

Short-wave News

Shortwave Stations in Java.

A CORRESPONDENT recently received the following from Java.—We wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your report concerning our broadcasting. We transmit every Tuesday with the transmitter PLE, 15.93 metres, and if possible with PLV, 31.85 metres, and PMY, 58.3 metres, between 13.40 and 15.40 G.M.T. (Wednesday, 1.10 a.m. to 3.10 a.m. N.Z. standard time).

Some of our important crystal controlled telephony transmitters are as follows:—

PMB, 14.60 metres, 20530 kc., power 60 kw.

PLE, 15.93 metres, 18821 kc., power 60 kw.

PMC, 16.56 metres, 18115 kc., power 60 kw.

PLV, 31.86 metres, 9415 kc., power 60 kw.

PMY, 58.3 metres, 5145 kc., power 2kw.

RV15, Siberia.

RV15 has been heard during the morning from 7.30 a.m. to 8 a.m., broadcasting physical exercises and orchestral music.

Community Singing From the Bowery.

W2XAF, Schenectady, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday last, announced that they were "going over to the old Bowery Den, under the sidewalks of east New York." Readability was poor on account of gushiness, but it appears that there was a gathering of "down and outs" in this den, where visitors talked to them and led them in community singing.

Phat Lap's Race.

UNTIL noon on Monday, the short-wave station broadcasting a description of the race was not known. The time of the race also was in doubt. About midday I was advised that KEL, Bolinas, California, on 21.8 metres, was describing the race, so no time was lost in tuning to this station, but, except for odd words, very little was heard. Talk for Australia, with Phar Lap's name mentioned quite a lot, and something about the course, was about all that was heard.

Log for Week Ending March 26

RECEPTION is very patchy, no two days the same. Some stations have come in at good strength one day, and the next very poor.

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 m.—Nearly always

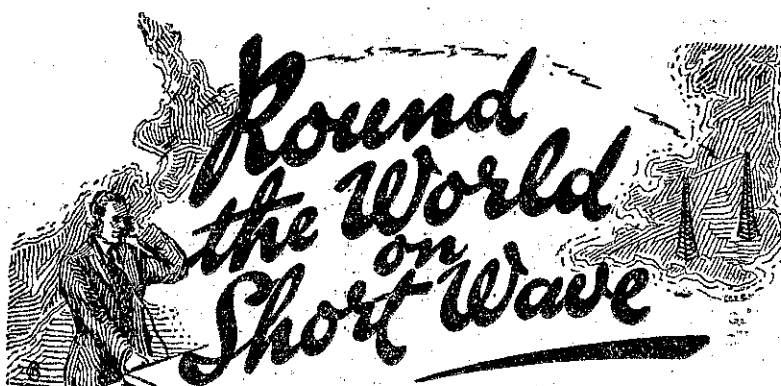
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there with a strong signal after about 8 p.m.

PMY, Java, 58.3 m.—Wednesday, 11.45 p.m., singing at R5, with medium static. Saturday, a little later in the evening, R4, severe fading.

VK3LR, Melbourne, 51.72 m.—Wednesday, relaying the news session from 3AR at 11.50 p.m. 8LR closed at 11.55 p.m., giving his frequency as 5800 kilocycles (51.72 m.). Volume was R8-9; the news was 100 per cent. readable, but talk from 3LR direct was not quite as clear.

RV59, Moscow, 50 m.—Each morning about R5 at 7 a.m., dying out about 8 a.m. Saturday midnight, R6 with talk.

W9XE, Chicago, 49.83 m.—Tuesday, R9 at 5.30 p.m. R8 at the same time on Saturday.

ZL2ZX, Wellington, 49.5 m.—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7 p.m.

W8XAL, Cincinnati, 49.5 m.—Only heard on Monday. R8 at 5.30 p.m. with a very noisy background.

VOR2, Vienna, 49.4 m.—Just audible on Tuesday morning at 7 a.m.

W8XAL, Boundbrook, 49.13 m.—Usually good volume till 5.30 p.m., but on Tuesday they were better than ever at 5 p.m., being full speaker strength, with one stage of audio. They went off a little by 5.30 p.m., when they closed.

W2XE, New York, 49.02 m.—Tuesday, 5.30 at 5 p.m., increasing to R7 by 5.30 p.m., but the noise level became very bad. Saturday, about the same.

F31CD, Saigon, 49 m.—Still comes in good from 11 p.m.

Moscow, 46.6 m.—Heard for the first time for several weeks on Thursday, at 7 a.m., when talk was R4, quality being poor.

Radio Maroc, Rabat, 32.26 metres.—Monday, 9 a.m., very gushy at R5.

