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Short-wave News

The following notes have been supplied by Mr. J. V. McMinn, Wellington East representative, New Zealand Short-Wave Club:—Report on reception from April 4, to April 30 (Note.—U.S.A. now observing daylight-saving time, clocks are advanced one hour):—

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 m.: Heard most nights at 10 p.m., at R7; weaker than usual.

VK3LR, Melbourne, 51.72 m.: R8 at 11.43 p.m., Wednesday, when signed off, after relay of 3AR, Melbourne; quality and clarity quite good, but QRM from Morse earlier.

RV59, Moscow, 50 m.: This station was heard on Thursday morning at 7.30 a.m., strength being R8, very steady, when several Russian folk songs were announced in English. The call "Hullo, here is Moscow!" was given, also frequency of long-wave station (280 kc.), and short-wave (6000 kc.). He gave a news session at 8 a.m., which was about 75 per cent. readable through QRM at this time. They urged listeners to study foreign languages.

W3XAL, Boundbrook, 49.18 m.: This station has improved now between 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., and is now R9. Heard on Saturday with dance programme from Chicago.

W8XK, Pittsburgh, 48.86 m.: Reception splendid at 4 p.m. on Saturday, at R8, on description of boxing contest between Walker and Levinsky, held in the Chicago Stadium. The result of this was put over the air by 2YA at 7.15 p.m.

F31OD, Saigon, 41 m.: This station has plenty of carrier strength, but speech and music weaker than usual at 11 p.m.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 m.: Wednesday at 9.50 p.m., was R8, with occasional surges, quality very good.

VK2ME, Sydney, 31.28 m.: On Sunday at various times, when they were R8, toward 10 p.m. on records.

FYA, Paris, 25.63 m.: Heard most mornings from 7.30 a.m. at R7, weaker than usual, but always there.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.83 m.: During mornings only; heard him on Saturday with talk, R7, at 8 a.m.; not heard him at nights, but have picked up a carrier on his frequency at midnight, which, strange to say, disappears shortly afterwards.

Radio Colonial, 19.68 m.: Heard a very interesting news session from this station on Sunday, April 24, at midnight to 12.15 a.m., at R9. Excellent quality and readability right through on items from Continental "Daily Mail" in English.

ON Sunday, May 1, VE9DR, Montreal, Canada, 49.95 m. (6005 kc.), was logged for first time at R7, just above W9XF. At 5 p.m. an N.B.C. programme was heard which concluded at this time, when VE9DR signed off. VE9DR is owned by the Marconi Co. of Montreal, Canada.

N.Z. Shortwave Club

A REMARKABLE increase of interest is now being taken in short-wave, and I am kept exceedingly busy. Representatives are offering their services in various parts, and it has been found necessary to appoint four in Wellington, and several more will be required.

It may be of interest to readers to know that I am using a power-pack for B supply on a two-valve set, and get speaker results. The voltage is adjusted by means of variable resistances, and there is no trace of hum.

Another transmitting member has generously offered to give slow Morse to assist beginners—Mr. C. S. Munro, ZL2LI, of Nelson—who will be on 80 metres on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 7.45 p.m.

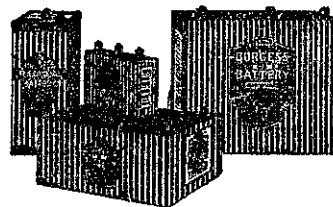
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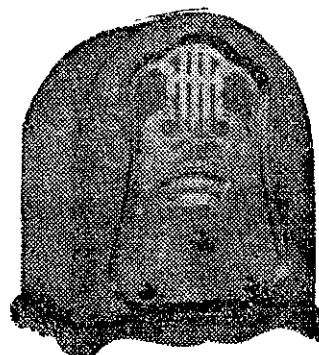
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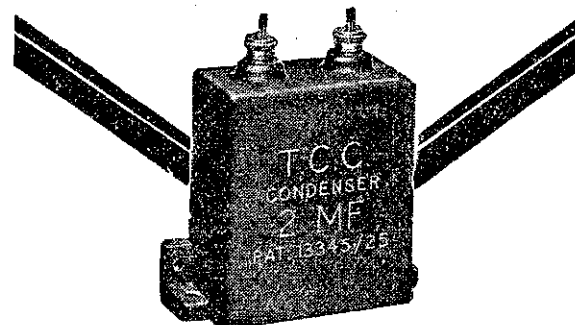
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