

News and Views of the DX Club

Waikato Branch Meeting

A meeting of the Waikato District dxers will be held in the Toorak Chambers, Hamilton, on Thursday, September 1, at 7.30 p.m.

J. M. Weatherell (DX46A),
District Secretary.

Answers to Correspondents

M.L. (Stratford): The DX Competition is held every six months. Entries for the current one close December 31 next. All New Zealand stations are barred, as well as certain Australians, unless logged in daylight. For full particulars see the "Radio Times," September issue.

R.P.R. (Timaru): XGT, Tientsin, China, transmits on 1160 k.c. (259 m.), and XGZ on 1075 k.c. (279 m.). Does any dxer know if there is a station in Singapore between 1000 k.c. and 1500 k.c.?

Addresses & Addresses Wanted

Several dxers want the address of TUV (or B), Ulverstone, Tasmania.

Identification Wanted

Foreign station on approx. 770 k.c. (389.4 m.) heard from 2 a.m. on July 26 and August 9. One item heard on both occasions was "Yes, Sir, That's My Baby Now." Announcements are foreign, but music is a mixture of English and foreign.—26HB (Napier).

Station on 680 k.c. (441 m.), heard at R8 on August 16 at 11.30 p.m. "Old-fashioned Baby," a fox trot, was heard, followed by Japanese music and then a man speaking in broken English. Was JOHK testing at 4.30 a.m. on August 14? Several vocal items with weird characteristically Japanese orchestral accompaniment were heard. Each was followed by a long interval of 10 minutes. No announcements were made.—"Radio" (Wellington).

American heard nearly every evening until 10 p.m. on JOHK's frequency. A strong continuous ripple is always present.—138W (Wellington).

Foreigner heard on a recent Sunday morning at 3 a.m. on approximately 770 k.c. (389 m.). Lady was singing in a foreign language. Also station on approximately 620 k.c. (484 m.) heard from 1.15 to 2 a.m., when he closed down, announced giving the time as 10.30 p.m. He mentioned radio several times and a foreign syren was heard twice. The call sounded like "KDIM." Another station on approximately 882 k.c. (340 m.) was heard on orchestral numbers at 1.20 a.m. Also a station heard at 2 a.m. on August 14 on approximately 690 k.c. (434 m.) giving the results of the afternoon races, with dividends in English money. He then returned to the studio, where orchestral numbers were presented.—W.M. (Hikurangi).

At 12.10 a.m. on August 14 a Manilan station was heard giving details of a

disastrous fire raging there. [Approximate frequency?—Ed.] Apparently most of the town was burnt out. Previously a lady was heard describing the motorcars some firm had in stock.—W.W.D. (Wairoa).

Stations Identified

"Radio" (Wellington): Your first station is KMTR, Hollywood, on 570 k.c. Second is probably KOA, Denver, on 830 k.c. 40C: American on 1260 k.c. is KOIL, Council Bluffs. 1540C: American on 680, is KPO, San Francisco.—"Omik" (Whakatane).

DX Topics

3ZE's Schedule.

ON a card recently received from 3ZE, Greymouth, the operator states that 3ZE will not be operating on Monday or Wednesday now. 3YB, Melbourne, is now operating on 283 m. (1060 k.c.). Latest verifications are: 3YB; 3GL, Geelong; 2GN, Goulburn; and 4ZR, Balclutha. The last-named is now using 7½ watts. All these stations replied by return mail. 3YB mentioned that the dx paper is the best he has seen yet.—"Radio" (Wellington).

Broadcast Acknowledgment of Reports.
EXTRACT from letter received from 3TR, Sale: "Every Thursday night from 10-10.15 p.m., E. Australian time, 3TR will reply to letters and reports from your Dominion." Re inquiry by 91W: I received a card from 4ZR on July 28, and power given is 6 watts.—76W (Petone).

Reports Invited.

LAST Sunday, August 14, TUB, Ulverstone, Tasmania, invited DX Club listeners to send in reports on their transmissions. They will be promptly verified. Some New Zealand listeners were mentioned. Power used is 200 watts.—39MC (Kaikoura).

Unfavourable Conditions.

DXING has been very poor here lately. Reception from 2ZR, Nelson, is very poor here at night, although we are only 30 miles away. In the daytime reception is very clear and at almost R9, but at nights it is distorted, fading badly between R1 and R7. At the same time we receive KFI at R8.—INW (Thorpe).

American Schedules.

A LETTER recently received from an American dxer gives the following schedules:—

WBAF: 6.45 a.m.-1 a.m., E.D.S.T.
WABC and WJZ: 7.30 a.m.-2 a.m., E.D.S.T.

KGU: 6.45 a.m.-11 p.m., P.S.T.
KERN: 7.30 a.m.-12 p.m., P.S.T., daily; 8 a.m.-11 p.m., P.S.T., Sunday.

He has 585 stations logged, with 84 verified, and is only 16 years old.—141A (Auckland).

DX Jottings.

CONDITIONS have been almost perfect for dxing during the past five weeks. All overseas stations are coming in well, the best Americans being KMOX, XER, KFI, and KOA. Lately I logged WTTG and two Chinese stations, XGY and one on approx. 320 metres I take to be XOPP. Verifications are coming in slowly. Among the latest are Brussels and Prague. WPG, Atlantic City, and XER and XEF. I have now verifications from six European countries.—"Digger" (Hamilton).

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