W2XAD, Schenectady, 32 metres (about).—Saturday, at 11.30 p.m., records at R9, noisy and distorted at times. Later, they called, "This is 2XAD, calling PCD, Holland." They continued with records and calling Holland till midnight, without any success. They closed down about this time.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 metres.—Saturday, R9 at 10 p.m., with very severe fading.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres.—Monday morning at 9.15 a.m., R5, fading out soon after. Audible again in the afternoon, reaching R8-9 by 3.45 p.m., when they signed off. Other afternoons they sign off about 3.30 p.m.

Zeesen, Germany, 31.38 metres.—Wednesday was the only morning they were good. R8 at 7 a.m., with orchestral music. Weaker and gushy one hour later. Wednesday and Thursday nights, after midnight, R6-7; very gushy.

W1XAZ, Springfield, 31.35 metres.—Monday morning 9.15 a.m., R3; soon fades out. Back again about 3 p.m., reaching R8-9 by 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, messages for the Far North from 3.45 p.m., R8. Tuesday and Saturday from 11.30 p.m., their early morning session, R8.

VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 metres.—Sunday evening, maximum volume with one stage of audio. Signs off at 7.30 p.m.

EAQ, Madrid, 30.4 metres.—R8-9 at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, with selections from Spanish opera (this was announced in English). At 10 a.m. signals were a little weaker, but too noisy for further listening.

FYA, Paris, 25.63 metres.—"Radio Colonial" is improving on this wavelength. On Monday I held them nearly all through their programme. Commenced at 8.30 a.m., R5. At 9.10 a.m. news in English was heard, still R5. They reached R7 by 10.30 a.m. and continued at that till closing at 11.27 a.m. Just prior to closing, after some French talk in English they asked for reports on the transmission to be addressed to 103 Rue de Grenelle, Paris.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres.—Poor each morning. Thursday was better, R9 by 8.30 a.m., but spoilt by rapid fade. The time signal was heard at 8.30 a.m. Volume went off again after 9 a.m. Wednesday was the best

for night reception. Opened at 12 p.m. (midnight), readability about 20 per cent., but increased to 90 per cent. in a few minutes. Most of the items of news were clearly readable. An orchestra was broadcast from 12.12 a.m.

12RO, Rome, 25.4 metres.—Reception has varied from bad to excellent during the week. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 6.45 a.m., Rome was excellent for a time, going off later.

WSXK, Pittsburgh, 25.25 metres.—Friday only, and then very weak at 8.45 a.m.

FYA, Paris, 25.2 metres.—Tuesday, 6.45 a.m., R8, spoilt by Morse QRM. Thursday, only R4 at the same time and about the same on Saturday.

KEL, Bolinas, 21.8 metres.—Monday midday, R3 with a description of the race in which Phar Lap ran.

FYA, Paris, 19.68 metres.—This station is going off again now. Wednesday night, 12.30 a.m., only R2-3. The same time Saturday night they were not audible.

Short-Wave Club Notes

From the Secretary's Pen

THE next meeting of the Wellington branch will be held in Nimmo's Concert Hall on Thursday, March 31. All interested in radio are invited to attend.

It is probable that experiments will shortly be undertaken between the amateur and short-wave listeners with ultra-short waves.

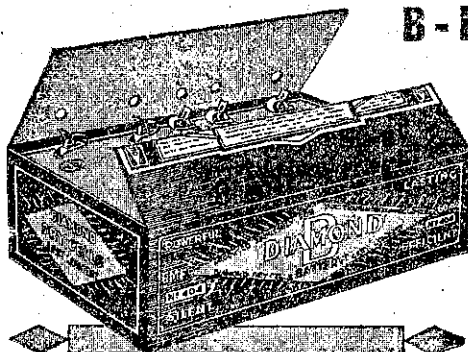
Mr. A. F. Glendhill, NZ14C—ZL3FZ, has volunteered to read out slow Morse in Christchurch for the benefit of learners. The schedule is between 1 and 2 p.m. on Sundays, and the station will operate at the top of the 80 metre band.

A number of useful suggestions are to hand from members. One is that of a "Heard all Continents Club" with appropriate certificate. Another is a "Black List." The latter, I think, would be a welcome idea to many as it would show just who collects unused postage stamps for a hobby.

There is still room for the experimenter, not in designing freak circuits, because we already have all kinds of circuits designed by men who know their business, but in designing slow moving dials, etc. There is an industry, also, which might be developed, and that is in batteries. At present, wet batteries are not too plentiful, but, speaking to a dealer recently, I was informed that, if there was a demand, his firm would cable for supplies.

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