

News and Views of the D.X. Club

Answers to Correspondents

A. G. (Inglewood): The first installment of the "Cathode" Super will appear next week.

DX880C (Pt. Chalmers) and others: Your letters have been held for the "Radio Log."

"Shortwave" (Johnsonville): The approximate dial readings of stations you want identified are of no help unless those of nearby stations are given as a guide.

DX91W. (Rongotea): The nom-de-plume you suggest is rather too similar to our system of club numbers. Why not use your own official club number?

DX840C: Thanks for information re VK4GO.—"Amazon" (P.N.).

Identification Wanted

Station heard at noon on Dec. 27. A baritone solo, followed by a violin selection, and a soprano solo, were heard.

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Numbers of recordings were given. A xylophone solo, followed by a march, concluded the programme. Dial reading 18. Last letter of the call was "O."—"Short-wave" (Johnsonville).

Australian on 500 k.c. (600m.), heard on Dec. 28, relaying 3LO. Heard at various times between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.—DX52MC (Christchurch).

[Are you sure about that 500 k.c.?—Ed.]

Stations Identified

DX52MC (Chch.): You heard a new station, 2SM, Sydney, operating on 1270 kc. (236.2 m.), with a power of 3 kw. The station is operated by the Catholic Broadcasting Company, and the studio is situated in Australian House, Carrington Street, Sydney.

DX Topics

New Aussies.

STATION 2GN, Goulburn, was heard testing on approx. 1390 kc. (216 m.) at 12.30 a.m. on the 16th, while 2CO, Corawa, was heard at 12.30 a.m. on their opening night, Dec. 17, at R7, on 560 kc. (535 m.).—"New Chum" (Wellington).

Suspicious.

ALTHOUGH I sent in a long report of over 40 items taken over a period of ten days, WCFL did not verify, but wrote saying that if I was sure I had picked them up on long-wave and not as a relay on short-wave, they would be only too pleased to forward a verification. Fortunately I have again managed to obtain sufficient to prepare another report, and am hoping for better luck this time. What American stations are associated with the North-West Broadcasting System? I have heard a station on 300 m. (1000 kc.) mention this often when signing off at 8 p.m. Cannot get his call.—"Joey" (Hokianga).

XER Well Heard.

XER was heard from 11 to about 12.25 on the 25th at R6 on the speaker. Reports were asked for. KFOX has also been heard recently.—DX1220C (Timaru).

Publicity for the Club.

AT about 11.38 p.m. on December 27 I tuned in to XER, Del Rio, Texas, and heard them speaking about a letter from a Mr. T. H. Dren (?), a member of the New Zealand DX Club. I wrote to XER some time ago for verification, but have not received a reply, though I sent an international coupon.—"Three-Valve" (Kaikoura).

DX Jottings.

CONDITIONS recently have been very unfavourable for dxing. Static has had full control for the last three weeks. A few of the Americans are still to be

heard between 7 and 8 p.m., but at no appreciable strength. Latest verifications are from KOB, New Mexico, and Bucharest, Rumania. The latter sent a card with a photograph of the station, stating that the items mentioned were verified, and conveying greetings to all New Zealanders.—"Digger" (Hamilton).

Frequency of 3CB.

IN a recent issue of the "R.R." N. Jenkins (Masterton) gives the correct wavelength of VK3CB, East Richmond, as 206.8 m. (1450 k.c.). This station has been heard here recently at good volume on approx. 240m. (1245 k.c.). Dec. 25 and 26 were very good for reception, 2CO, 3CB, and KYW being among the stations logged.—DX12NW (Nelson).

KCRC Heard.

STATION KCRG, which is owned by the Champlin Refining Company, is located at Enid, Oklahoma, and transmits on 1370 k.c., with a power of 250 watts. I heard this station recently.—"Omsk" (Whakatane). On Nov. 1 I logged KFNF while carrying out its monthly test. The accompanying lists of Cuba stations may be of interest to readers.—DX170C. [The list mentioned appears in a panel on the opposite page.—Ed.]

Details of XEN.

I RECENTLY forwarded a report to XEN in mistake for XER, and it was forwarded to the correct destination by the former station. XER'S address is "Villa Acuna," Coahuila, Mexico. XEN, who recently changed their frequency to 710 k.c. (422m.), transmits during the following hours: 1-4 p.m., general information and music; 7-11 p.m., concerts; 11-12 p.m., local and foreign news and comments. All C.S.T. reports were asked for.—R.I.W. (Kapiti Island).

Particulars of 2KO.

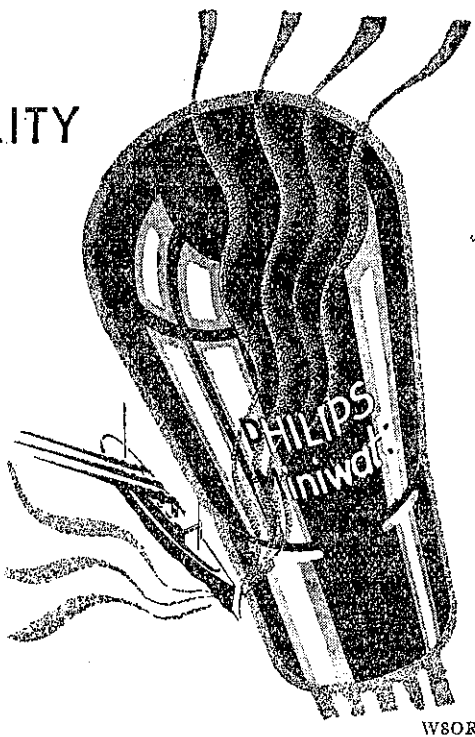
I HAVE been able to cross one station off my black list. This is station 2KO, Newcastle, from whom I have just received a confirmation of my report of July 24. They congratulate me on receiving their transmission of that date as the power used was only 12 watts. They also state that when I received them they had been on the air for only 20 minutes in their first test, and mine was the first DX report received. The transmitter is crystal controlled, on a frequency of 1415 k.c. (212 metres), and the address is: The Newcastle Broadcasting Co., Ltd., A.M.P. Chambers, 57 Hunter Street, Newcastle. I believe the power used now is 200 watts.—H.W. (Bluff).

Station PCJ

WE have received advice from Philips Lamps Ltd. that the short-wave station PCJ has discontinued transmission for a period of at least six months from the commencement of November.

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