

N.Z. Short-Wave Club Notes

THURSDAY, January 8, at 7.30 p.m. is the date of the next meeting of short-wavers, who will meet in Messrs. Nimmo's concert hall, entrance in Bond Street. This will be an open night to anyone interested in radio, owing to the fact that it will be a follow-up on Mr. McCarthy's lecture on tuning, and even a crystal set owner might find something to interest him.

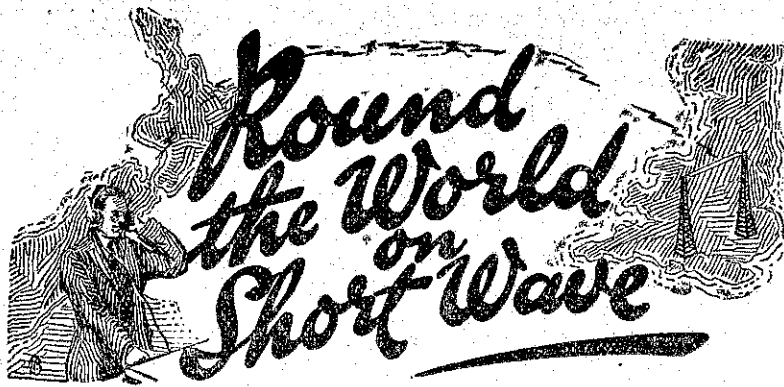
I am now commencing a little propaganda scheme with a view to increasing the membership. For a time I have not bothered much on account of the fact that the more members meant more work, but, by means of a system, the club should be able to cater for many more members than there are at present.

The club issues up-to-date lists of stations and monthly bulletins, and to each member and readers assistance in many ways. In some respects the club resembles a lodge. Each member is in direct communication with headquarters, and is invited to send in suggestions. The idea of organisation is to work for the benefit of the short-wave world, to attract and encourage programmes and to assist stations so that more aerials will be directed our way. As the club is representative of the Dominion in our own sphere it behaves all short-wavers, or those intending to take it up, to join. For the remainder of the year the subscription has been reduced to 3/- for all outside Wellington city. One aspect of our work is to encourage the experiments, for there are many things yet to be discovered.

There are still some firms who maintain that short-wave is a failure, possibly the good excuse is that many people buy a set or parts, and then complain they cannot get anything. In view of this fact, also to help those who would like to take up the hobby, I hope to find time to prepare instructions, so that anyone will be able to tune a set and get the results we are getting.

In conjunction with the club's efforts to double our numbers, we would like to see everyone who has an interest in radio to help to "boom radio" during 1932. Anyone who hears anything of interest or obtains any information, by passing it on through the radio columns, is benefiting us all.

When sending postal notes, please fill them in payable to the club; it is far safer for us both. Listeners in New Zealand and overseas address me: A. B. McDonagh, Secretary N.Z. Short-wave Club, 274 Cuba St., Wellington. Yours fraternally,—MAC.



THIS page is conducted in the interests of shortwave enthusiasts. A weekly log comprising notes of reception and interesting topical events is contributed by Mr. F. W. Sellens, Northland, Wellington, but all listeners are invited to send in paragraphs of general interest.

Short-Wave Club Organisation to Help Amateurs

THIS club was formed less than a year ago for the benefit of those who are becoming interested in these short waves. That the club is serving a useful purpose is proved by the fact that the membership is now 200, and still increasing. Although intended as a local (New Zealand) club, we have a member in the United States who wanted to join us after reading about our activities in the "Radio Record."

Then we have Mr. Edward Startz, the world-known announcer of PCJ, Holland, who says he is proud to belong to this organisation.

The club's sole object is for the benefit of short-wave listeners and experimenters.

Members are advised on all subjects relating to short-wave radio, how and what to build, how to tune, what to listen for (an up-to-date list of stations with their wave-lengths and schedules is posted to members from time to time).

For Wellington members, there are monthly lectures, and for all members a monthly circular is compiled by the secretary, who is anxious to supply any inquirer with full particulars of the New Zealand Short-wave Club.

