

of 3 k.w. They also enclosed with their card a covering letter and three snaps of the plant. WLAC, Nashville, sent a verification and a card appointing me as an Official Listener. WLAC is the official broadcasting station of the Life and Casualty Insurance Co., and operates on a frequency of 1470 k.c. (204 m.); with a power of 5 k.w. I also received letters from two American listeners who are desirous of having pen friends in New Zealand. Mr. Clyde L. Kern, 1605 "B" Street, San Diego, California, wrote 11 pages full of interesting radio news, and he also gave me some particulars of station XBR, similar to the report of "Kia Ora" in the "Record" of November 13. He says he heard him one night speaking on a cable heading from New Zealand, and he calls him a "Disgruntled Seer." He also states that though he is some 1200 miles from there, XBR is so strong (75 k.w.) that no matter how heavy static is he comes in above it all. As his station is outside the continental limits of the U.S.A., the American Government can do nothing. The other writer who wants pen friends in New Zealand is Mr. Eslie J. Eller, Box 135, Etna, California, who lives on his father's ranch in the extreme north of the State, completely surrounded by high, heavily-timbered mountains.—DXIT (New Plymouth).

Verification News.

THE latest American mail brought 10 verifications, including KMTR, Hollywood; KFBB, Great Falls; KSCJ, Sioux City; and WCCO, Minneapolis. KSCJ sent me a newspaper in which was published the names of six New Zealanders who had heard him during August and September. WCCO sent me a booklet containing photographs of all their artists. KFBB has a striking Ekko stamp, and they also forwarded a large photo of one of their studios. KTHS sent me a descriptive booklet about their hot springs. N. Jenkins (Masterton). I received a card from 2XL a fortnight after writing.—DXS40C (Dunedin).

XER in Trouble.

AS "Kia Ora" (Frankton) mentioned in the issue dated November 13, station XER is owned by a Dr. John Brinkley, who after getting into hot water with the American authorities, went to Mexico to build another station. The transmitter is located at La Cunta, Mexico, and the studios are in Del Rio, Texas, on the other side of the Rio Grande del Norte. Power is 75 k.w., and their allotted frequency is 735 k.c. (408 m.). The Federal Radio Commission are expected to ask the Mexican Government to have XER's frequency shifted, because transmissions are interfering with those from CKAC and WSB. Often heard Americans which have been bought recently by the N.B.C. include KGA, Spokane; KJR, Seattle; KBX, Portland, Oregon; and KYA, San Francisco. In a recently received verification from Japan they remark that gramophone recordings are never used for their European music. Artists are always engaged. In the last "Radio Log" I noticed one or two small omissions in the list of Australians. 3SH is now on 50 watts; 2MO now observes a Sunday schedule from 9.30 to 11.30 N.Z. St. T. 4GR's schedule is 10.30 to 11.10 a.m.; 1.30 to 2.50 p.m.; and 8.50 to 11.30 p.m. No evening session Saturday. Sunday, 11.30 to 2.30 p.m.; 9 to 11.30 p.m. N.Z. St. T.—DX42W (Lower Hutt).

Some Low-powered VK's.

BY the last mail I received a verification from VK3RG, the report being sent via VK5WS. The owner, Mr. R. L. Blake, said that he had received about 25 other reports from New Zealand, but most of them were from the South Island. Power of 3RG is 25 watts input. Verifications were also received from VK2HM, 94 Francis Street, Bondi, N.S.W., whose power is 40 watts; VK5WS, West suburban Radio Club, 44 King Street, Mile End, S.A., which operates on 250 m. (1200 k.c.), with a power of 20 watts;

and WLAC, Nashville, Tennessee. Commencing on the first of this month the following stations in Toronto, Canada, are changing their frequencies:—CKGW, from 690 to 840 k.c. (357 m.); CFCA, from 840 k.c. to 1120 k.c. (268 m.); CBRB, from 960 k.c. to 690 k.c. (434.5 m.); CKNC, from 580 k.c. to 960 k.c. (312 m.); CKOL, to 580 k.c. (517 m.). I see that DX38A (Auckland) has had a

Stations of the Far East.

THE following is a list of Chinese and other Eastern stations sent to DX24A (Taurunui), by Station XGAH, Shanghai. This station would appreciate reports on transmissions:—

China

Call.	Metres.	Watts.
XGAH	323	100
XGZ	280	500
XGZ (short-wave)	50	50
XGY	100	50
XGX	307	750
XGX	370	50
XGT	258	100
XGNE	330	100
COHB	445	1 k.w.
COMK	410	2 k.w.
COTN	480	500
ZBW	355	250
JQAK	395	5 k.w.

Formosa

JFAK	333	1 k.w.
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India

2GR	400	200
(Operated by the Madras Presidency Club, Madras.)		
7BY	357	5 k.w.
(Operated at Bombay by the Indian Broadcasting Coy.)		
7CA	370	5 k.w.
(Operated at Calcutta by the Indian Broadcasting Coy.)		

