

Answers to Correspondents

Broadcast: Full particulars of 2CO appear in the current issue of the "Radio Log." Details of 2SM will appear in the first issue of the "Radio Times." The frequency schedules, etc., appear in the "Log." If your set appears to be built for 551's the power pack will not overheat as there is little difference in the current consumption of the two valves.

Gipsy Moth: To log 103 stations on the broadcast band with a three-valve set is a remarkable achievement. We have not heard of anyone logging the fifteen Japanese stations. Your technical queries will be dealt with in "Questions and Answers."

1270C: There are several members of the club about your age (15) and we believe one or two younger. You are doing well; keep going.

840C: Thanks for the list of English stations, but the most powerful are incorporated in the last issue of the "Log."

3NW: Although interesting, your log was too "stale" for the "Log." Endeavour to report for the first fortnight of the month and forward your observations to reach us on the Thursday preceding publication (Tuesday nearest 20th of each month).

62HB: An international reply coupon (5d) and Australian stamps can be purchased at the P.O.

6MC: Mr. J. P. Cowlshaw, of Palmerston North, was the winner of the "Cities" certificate. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list.

B.M. (Te Aroha): The short wave station of WLW is WSKAL, the latter acting as a relay station to the former. It is one of the best stations received here.

105A: You heard 2CH, Council of Churches, York Street, Sydney, broadcasting on 1300 k.c., 1 k.w. (see "Radio Log").

News and Views

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DX CLUB

760C: I'll be at the meeting.—910C. **PKB:** I have cards from all except 3HA. The Americans have been coming through well lately. I recently logged a 50 watter, KGFK, Moorhead, Minnesota.—840C.

Addresses

THE following would like to correspond with N.Z. dxers:—Mr. Fred H. Bisset, P.O. Box 339, Goderich, Ontario, Canada, and Mr. R. E. Moran, 540 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.—S. Ellis.

Identification Wanted

STATION heard from 1.35 a.m., New Zealand summer time, on February 26, about 1200 k.c., programme of a religious nature, as follows:—

(1) Imitation of birds chirping in the woods; orchestra with a special effect for the chirping.

(2) A long announcement. This was started with a whole series of questions, as follows: "Who taught us how to—?" "Who—?" There were five or six of these, and the answer was "The Lord." Then a reference to charity and to the

fact that February 25 was a day of remembrance. The station faded here, but a few minutes later I heard an orchestral item.—1230C.

Station on 306 m. (980 kc.) comes in every morning between 3 and 4 a.m. Oriental music generally played, but the speech is much slower than Japanese. Also station on 248 m., 1210 k.c. (12M 1210 k.c.), comes in at between 3 and 4 a.m.; always giving request numbers (records). One item on morning of 20th was "The Toymaker's Dream."—Digger. 620 k.c., at 3.15 a.m. on February 21, broadcasting a description of a fight; also another station heard about the same time on 1200 k.c. broadcasting "Hello, Beautiful," and "You Will Remember Vienna."—57MC.

50 m. (?), February 10, an Australian, at R7, giving call as 3AR, Melbourne. Time was 9.50 p.m., N.Z.O.S.T. What American operates on 910 k.c.? He has been heard lately with organ music about 8 p.m.—910C.

[A call book would give you some idea of the stations on 910 k.c.—Ed.]

American, 8.10 p.m., Monday, 1320 k.c., coming in well, but 2YB interfered so badly that it was impossible to hear any call. I heard part of a concert programme, and the announcer said about 8.10 p.m., "Come forward, Doreen, and take your bow." Following this he said, "I suppose you will wonder who the little Spanish lady is who has been here this evening. Come forward, Dolores."—Warner Morven.

American, 550 k.c. (545 m.), at approx. 7.50 p.m., February 21; piano solos were being broadcast, among them being "Charmaine" and "Sleepy Valley." About R4 with severe long fades to R1-2. Static and Morse very bad. Station still on the air at 8.30 p.m. Would it be WGR, Buffalo?—16W (Palmerston North).

DX Topics

An Unknown Melbourne Station.

FOR the last fortnight Americans have been coming in well. WENR, Chicago, has been spoiling 1YA's transmission lately. Included in latest verifications are: KGU, KFRG, and KGFJ, a 100-watter. 2CO and 2SM both replied by return mail. There is a station on 545 m. (550 kc.) Melbourne is all I can get of his call. Japanese are poor just now, but there are a number of stations on the air between 3 and 4.30 a.m.—Digger (Hamilton).

DX Test Programmes.

STATION WTAG, Worcester, operating on 580 kc. (517 m.), with a power of 250 watts, will be broadcasting a special dx programme for New Zealand listeners every Sunday morning between 5.30 and 6 p.m. N.Z.S.T. This station will welcome reports on their transmissions.—40W.

Interfering Australians.

CONDITIONS are improving, but both QRM and QRN are troublesome at times. Americans were R6-7 this week. XBR was heard on Friday, 19th, on a special dx programme. He asked for reports. Recent verifications are: KOA, Denver, 830 kc.; KDYL, Salt Lake City, 1290 kc.; KMOX, St. Louis, 1090 kc.; KHJ, Los Angeles, 900 kc.; KMTR, Los

Angeles, 570 kc.; 4BH, Brisbane, 1380 kc., 217 m.; JOGK, 790 kc.; and 3WIL, Wanganatta, 1260 kc., 238 m. The latter verification was received seven months after logging. Cannot something be done to stop so many Australian B stations operating between 1500 kc. and 1000 kc. I see by the last "Radio Record" that two more are starting. These two will interfere with 3BA and 2WL—80W.

Recent Verifications.

WWVA, 1160 kc., in Wheeling, West Virginia, was heard recently, testing, at excellent strength, till after 7.50 p.m., N.Z.S.T. Also heard a Mexican station (good volume), slightly heterodyning KMPC. All announcements were in Spanish. Recent verifications include: KO RC, 1870 kc., 100 watts power night power, and 250 watts in the day-time. They were delighted with my report, and published it in full in their local newspaper, "The Enid Daily Eagle," WNAD, 500 watts, in Norman, Oklahoma, in the "remarks" space on their verification form, state: "Best report and most complete we've ever received, also furthest distance. Such reports as yours sent are encouraging. Thanks a lot.—Jim Robinson, announcer, T. M. Beard, programme director." CJOR, 1210 kc., thanks their "old original dxer" for my report on their 1155 kc. transmissions, which were only experimental. By reporting to "Radio Katowiel," Poland, I have evidently created quite a stir, as I have received quite a number of picture postcards from France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, and Poland, also included are a couple of long letters. They appear to belong to an international association linked with Radio Katowiel.—27A.

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