Wireless in Malaya Scope for Dxers

(By Cuthbert Warren.)

AFTER many efforts to establish radio in Malaya, the Colonial Government station in Singapore (VPW) commenced a series of shortwave experiments and devoted a few hours a week to gramophone records and readings. But as on the upper bands, even down here—80 metres or so—atmospherics were a nuisance. These transmissions are now carried out on 42 metres, under the call sign VSIAB.

Recently several amateur transmitting societies have sprung into being, notably in Kuala Lumpur and Malacca.

A shortwave station is also in operation on Petaling Hill, near the Federal capital.

These transmitters work on low power and here is a splendid chance for the DX bounds to show their mettle. Five thousand miles is nothing to a full-blooded shortwave fan, and the writer is certain reports would be appreciated.

The following timetable will be of assistance to aspirants to Malayan honours. Times have been converted to New Zealand Summer Time, there is a difference of five hours, and the schedule is accurate as at November 1 last.

Kuala Lumpur Radio Society (65 metres).

Sunday—2.15 p.m.: Music relayed from the Selangor Club. This is the famous Spotted Dog, mentioned by Gilbert Frankau.

Tuesday—1.30 p.m.: Native music. 2.00 p.m.: European music and market reports. 2.30 p.m.: Records. 3.30 p.m.: Close down.

Friday—1.30 p.m.: Chinese music. British official news. 3.00 p.m.: Close down.

VSIAB, Singapore (42 metres).

Sunday and Wednesday—4.30 p.m.: Records.

Tanjong Priok, Singapore (31.16 metres).

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday—1.45-2.15 a.m., 5.00-6.00 a.m., 7.30-8.30 a.m., 1.45-2.45 p.m., 3.15-4.15 p.m.: Records.

Petaling Hill, Kuala Lumpur (75 metres).

Thursday—2.00-4.00 p.m.: English music.

Malacca Radio Society (wavelength not known). Irregular transmissions.

Inventor of Electric Lamp

Claim for Swan

APROPOS our article by "Observer" in a recent issue, in which it was stated that Edison had invented the electric lamp, a correspondent draws our attention to a Press clipping attributing the discovery to Swan, an Englishman.

The clipping reads:

That an Englishman, Sir Joseph Swan, invented the incandescent electric lamp and not Thomas Edison is the claim advanced by Mr. Kenneth Swan on behalf of his late father.

He declares that Sir Joseph Swan's lamp was produced ten months before Edison's, and that the British Institution of Electrical Engineers declined to share in the jubilee celebrations now taking place in the United States because they celebrated the jubilee of Sir Joseph's invention last year.

"I am not moved so much by a sense of filial duty as by a desire to see an Englishman acknowledged by his own people," says Kenneth Swan. His father's successful incandescent carbon filament lamp was exhibited in Newcastle, December 18, 1878, while the date claimed for Edison's invention is October 21, 1879.

A company was formed to acquire his father's process, says Mr. Swan, and when there were threats of litigation between that company and Edison's, instead of fighting they amalgamated, Swan's process being adopted and Edison's dropped.

He also claims that Sir Joseph Swan invented what was called the "squirreled filament," which superseded the former type, though this invention also has been credited to Edison.

The DX Competition

A RECORD number of logs has been received for the DX Competition, and among them are some excellent ones. We are now waiting for the return of verifications from several members who sent in logs that possibly will be placed, and, until these are to hand, judging will be held up. We hope, however, to have the results within a week or so.

Choosing an Eliminator

AN eliminator should be chosen to conform with the required current output, and it should be borne in mind that those having a rated output of 20 milliamps or under are suitable only for supplying up to a three-valve set, if one of these valves is of the power type.

WHERE resistance-coupled audio follows a detector valve the value of the anode resistance should be checked up if the set will not oscillate satisfactorily. (Too high a value will decrease or stop reaction.)

RADIO GOODS What to Buy and Where

BURGESS RADIO BATTERIES, All Radio Dealers.

LOFTIN-WHITE AMPLIFIERS Stewart Hardware Ltd., Courtenay Place, Wellington.

MULLARD VALVES All Radio Dealers.

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