Siberia

RLQO	480	1.5 k.w.
(Operated by the Union of Soviet Workers' Radio Club, Vladivostok.)		

letter returned to him from the D.L.O. The following extract from a letter received from WJSV, Mt. Vernon Hills, will, I think, substantiate his statement that many reports are in the D.L.O.—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

"We are in receipt of your letter of August 26. We have made a thorough March 21, and although we have found several letters from New Zealand research through our files for your letter of questing verifications of test programmes during that month, we do not have one from you."

American Reception.

STATIONS are coming in down here with splendid volume this month. Latest loggings include KTAT, KGRV, WEBC (heard on test after KDYL closed down). KOH, KFWL, and KGNT. Recent verifications include KEW, WBOQ, WMAQ, KDB, KLBA, and KECA. After listening to a staticy winter, my motto is "By patience and perseverance we succeed."—DX10C (Timaru).

Some News from China.

EARLY on August 17 I logged a Chinese station on about 3YA's frequency, and held him at good speaker strength from 12.10 a.m. till 12.45 a.m. I could find no station in the "Guide" exactly on that frequency, so I sent a report of items heard to XGAH, Shanghai, and asked if they could give me any information. I recently received their reply, in which they remarked that I had undoubtedly logged XGY, Hangchao, on 307 m. (975 k.c.). They sent me a most cour-

teous letter, and said that they would like a report from New Zealand on XGAH, on 323 m. (930 k.c.). They also sent another letter all in Chinese (which I will get translated if possible), and copies of programmes, with a list of Chinese and other far-Eastern broadcasting stations. These I am sending down, as they may be of interest. I have written to XGY by this mail, but unfortunately will not receive their reply in time for the competition.—DX24A (Taurunui).

[The list of Chinese and other Eastern stations mentioned by the above correspondent is published in a panel on this page.—Ed.]

From the Director of JOLK.

THE following is a letter received from the director of station JOLK, Fukuoka, Japan:—"We are broadcasting on 441 m. (680 k.c.), with a 500 watts transmitter, which is the 'All-Japanese Products' since December last year. Japanese Central Standard Time is used at longitude 135 deg. E. It gains nine hours than Greenwich mean time, and loses 2 hours 27 minutes than your New Zealand standard time at longitude 172 deg. 50 min. East, viz. N.Z.S.T., 1 a.m., equivalent to our J.O.S.T. 10.33 p.m. We usually speak Japanese, but the call-sign JOLK in English, so you will not understand items on our programmes. I think it will be another station, because we close the broadcast at 10 p.m. every night, and call the sign JOLK only two times, at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.—12.27 a.m. N.Z.S.T.—for the beginning and closing of every session. The following Japanese station operate to 1.27 a.m. N.Z.S.T., using Japanese standard western time, longitude 120 deg. east:—Keijo, JODK, 455 m. (660 k.c.), 1 k.w.; Darien, JOAK, 395 m. (760 k.c.), 1 k.w.; Taihoku, JFAK, 448 m. (669 k.c.), 10 k.w. The good season for winter radio is coming in Japan of the northern hemisphere. We hoping your success in dx reception and thanking you for your earnest report.—Yours very truly, S. Loga (Director)."

The following is 2ZK, Wangannui's, new schedule:—Evening, 7-8 p.m.; Mon. to Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The station operates on 500 metres (600 k.c.).—DX64A (Mokau).

Pen-names Preferred.

"CURLY" (P.N.): I was keenly interested in your statement in the "Log" that you have recently logged 4GO—a small Australian station in Townsville. I wonder if you have confused the call with 4TO Townsville, power 200 watts? On about June 6, 1930, I logged a station who called "VK4GO, Newmarket, testing." He was working on about 1320 kc. (227 m.), and I sent him a detailed report. I received no reply. I have not logged him since, nor have I seen him reported in the "Record." I have also failed to find him listed. I would like to hear further particulars through the "Record" of your efforts in connection with this station. "Digger" (Hamilton): In addition to many others in this locality, I have received verification of 12M, Manurewa, on a GSI card. 2ZM has not replied to two letters of mine, so your statement throws some light on the matter.

It is apparent that many of the older correspondents have discarded the pen names which they originally used, in favour of their club numbers. This is to be regretted, as they lose their identity to a certain extent. "Digger," "Seven-kicker," "Ray Dio," and others well known would not be the same if they used their club numbers.—"Amazon" (Palm, North.).

3GK's Address.

VK3GK's address is given on his card as: 41 Pentall Road, Caulfield, Melbourne. He works on a power of 18 watts input.—DXS40C (Dunedin).

3GK'S Frequency Wanted.

DX40C: Thanks. I have just received a verification from KTBS, and find they had changed their address since I (Concluded on page 28.)

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