift back just to hear what is going on.

There is considerable activity in the ranks of the Night Owl Club. It appears that they are after a number of faint stations which are on in the early hours of the morning, and some good bags are reported. A special new certificate of membership has been printed for the club.

Our youngest member is aged 11. I do not know who is the eldest, but I often receive letters from a gentleman who is over 60 years of age. But the youngest member is yet to come. I hear that a junior called to see me recently, but, as I do not arrive home until about 5.30, I did not see him.

A. B. McDonagh, Secretary N.Z.S.W.C., 274 Cuba Street, Wellington, is the address which will find me.—Yours fraternally,

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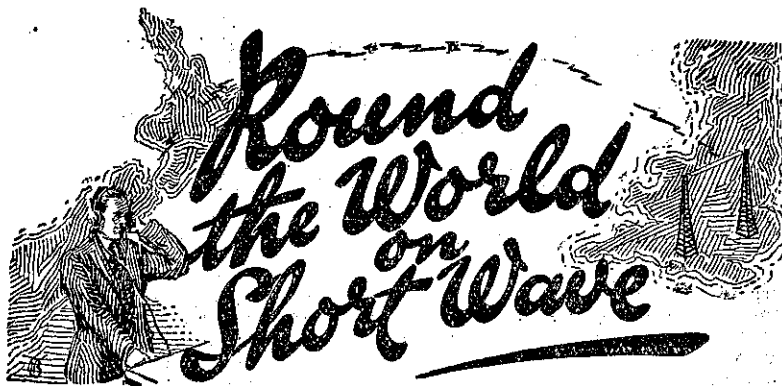
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NZ26W, Mr. George F. Briggs, Morere, H.B., reports: Re station on 47.8 metres on Sunday. I heard one on approximately that wavelength. On October 24 they signed off at 6 p.m. All announcements are made in foreign language except at conclusion, when the announcer stated: "This is the voice of the tropics, Central America. We will be back on the air at 6 p.m. to-morrow." Their call was a cuckoo, repeated three times. This used to be the station call of HRB, Honduras, operated by the Tropical Radio Telegraph Company.

I HEAR the special American broadcasts to the far north and to missions in Egypt and India per KDKA, Pittsburgh, on approximately 25.4 metres, each Sunday afternoon, R7, QSA3, about 4.15 p.m.

ALSO a telephone station about 23 metres, nearly every night. A very strong carrier, but speech only R7 QSA 3, all French.

A REPORT from Christchurch, October 26, says that RV15 roars in, often has to be toned down. About three degrees above him is a station. I heard the announcer say "Deal, New Jersey," probably WGBN. One degree below RV15 I heard a fine orchestra one night, but static was bad. W3XAL is very good. Holland up to a few weeks ago was good, but is poor lately. W2XAF and W8XK are good at times. G5SW has not been good lately. A new Australian short-wave station, 3LR, Brigalow, comes in plainly.



A MEMBER from Island Bay, who is also a transmitter, reports wonderful increase in reception since he shifted to Lower Hutt.

PCJ, Holland.

PCJ announced during their Saturday (October 24) morning programme, from 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m., that this would be the last time they would be on the air for about six months. They intend to reopen on or about May 1, 1932. Mr. Giedhill (Christchurch), who

also sent messages to the Byrd Expedition, Antarctic; Dr. Herbert Spencer Dickey and his Orinoco Expedition; the Matto, Grasso Expedition in South Western Brazil; Captain Bob Bartlett and his Expedition on the Greenland Seas, and lots of others. This service has been carried out weekly during autumn and winter each Saturday evening.

The New England stations, WBZ, WBZA, in conjunction with shortwave

station W1XAZ, are commencing a mid-week broadcast for the Far North on Wednesday, October 7. These will take place each Wednesday at 11.15 p.m. E.S.T., or 4.15 p.m. on Thursday, N.Z. summer time.

RECEPTION during the morning has gone off badly during the last few days. At 7.30 a.m., G5SW, 12RO, Moscow, etc., are only just audible. During the afternoon, W2XAF closes before it reaches good strength. W3XAL and W9XF, on the other hand, reach R9 by 5 p.m. RV15, PLW, Saigon, and ZL2ZX are well received during the evening.

IF the latest story from Yugo-Slavia is true (states an English contemporary), the Government of that country must have lost its temper with oscillators and other producers of static. According to a correspondent, "Every Yugo-Slavian amateur who voluntarily or involuntarily oscillates his receiver will be punished by a fine of £400 and run the risk of a year in prison." At this rate an illicit transmitter of messages would receive penal servitude for life.

DX'ers! Write for that verification on D.X. notepaper and avoid missing out important details. Takes a quarter of the time to write out, too. Obtainable from P.O. Box 1032, Wellington, in two-dozen lots (minimum order), price 1/6, or six dozen for 4/., post free. Special paper for club members.

reported receiving the above news "over the air," says that no reason was given for closing the station for such a long period.

RW59, Moscow.

THE 50-metre station at Moscow has the call RW59.

G5SW, Chelmsford.

IT is rumoured that G5SW is going to increase its power to 50 kilowatts in the near future, and also that it will continue transmitting until 4 a.m. G.M.T. (4 p.m. N.Z. summer time).

WGY Programmes on 5 Metres.

BELIEVING the bands of five metres and under offer great possibilities in radio, especially in television, Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, radio engineer of the General Electric Company, has arranged for broadcasting one-hour programmes twice a week over W2XAW, operating on 5 metres. These programmes, the same as broadcast by WGY, will be transmitted from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday, N.Z. summer time.

Regular U.S.A.-Europe Relays.

THE Columbia Broadcasting System has just completed arrangements for a regular interchange of programmes between the United States and five European countries—England, France, Austria, Hungary, and Czecho-Slovakia. Under the terms of the present agreement, the exchange programmes will be available on regular channels to both continents, with equal representation in the number of programmes transmitted.

The Columbia Broadcasting System has made arrangements to broadcast in the United States the proceedings of the International Disarmament Conference to be held at Geneva next February.

Messages for Far North.

DURING the past eight years KDKA, through their shortwave station, W8XK, have been sending messages of cheer from home to explorers and others in the icy wastes of the Arctic. KDKA

BACK to BUSINESS

76-77 Kent Terrace,
Wellington.
November 2, 1931.

My dear friends,
I am indeed very pleased to announce my return to work, and take this opportunity of thanking all those who wrote me such kind letters during my long sojourn in Hospital. I offer my sincere regrets to those friends to whom I could not reply. I am now back in business, feeling as good as ever, and ready to solve to many radio problems as you like to bring along. I can offer now a much improved service, and I hope that my friends will roll along to see me.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) GEO. R. MACARTHY.

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