

# News and Views of the D.X. Club

## Answers to Correspondents

**A.G.H. (Timaru):** The details you give of many of the stations you want identified are too sparse. 3SH, Swan Hill, 1080 k.c. (279m.); 3WR, Wangaratta, 1260 k.c. (238m.); XER, Mexico, 735 k.c. (408m.); KZRM, Manila, 625 k.c. (481m.).

**"Marama" (Colac Bay)** and others: Your letters have been held for the next "Radio Log."

**DX56MC (Christchurch):** Your log is fair. However, you will find that with the approach of winter the Americans will come in more strongly and in greater numbers.

**DX21MC (Blenheim):** Sorry, but we can find no trace of the questions to which you repeated. If you would repeat them they will be answered in the next "Radio Log."

**A.G.H. (Timaru):** Your results are quite good, but would be greatly improved if you increased the length of your aerial to at least 100 feet.

**DX5T (Taranaki):** Regret error re 3AC on phones. It is only CW as yet.

**DX28MC (Christchurch):** would like to know how many Christchurch dxers are willing to inaugurate a regularly monthly meeting there. Any letters addressed to him at this office will be forwarded on.

**DX28MC (Christchurch):** Your station is identified in this week's notes.

## Addresses and Addresses Wanted

**A.G.H. (Timaru):** XER, Villa Acuna Broadcasting Co., Del Rio, Texas.

## Identification Wanted

American station heard on February 2, 1 degree above 3YA, playing "Song of the Islands" at 8 p.m. After this item he signed off.—DX28OC.

Short-wave Station on about 31m. picked up on the evening of January 29. Practically no static, but a little surging. The recordings heard were very clear, but no announcements whatever were made "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," sung in a foreign language, was heard.—S.W.S. (Northland).

American heard at 9 p.m. on January 30 on approx. 940 k.c. (319m.), heterodyning 2GB, strength R3, QSA2. Only number recognised was "When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver." New Orleans was mentioned several times. It was not KGU.—"Amuri" (Invercargill).

## Stations Identified

"Meteor" (Morrinsville): OFCN, Calgary. "The Voice of the Prairie," on 304 m. (987 kc.)—P.K.B. (Oamaru).

## Next Month's "Radio Log"

### Special Call Sign Issue

THE next issue of the "Radio Log," which will be available from the 23rd of this month, will be a special call-sign number. It will contain a very large list of all the stations that can be heard in New Zealand, together with their location, wavelength, frequency, power and operating times. This list is intended to substitute the "Radio Record" Timetable, which is now out of date. The "Log" will contain all the New Zealand and Australian stations, a complete list of Japanese and Chinese, and a comprehensive list of Americans, together with a number of the higher powered European stations.

Another outstanding feature of the next "Radio Log" will be the announcement of the DX competition.

We wish to take this opportunity to make the announcement that this will be the last issue of the "Radio Log" in its present form. The little magazine has been accorded such an encouraging reception that we have decided to convert it to a magazine of larger proportions. In order also to cater for diversified tastes, the scope of the magazine is being enlarged to take in construction and general radio news. It will be necessary to alter the title to "N.Z. Radio Times," but in no way will any of the features of the "Radio Log" be dropped. There will be no increase in price, and the first issue will appear in about a month's time.

**"Notnats" (Dunedin)** and **"Sparks" (Waverley):** The station you heard on 800 k.c. (374.8m.) was WFAA, Dallas, Texas, on a test programme, which was received here at R9.—DX3A (Frankton Junction).

**A.G.H. (Timaru):** Jap. on 790 k.c. (530m.) is JOGK, Kumamoto.—"Omsk" (Whakatane).

## DX Topics

### Latest Loggings.

STATIC and morse have been most troublesome the last week down here, with the result that dxing has been poor. However, the midnight Americans have been heard between R4-6, XER Del Rio being sometimes very loud. Latest loggings include 4BH, Bald Hill, WLS, Chicago, 2GN, Goulburn, and 3RI, Melbourne. Black-listed stations are 3HA, Hamilton, KTM, Los Angeles, WBOQ, New York, 3BA, Ballarat, and JOHK, Sendai. Latest from KMOX, St. Louis, states that they would like to hear from

dxers. Congratulations to DX49W—P.K.B. (Oamaru).

### WGN Coming in Well.

CONDITIONS have been fair for dxing here lately. WGN, Chicago, was coming in very strongly on the 24th, while 2YA was relaying a church service. I think this is the station whose transmissions are often taken by listeners for music in one of 2YA's studios during the news session from that station. Latest verifications include: KGU, Hawaii. KFEL, Denver, and KFWI, San Francisco. On Jan. 29, WGR, Buffalo, was heard at R3 until after 9 p.m. XER, Del Rio, Texas, has also been heard recently, at about R5, until 8.30 p.m. I have sent two reports each to KZRM, KMOX, and KHQ, and have not had a reply. A report sent to Leipzig, Germany, was returned through the D.L.O. from that country.—"Digger" (Hamilton).

### Particulars of 3UG Wanted.

IN a recent issue a dxer reports hearing 3UG, Melbourne. I heard this station early in 1928, but could not find any details, so was almost convinced that it was a "pirate." Has anyone any particulars of this station—P.O. (Hastings).

## Radio Society and DX Club

### Christchurch Meeting

THE first meeting of the Christchurch members of the DX Club was appropriately held during vivid flashes of lightning. The chairman, Mr. P. O. Smith, presided over a packed room; also present were Mr. R. Stanton (treasurer), Mr. H. P. Brown (secretary), Mr. P. L. Gerity; many hams and dx members, including DX28MC, Mr. Eric W. Watson, Shirley (local secretary), DX32MC, DX49MC, DX6MC, DX35MC, DX53MC, DX11MC, DX3MC, DX2MC, DX47MC, DX52MC, and DX45MC.

Mr. Smith extended a hearty welcome to the guests, and touched on several club matters. He remarked: "We must bear in mind that, though two separate bodies, we are still 'amateurs' together, and it would be to our mutual benefit to amalgamate in some way." Mr. Smith said that it was the first time, to his knowledge, that members of the Rad. Soc. and the DX Club had met, and he hoped that it would not be the last. He suggested that a delegation wait on members of the Radio Soc. and arrange to hire the rooms as a meeting place, as is done with the N.Z.A.R.T.

Mr. H. P. Brown, secretary, read a letter from Mr. E. W. Watson, thanking the society for the opportunity of a "get together" for dxers, and, on behalf of the club, outlining several achievements and aims of the club.

Mr. R. A. McLennan lectured on "How to obtain an efficient receiver for DX work." Before commencing, Mr. Brown remarked that they could always call on Mr. McLennan for an impromptu talk, and he complimented Mr. McLennan on his wide and comprehensive knowledge of radio. He also drew attention to the "Radio Log," advising members of the Radio Society to get a copy, as the copies that Mr. Watson had kindly posted him were of great value.

The text of Mr. McLennan's talk will appear in the February "Log."

After the business for the evening was concluded, the guests were invited to see the society's transmitter, 3AC, working on code, in conjunction with Mr. P. L. Gerity's short-wave receiver. Arrangements are in hand for an article on the technical features of the transmitter, which will later commence on phone work.

Supper was then served, and the noise of enthusiastic conversation filled the air as members of the DX Club intermingled with members of the Radio Soc.

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