

News and Views of the D.X. Club

Answers to Correspondents

M.C.H. (Gisborne).—2CA is a New South Wales station.

"Red Bird" (Wellington).—Yes, but what is the date of the call-list you mention? Mexican stations have a habit of changing their frequencies at a moment's notice.

"Omik" (Whakatane).—Your log is fair. However, judging by your remarks your aerial is rather badly screened. Galvanised iron piping, if plugged at the top, heavily painted and stayed at each joint, makes an excellent aerial mast. A Beverage aerial, which operates on a slightly different principle from the ordinary type, consists of a wire some 300 or 400 yards long, slung along the top of a number of posts about 10 feet in height. It is not necessarily insulated, and is earthed through a 750 ohm resistance at the far end. Quite a number of DXers have installed this kind of aerial, and report greatly improved results. Neither of the two DX Cup winners, however, use this type of aerial.

DX68W (Levin).—But it was not Mr. Drummond announcing.

Identification Wanted

At 11 p.m. on October 31, a station was heard on 560 k.c. (535 metres). Announcer spoke in a foreign language.—**M.B.H. (Gisborne).**

On November 6 (what time?—Ed.). American station was heard on 1300 k.c. (231m.), giving a four-letter call sign resembling "KFHM." Station faded out as darkness came on. Also station heard before 8 p.m. on November 4 on approx. 580 k.c. (517m.), just above KHQ, who were also on the air. Two items were heard, and then a woman announcer spoke. It is not the Wanganui station.—**DX100 (Timaru).**

Shortwave station heard at 7 p.m. on November 8. At first I thought the stranger was VKSLR, Melbourne, but on lis-

tening to several recorded items the call was given as KRO (?), operating on a frequency 5825 k.c. (approx. 51.5m.). Several times the announcer called "Hallo, Riverhead, Long Island, New York. We will now continue with phonograph records." The announcer spoke with a very strong American accent. All other particulars were unintelligible. Static was very severe.—**DX2W (Wellington).**

Stations Identified

DX36W (Wellington): Station on 700 kc. (425 m.) is WLW, Cincinnati. The other on 590 kc. is probably KHQ, Spokane, Washington, which is one of the stations of the north-west triangle. **DX74W (Wellington):** 4ZP replied to my report within six days.

DX5HB: Californian station which often heterodynes 2YA is KMPC, Beverly Hills, 710 kc. (422 m.).—**DX1HB (Waipukurau).**

DX Topics

Reports Wanted by 5DR.

IN the last Australian mail I received a card from VK5DR, in which he remarked my report was the first he had received from New Zealand. He would be pleased to have further reports from DXers. Wavelength 232m. (1290 k.c.),

DX Meeting

Dxers who will be in Wellington on Monday evening, December 7, are cordially invited to be present at a dx meeting to be held in the "Radio Record" offices, third floor, Dominion Buildings, Wakefield Street, and to meet Mr. S. R. Ellis, of Okato, Taranaki, ex-president of the DX Club.

input 12 watts. This station tests mid-night, South Australian time. Address Mr. P. W. Deer, 21 Maitland Terrace, Seacliff, South Australia.—**DX5HB (Napier).**

Concerning Unanswered Reports.

LATELY I have noticed DXers complaining about certain stations not replying to their requests for verifications. Perhaps their letters, like one I have just had returned, are in the dead letter office. The letter I mentioned was addressed to U.S.A., but did not leave New Zealand.—**DX88A (Auckland).**

Our correspondent forwarded us the envelope in which was enclosed his request for verification. It was adequately addressed, and we cannot see any reason for its return from the D.L.O.—Ed.]

DX Jottings.

LATEST verifications received are: WPCC, Chicago; KFVD, Culver City; WSUL, Iowa; KMPC, Beverly Hills; and WOWO, Indiana. WPCC, Chicago, is owned by the North Shore Church. WIBO relays them fairly often. My best Mexican is XER, Del Rio, which comes in at R7-8. I think he must have increased his power, because he is only rated as a 100-watter. N. Jenkins (Masterton): VK3RG, Castlemaine, works with VK6WS, Adelaide, nearly every Monday morning at about 3 a.m. When I wrote to 3BY I enclosed two penny Australian stamps, and when he sent me the letter back it had only one stamp on it. I had to pay another two-pence. "Wainui" (Gisborne): I notice that you have 4ZW, 2MV, WFAA, and KTM on your black list. I received replies from these stations by return mail. DX74W (Wellington): I received a card from 4ZP after about a month's waiting. Aren't DXers wearing their badges in Dunedin? So far I have seen only one besides my own. 4ZF, Dunedin, was on the air between the hours 11 p.m. to 12 p.m. on November 11. They would like reports. Power is only 7½ watts.—**DX8400 (Dunedin).**

Particulars of 3CB.

FOLLOWING are particulars of station VK3CB, East Richmond, Victoria, taken from a recent verification. The aerial is a five-wire cage inverted "L," 30 feet high, and 50 feet long. Counterpoise is one wire 112 feet long and 8 feet high. They use the usual a.c. short and long-wave receivers. Their correct wavelength is now 206.8 metres (1450 kc.), they having altered from 214.2 m. to that wavelength. Full address is: William F. Sievers and L. Cranch, 26 Lesney Street, East Richmond, Victoria, Australia. Static has been very bad since October 8. On that date American

reception was very good, the best stations being KSTP, St. Paul, R9; KFI, Los Angeles, R8; KGA, Spokane, R8; and KGO, Oakland, R9. I notice that many DX-ers have stations on their black lists. Some of mine are: 2KO, 2XL, KGB, 4ZL, 3BA, and WJSV.

Christchurch, replied very promptly to my report, as I received the verification back five days after posting. J.P.C. (P.N.): I sent to JOJK for verification all right, but as I heard a part of the programme conclude with "God Save the King," I was doubtful when I wrote whether I was writing to the right station. Also, I have recently heard this station broadcasting up to and after 4.30 a.m. Recently I heard a number of speeches given, in between which there was much clapping and a few bars of music by a band. Has any DX-er received a verification from VK-3CB, mentioned above?—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

Is This An American?

"RADIO" (Waipukurau): I agree with you that an American station heterodynes 2YA. I have often heard him, and at times very clearly. I wrote the editor and asked if he knew of any station on 2YA's frequency, as I heard "Ah che la Morte" being played by an orchestra during a lecturette, and the editor answered my question, by stating that "Music may often be heard faintly in the background of 2YA's transmission, and is merely the orchestra practising in the next studio." However, after 8 p.m. 2YA is very good, and I cannot find any fault with them at all.—A.E.J. (Levin).

XER in Two States.

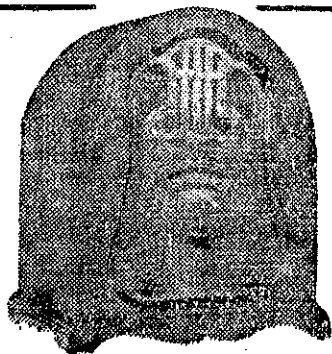
IN the panel of the relative powers of the American stations sent in by H.F.A. (Masterton) last week, I noticed WDAG, Amarillo, Texas, listed as 250 watts. I hold a verification from this station, dated April 26, 1931, giving power as 1 kw. Which is it? I see the information about XER is very hazy. From what I could pick up from him (and it may not be true), his studios are in Del Rio, Texas, U.S.A., and his transmitter is in Mexico at some place with a Spanish name. Evidently he has gone across into Mexico in order to use a higher power than the 50 kw. limit in the U.S.A.—**DX1600 (Oamaru).**

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