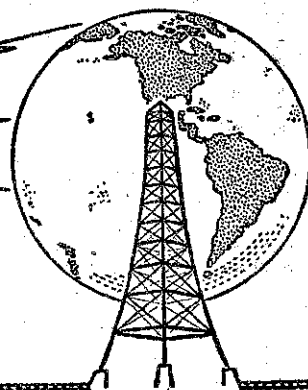


# News and Views of the D.X. Club



## Answers to Correspondents

**H.F.A. (Masterton):** Your official club number is DX27W.

**DX115A (Putaruru):** Quite a number of dxers use four and five-valve battery-operated Hammarlund-Roberts receivers and get quite good results. The "Night Owl Three" is an excellent short-waver, and is proving very popular. Details of a coil to enable this receiver to be used over the major portion of the broadcast band are published this week.

**DX24NW (Nelson):** Headed writing tablets, with the d.x. monogram, may now be obtained at a price of 1/10 each, posted. **"Amateur" (Dunedin):** We could not say, not having heard of it. At the rate you are going your log should certainly be worth entering in the competition after next.

**"Digger" (Hamilton):** Full particulars of JOLK were already to hand when your letter arrived, and these appear elsewhere.

**"Omsk" (Whakatane):** For information re Japanese stations see the letter from the director of JOLK, published elsewhere in this issue. Your trouble may be due to a bad earth connection or to a defective resistance.

## Identification Wanted

On Nov. 17 I heard a station on 840 kc (375 m.) heterodyning JOIK, Sapporo. Items and times were: 10.10 p.m., band selection; 10.15 p.m., dance music; 10.25 p.m., Stein song. A portion of the announcement sounded like "— Melbourne testing." Static and fading bad. At 12.20 a.m. on November 22 I heard an Australian signing off on 1150 kc. (261 m.). Missed call, but heard, "— owned and operated by A.W.A.," quite clearly. "God Save the King" was then played. What American operating on 700 kc. can be heard after 2YA signs off? I have occasionally caught the name "Cincinatti."—DX910C (Green Island).

Two powerful American stations heard at approximately 2.15 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22. One on 620 kc. (484 m.) was broadcasting a description of a boxing match, and later dance music, and the

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other, on 690 kc. (434 m.) approx., was playing classical music. No announcements were heard from the latter.—DX12NW (Nelson).

Can any dxer supply any information as to the whereabouts of station on approximately 1200 kc. (250 m.), giving the call "Victorian Experimental station, VK3EFO"? The call could possibly have been "EFO" or "TFO." This station has been coming in exceptionally well lately. I notice in a recent issue of the "Record" that three or four inquiries re this station have been returned, as it is not known in Australia. Surely a station of this power cannot be unknown to the authorities for so long.—"Marama" (Colac Bay).

What Japanese station operates on KGMB's frequency (1270 k.c.; 236m.)? It was heard at intervals between 7.45 and 9.30 p.m. on Nov. 24. After 7.52 p.m. KGMB often blotted out the Jap.'s signals.—"Omsk" (Whakatane).

American or Canadian station on approximately 310 kc. (329.5 m.), heard on 24th at 8.15 p.m., playing an organ solo, "One Summer Night." 3UZ prevented me from hearing call sign. Also a Jap., on approximately 1310 kc. (229 m.), and an American on 1100 kc. (273 m.), heard signing off on same date at 8 p.m. He counted 1, 2, 3, 4, and then signed off.—"Wainui" (Gisborne).

## DX Topics

### Further Particulars of XER.

I HAVE to hand some particulars of station XER—"The Sunshine Station"—Del Rio. It is situated in the small village of Del Rio, on the banks of the Rio Grande, and is operated by the Villa

Acuna Broadcasting Co., Inc., of Acuna, C.O.A.H., Republic of Mexico. Frequency is 735 kc., cleared channel, with an output of 75 kw. in the aerial. The announcer is Herbert Denys. He gives his name when they close down at 7 p.m.

## Test Transmission From KID

### For N.Z. Listeners

WITH the last American mail I received a card from KID, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 228 m. (1320 kc.). He grants the request I made for a test transmission, and states that this will take place from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. N.Z. summer time, on Wednesday, December 9. Reports are wanted.—DX24NW (Nelson).

N.Z. summer time. The song entitled "Until To-morrow," broadcast before they sign off at 7 p.m., is rendered by the composer, Miss Rosa —, who is known as "Mexico's nightingale." They are on the air again at 11 p.m., New Zealand standard time, on their morning session. To-night at 6.47 p.m., the announcer dedicated an item to a Mr. —, of Dunedin, New Zealand. I missed the name owing to QRN. This station has been coming in at RG-7 at 6.30 each evening for the last week. At 7.30 p.m. on November 24 I logged station CIGC, London, Ontario, Canada, at R5-6. He operates on 91 kc (329.6 m.), and was asking for reports from distant stations. The above address would find him. I recently constructed a Beverage aerial, and find it OK for DX work. Recent loggings include KDE, Santa Barbara, 1500 kc. (200m.); WCKY, Covington, 1490 kc. (201m.); KWSC, Pullman, 1220 kc. (246m.); VKTDR, Devonport, Tasmania; and VK3EF, Ellwood, Victoria.—DX113A (Bay of Plenty).

## Hambourg Comes in Well.

RECEPTION of American stations has fallen off during the past week. A letter was received recently from KSE, which is owned by the Radio Service Corporation of Utah; offices at 35 Richards Street; studios, Vermont Building. Their slogan is, "The Voice of the Inter-Mountain Empire." I switched on at 4 a.m. on Nov. 20, and although QRN was terrific, Hambourg, Germany, on 372m. (805 kc.), came through at RG-7 very clearly.—DX160C. (Oamaru). Thanks for power of WDAG. I took particulars from the "Guide," but your information is more recent. An Australian amateur has been heard recently on approximately 220m. (1360 k.c.), closing down at 4.30 a.m. The call sounded like VK3RO, Victoria.—H.F.A. (Masterton).

## Location Wanted.

AT 2.10 a.m. on Nov. 22, I logged station 3EFO, at about R7, with slight fading. Call was given as "Victorian Experimental Station 3EFO," but during the half-hour that I listened, no name of a town was given. Frequency was about 1240 kc.—DX12NW (Nelson).

## Some Notes on the Beverage.

THE following item concerning aerials may be of some interest to dxers. I have erected a Beverage aerial about 8 feet high and 1000 feet long, earthed at the far end through a 700 ohm resistance. From a dxing point of view the results are most satisfactory. A comparison between this and the ordinary standard type of aerial can be quite easily made by tuning in a station on the one, and then switching over quickly to the other. The difference is certainly marked. The carrier wave is picked up much easier on the Beverage, and all interference is practically eliminated. Perhaps the only fault this aerial has is that it requires so much space for erection, and so cannot be used in towns, where interference is greatest. I think the Australian stations for the DX competition should be left as they were. I do not think that more than one in a hundred will be able to log more than four daylight stations from Australia. Again such an important factor as locality cannot be ignored. It is only fair to all to keep open as big a field as possible.—"Marama" (Colac Bay).

## Pen Friends Wanted.

LATELY I received a verification from JOJK, Kanazawa, Japan, operating on 710 kc. (422 m.), with a power

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