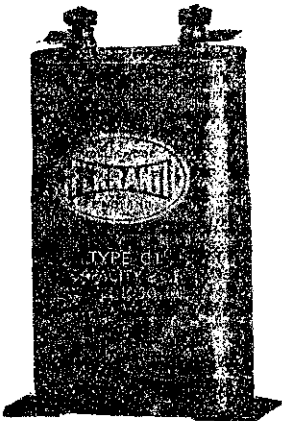


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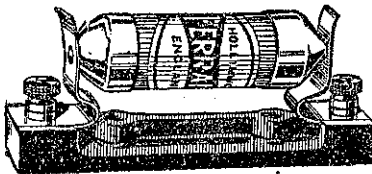


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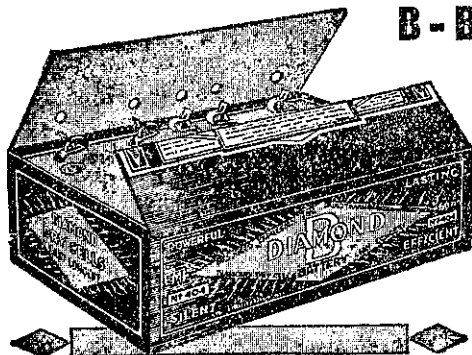


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Morse On 2YA.

IN your issue of 22nd instant a correspondent, "Disgusted 2YA Listener," complains bitterly of alleged amateur Morse interference on the broadcast band.

In order to clear up any misapprehensions he or other listeners may have, I would like to make known the following facts:—

1. Amateurs in New Zealand do not transmit in the broadcast band at any time whatsoever. We have definite wavelengths allotted us, and the highest available is 175 metres. Even then this band is seldom used in this country, due to the remarkable suitability of our 80-metre band for local work. City amateurs, especially, very rarely use it.

2. Amateur transmitters pay exactly the same fee (30/- per year) for their licenses and are entitled to the use of the air just as much as any listener. Many, however, remain silent during broadcast hours for the benefit of their neighbours.

3. Amateur transmissions on 80 metres are heard in the broadcast band only by inefficient receivers. A modern set will experience no trouble whatsoever as numerous tests have proved.

4. On 2YA's wavelength interference from ZLW is more probable than from amateurs owing to his higher power and his proximity to the broadcast band.

Also, when ZLW changes his wave to the 800-metre band, his second harmonic comes uncomfortably close to 2YA. This may account for some interference.

If your correspondent is really certain that his trouble comes from an amateur transmitter, I would appreciate it if he would get in touch with me (phone 27-626) as our association is anxious to clear up any such problems. If he is using a crystal set, as I suspect, there is undoubtedly room for improvement in his receiver.—F. A. McNeill, Secretary, Wellington Branch, N.Z.A.R.T.

HAS "Disgusted 2YA Listener" attempted to find out what station the QRM comes from? If the interference is really loud enough to be objectionable anyone who can read Morse will soon tell him the station's call. Let him then complain to the operator of the station responsible. He will find that man only too willing to co-operate with him in eliminating the clicks or other Morse QRM. Also, has it occurred to your correspondent that it may be his receiver which is at fault? If it is unselective it will bring in any QRM going for miles round. In this case it's up to him to get it fixed.

I must take exception to a rather sweet expression, too. He says, "For a small fee these pests are allowed to pollute the atmosphere." He would worry if his receiver—ah—polluted the atmosphere. The Ham has to pass a fairly stiff exam. before he can pay his "small fee" for transmitting, and he has to know how to eliminate QRM from BC sets. I suggest that your correspondent should be reasonable and go to the "pest" concerned. I can testify to the trouble taken by one Ham I know to eliminate QRM. He is in the middle of a large number of BCL's. The interference has been cut out from all but one, and the operator of the transmitter is still working most evenings to clear up the last one. He has spent most evenings for the last week or two (and a good deal of hard-earned cash) doing his best for the BCL's. Let the BCL's give the Hams a fair deal.—"Not a Ham—Yet."

KFI and 4YA.

I HAVE read with interest the opinions of "Red Bird" and "Economic"

about the closeness of KFI, Los Angeles, to 4YA, Dunedin. I quite agree with "Economic's" views that it is impossible to get clear reception from KFI with Dunedin butting in, as it does at present. I certainly know several here who would like something to be done about this problem also. "Economic" will have the satisfaction of knowing that someone else is leaning on his side of the fence.—"Justice" (Wanganui).

THE question of heterodyning of 4YA and KFI was discussed at the Christchurch meeting of the New Zealand DX Club. We were unanimous that it was possible to tune in 4YA without KFI but not KFI without 4YA. From reports it appears that 4YA "shifts" in frequency. This corroborates the letter of 1420C in "R.R."—DX-28MC.

Saturday Night Sports Summary

From All YA Stations at
10 p.m.

AN innovation which should meet with the approval of all listeners, and especially of those keenly interested in sporting, will be introduced at all the YA stations on Saturday, April 30, when a summary of the day's sporting will be broadcast at 10 p.m. The 11 p.m. Saturday resume of sporting events, introduced by 2YA, has always been very popular, and the earlier time which has now been arranged for should prove still more acceptable. Henceforth, therefore, the Saturday evening sports summary will be broadcast at 10 p.m. instead of at 11.

Soccer Broadcasts.

WHY not give Soccer enthusiasts some consideration? I have had my radio for seventeen months and have never had the privilege of listening to a Soccer broadcast. I wonder if any other old Soccer player feels as I do about it?—T. Cristle (Whangarei).

2YAleans Appreciated.

WE have never enjoyed a broadcast better than the one recently put over by the 2YAleans; they surpassed all expectations, to say nothing of the play, "The Black Spot." Indeed, the company deserves everyone's thanks for endeavouring to put over such a good programme.—G5 (Nelson).

Better Recordings Wanted.

I AM unfortunately a listener who can appreciate good music. I have a very happy recollection of the first recorded Wednesday night programme from 2YA. It was beautiful, and we had hopes that during one evening of the week, those who love the higher class music were to be catered for, but alas, were it not for Dr. Scholefield and his always interesting lecture, and just an occasional good record, the evening is as so many others, so very ordinary.—"Perfectone" (Levin).

News Service.

AT present country people find it difficult to make ends meet and most of us, after working hours, want principally the weather report and news. To get "news" from 2YA one has to listen to racing results and names of scratched horses, cricket scores from all over the Dominion, golf, yachting,