

News and Views of the DX Club

DX Club Meetings

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH.

At the Radio Society's Rooms (Tisdall's Buildings), 91 Cashel Street, on Wednesday, September 14, at 7.45 p.m.—E. M. Watson (district secretary).

WANGANUI BRANCH.

At the Secretary's residence, 29 Ballance Street, Aramoho, on Wednesday, September 14, at 7.45 p.m.—L. C. Armstrong (district secretary).

POVERTY BAY BRANCH.

At the Secretary's residence, 151 Gladstone Road, Gisborne, at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 5.—G. H. Stewart (district secretary).

NELSON BRANCH.

At the Drill Hall, Harley Street, on Friday, September 9, at 7.45 p.m.—W. J. Welsh (district secretary).

Answers to Correspondents

14A. (Arohana), whose new address is c/o Public Works, No. 3 Camp, Arohana, would like to correspond with other dxers.

J.L.L. Tuakau: HSPI, Bangkok, on 856 k.c. (350m.), as well as several Chinese stations, are picked up regularly in this country. Full particulars of these appear in the "N.Z. Radio Call Book." Watch "DX Topics" for further information. Two South African stations which have been reported are: ZTC, Cape Town, 810 k.c. (370m.), and XTD, Durban, 730 k.c. (410m.). The DX Competition winner's log is published in the September "Radio Times."

"Red Bird" (Wellington): Many thanks.

R.R. (Timaru): By the rules of the DX Competition, no verifications of chain station programmes are accepted.

Identification Wanted

American heard at 6 p.m. on August 17, at R6 on about 803m. (990 k.c.). Call sounded like WVZ, Boston.—14A. (Arohana).

What is the name of the theme tune played by Phil Harris's orchestra at the beginning and end of their dance session each night from the Ambassador's Hotel, San Francisco, and relayed by KFI? I have never heard the name correctly, although it sounds like "Rose Bloom."—"Interested" (Wellington).

Four Japanese stations on 850 k.c. (508m.), 680 k.c. (441m.), and 780 k.c. (384m.). Also an American on 770 k.c. (389m.). "City of the Plains" was heard at 5.30 p.m. Also a station of 620 k.c. (484m.), heard at 10.30 p.m. on August 22, broadcasting news, and on a concert programme at 1.30 a.m. I think it is the Manila station. Bangkok was mentioned.—J.L.L. (Tuakau).

Some dxers give XGY as being on 306m. (980k.c.), but my call book gives it as 835m. (895 k.c.). Which is correct?—"Digger" (Hamilton).

Station on 1500 k.c. (200m.), heard at 9.30 a.m. on August 16, counting from 1—4 repeatedly.—37NW.

Station heard at R4-5 on August 23 on approx. 1400 k.c. (214m.). Items heard: "Good-night Melody." "Farewell to Thee." Announcer remarked programme was by courtesy of the U.S.A. Royal Navy. Closing item was then played,

followed by "God Save the King." Also another station on 770 k.c. (389m.) approx., heard on the same date at R7 with slight fading, from 1.12 a.m. to 3.14 a.m. Dance music with occasional foreign items was heard, but no announcements were made during the whole two hours. Also another station on 1120 k.c. approx. (268m.), heard several mornings lately. Dance music was heard from 1.44 a.m. until 2.10 a.m., when he went off the air, but at 2.18 a.m. he came back with "I am Guilty of Loving You." This was the item he was playing previous to going off.—"Fireside" (Dunedin).

Stations Identified

"Radio" (Wellington): Station on 680 k.c. (441 m.) is probably COHB, Harbin, China. I have heard them playing English dance records several times, but would not definitely say it was COHB. The announcer is not Japanese, and music is more Chinese than otherwise. 138W: Your American is KTM, and you will find that he is on JOPK's frequency, not JOHK. The ripple is due to the heterodyne with JOPK. W.M.: Station on 620 k.c. (484 m.) is KZRM (K-Zee-RM) and station on 690 k.c. (434 m.) is 6WF. Perth.—"Bulova" (Timaru).

26HB: JOHK on 770 kc.; this station tests at irregular periods, and can be heard in the early morning here. "Radio" (Wellington): First station is JOHK, on 680 kc.; second is JOHK (see above). "138W" (Wellington): Either KTM or KELW, on 780 kc. The ripple can be heard in this district too. "W.M." (Hikurangi): First is JOHK, on 770 kc.—"Omsk" (Whakatane).

