

News and Views of the D.X. Club

Answers to Correspondents

DXIT (N.P.): Thanks for cuttings. Those concerning criticisms of 2YA's announcer will not be published, as they are obviously written by people of such limited intelligence that they will never be satisfied with anything. The other we are using elsewhere.

C.V.B. (N. Auckland) and "Joey" (Hokiana): Both your verifications would be accepted for the DX Competition.

"Digger" (Hamilton): Thanks for cutting. We may possibly use it.

DX840C (Dunedin): If your report has been definitely confirmed it would count for the DX Competition.

Addresses and Addresses Wanted

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

Identification Wanted

On Nov. 16, station on 1460 kc. (205 m.) heard testing on speech. Someone asked for Mr. Watt, timekeeper, and asked: "Did Mr. Bell speak to you at 5.30 ... well, you know the position." Call resembled ZLW. Gisborne.—DX111A (Tauranga).

DX Topics

XER on 75 kw.

At 7.5 p.m. on Nov. 18 I again heard XER, Del Rio, Texas, at R7-8. He was closing down, and mentioned that his frequency was 735 kc. (408 m.), and power 75,000 watts. His time was 1.3 a.m.

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C.S.T., and he remarked that he would be on the air again at 5 a.m. At 11.15 p.m. I again picked him up, and obtained enough particulars to write for verification.—DX113A (Bay of Plenty).

The Effect of Wind on Reception.

A RECENT verification from WBBM states that their broadcasting hours have been changed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: 8-10 p.m.; and 12-1 a.m. daily, to 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and 12 midnight to 2 a.m. Static has been very bad here lately, and this, coupled with the noise from a faulty transformer nearby, makes 2YA about the only station worth listening to. I have asked the power board to repair the transformer, but so far they have done nothing. What is the best thing to do? [Contact your local radio inspector.—Ed.] Has any dxer noticed the different reception one obtains with different winds? On a still night here fading is bad, but when it is blowing almost a gale reception is excellent. A south wind appears to bring much interference, but with a north wind reception is O.K.—DX53. OC. (Kuwro).

XER on Remote Control.

THE following are particulars of VK2-HM, taken from a recently-received card. The transmitter is a TP.TG outfit, with 40 watts R.A.C. Frequency is not given, but was the same as that of 2XI.—1365 kc. (219.6 m.). Re XER: An Australian paper gives the location as Villa Acuna, Chihuahua, Mexico. Villa Acuna is situated immediately across the river from Del Rio, Texas. Power is also understood to be 75 kw. When heard here the first Saturday that he was re-

ported, the announcer repeatedly remarked that they were broadcasting by remote control from Del Rio, Texas.—A.I.B. (Dunedin).

Discourteous DXers.

CONDITIONS have been very poor lately for dxing. The early morning stations are scarcely audible, and the Americans are becoming weaker. Australian and Japanese stations, are still very good. Latest verifications include

Japanese Stations

THE following is a list of the Japanese stations on 10 k.w., with frequencies, taken from the verification card recently received from JOIK. "Red Bird" (Wellington):—

Call, Location	k.c.	m
JOAK, Tokio	870	345
JOEK, Hiroshima	850	353
JOIK, Sapporo	830	361
JOCK, Nagoya	810	370
JOGK, Kumamoto	790	390
JOHK, Sendai	770	390
JOBK, Osaka	750	400

KNX, KMTR, and KFOX. The last in a letter say that they are on the air the clock round, instead of going off from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. as in the past. I have had my dx reports returned from several stations, including 4RK, with "Reception verified" stamped on the back. I notice some dxers complaining about not receiving an answer to their reports. Are they aware that some B stations, including 1ZM, Manurewa, and 2ZM, Gisborne, reply to reports only over the air? Some three weeks ago you forwarded me an address of a dxer who wanted me to communicate with him. I did so the following day—over three weeks ago now—but so far have not received a reply. In another case a reply came five and a half weeks later, and the writer remarked as an excuse that he had been busy dxing, and was sorry to keep me waiting. I do not mind writing to other dxers, but I

certainly think they should reply in reasonable time.

The station I inquired for in the "Identification Wanted" column of last week's "Radio Record" I have since identified as KFRC. He is listed as operating on 492 m. (610 kc.), but comes in on 484 m. (620 kc.).—"Digger" (Hamilton).

Mexican Dxing.

"KIA ORA" (Frankton Junction): I have heard Dr. Brinkley's name mentioned over XER, which station, by the way, announced that with their power of 75 k.w. output they were the highest powered station on the Continent. I have heard three Mexican stations which I was unable to identify because all announcements were in their own language. To make matters worse they would not stay on their frequencies long enough to make a Call-book of any assistance.—C.V.B. (N. Auckland).

Forty-two Europeans.

DURING the last two months I have heard 42 European stations, but many of these I could not identify. About three weeks ago I tuned in to one on 655 k.c. (457 m.), and for 30 minutes heard an excellent concert composed of yodelling items. Strength was R9, with no fading until long after daylight. I think this station was undoubtedly Zurich, Switzerland. I have received a number of verifications lately from overseas, including those from KROW, KPVD, KTBS, and Colombo, Ceylon. The engineer from the latter station enclosed a copy of the "Ceylon Radio Times," and mentioned that reports had been received from two other New Zealand listeners. There is no doubt that we in New Zealand have some very up-to-date lists of broadcasting stations throughout the world, but there is one country in particular—China—about which information is very scanty. I have heard stations broadcasting the speech and music peculiar to Eastern races on the following frequencies: 900 k.c., 910 k.c., 925 k.c., 935 k.c., 950 k.c., 965 k.c., and 1050 k.c. The station on 965 k.c. (311 m.) is probably NKS, Shanghai. What is the correct frequency of XGAH, Shanghai? I have two lists referring to this station, one giving the frequency as 815 k.c. and the other as 915 k.c. Which is correct? [Possibly neither. Our latest call-book gives this station's frequency as 937 k.c. (320 m.).—Ed.] With reference to the club motto I would suggest that the words "To Help" be part of it. My reason for suggesting this is that I believe a number of dxers are not giving the help they could in regard to "Identification Wanted" requests. To give an instance: An Invercargill

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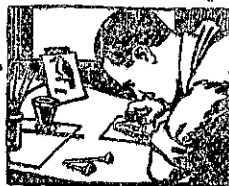
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