DX Topics

A Curious Phenomenon.

WHILE lying in bed at 11 p.m. on August 22 I heard a crash on the roof. Thinking the aerial was down, I tuned in (the set is lying along my bed) and, to my surprise, 2FC came in very well, so I came to the conclusion that it must have been only one of the guys. Next morning at 7.15 a.m. I tuned in 2ZW and 2ZP, both at good strength. At about 7.30 my wife went out to investigate and, to her surprise, the aerial had broken in half. The lead-in was sprawled on the roof and the loose end, without

insulator, was lying on the ground. She knotted this to a fig-tree with a piece of rope, using no insulator. It was about four feet high, but the stations came in as good as ever with the exception that I have to put on more voltage. Can any dxer explain this?—"Digger" (Hamilton).

[Do you mean filament or plate voltage needs to be increased? A slight increase in the former, if normally the valves are being run under their rated filament voltages, would result in a marked increase in strength. A slight increase will be noticed by an increase of plate voltage. Do you find you have to advance the volume control more?—Ed.]

KERN Once KSNR.

KERN, Bakersfield, 1200 k.c. (250 m.), mentioned in this week's issue, is the old KSNR, and is affiliated with Don Lee, Inc. They are on the air till midnight, P.S.T. KMCS, Inglewood, has changed to KRKD, Los Angeles, 1120 k.c. (268 m.), and they issue a particularly fine stamp.

Nova Scotian Station Logged.

VAS, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, makes excellent dxing. This station is owned by the Canadian Marconi Company. According to a verification received, they are on the air only as a radiophone station at 1 p.m. and 4 a.m., E.S.T., the latter being the time I picked them up on 685 k.c. (438 m.). The carrier power is 4 k.w., with 95 per cent. modulation. The officer in charge states: "We would greatly appreciate hearing from you again, or any of your friends from down under." "Omsk" (Whakatane): There is no NKS, Shanghai.—J.P.C. (P.N.).

On the Short-wave Band.

VE9JR, Winnipeg, Canada, on 25.6 m., is heard here regularly on Tuesdays from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., N.Z.T. Their schedule is: Monday, 4 a.m.-5.30 a.m.; Tuesday, 4 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 4 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Sunday, silent (all N.Z. time). This is the old CJRK, well-known among dxers several years ago. A station whose call sounded like "Radio Scarrbeer" (Radio Sourabaya, Java, I presume), operating on 58.5 m., every morning from midnight till 2 a.m., has been heard at R6, Q.S.A. 3, very clearly. English music and vocal items are generally heard. Also a station on 45 m. from 12.30 a.m. till 2.30 a.m. During this period, the station goes off the air for short intervals. The announcer is a woman. Just before closing down at 2.30 a.m., a ticking was heard for a few minutes, followed by two long spaced dashes and a dot—no doubt a time signal. Station sounded Russian. Strength R8, QSA 5. Also an American on 49.8 m. is heard every day, closing down at 3.30 p.m., N.S.T. The carrier has a heavy ripple, not unlike a beam. An announcement, "W—R. New York, operating on —5 kc." was heard. Strength at best R2-3, QSA 2, with a strong hum. I have heard this station during the past two months. VE9GW, Canada, was heard at 3.30 p.m. on July 21 testing, on 49.96 m. Reception was R4, QSA 3. Numerous "hams" can be heard on phone on 20 metres in the afternoon—mostly Americans. Station KET, on about 31.5 m., was heard on August 12 on phones, on the occasion of a public address by President Hoover. 2XAF, 1XAZ, and 8XK were also relaying this.

Stations heard during July and August: —W2XAF, W1XAZ, W8XK (25 and 48 m.), W9XF, W8XAL, New York (49.7 m.), Radio Sourabaya, Java, DID, KET, ISX, KKW, EAQ, W6CIN, W7YH, 12RO, 5SW, Radio Colonial, Moscow (50 m.), REN, RV15, Zeesen, PRVA, CTIAA, OXY, Radio Maroc, VE9GW, VE9JR, W2XAD, VK2ME, 3ME, PLAA, a Japanese on 31 metres, a French station on 19.5 m. (Radio Colonial?), also a stranger on 50 metres heard regularly. He closes down at about 4.30 p.m. My set is a two-valve, detector and one audio.—ZL202 (Wellington).

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