

district secretaries make it a rule to collect at least one par from each of four members of the branch weekly. If all branches co-operated, this would ensure a dependable source of news. However, even if the "Times" was filled completely with dx news, I expect someone would complain about the colour of the paper.—"Speagle" (Nelson).

Details of VKs.

THE following are extracts from several VK verifications: VK3LU. Address: 34 Pickett Street, Footscray, W11. VK-3BY. Frequency, 1200 k.c. (249.9 m.); power input to final amplifier, 50 watts; crystal control, 100 per cent. modulation. Times of transmission are: Sundays, 12.30-2 p.m., and 10 p.m. onward. Address: Experimental Station 3BY, 47 Bamba Road, Caulfield, SE7, Victoria. VK2ME has an attractive card which, however, gives the station call as A2ME. It is a telephone station used for communication with trawlers off the Australian coast. Wavelength is 198 metres.—28MC (Christchurch).

Recent Loggings.

LATEST loggings are KGA, KLRA, KMBK, KGDM, KOIL, VK7CW, 4MB, 3YK, 4RO, VK2BG, VK2LZ, VK 3SL, YPB, XGOA, XGY, JOSK, JORK, JONE, and a Chinese station on 980 k.c. (306 m.). He can be heard at R3 on almost every evening. Could any dxer advise me as to his call and location, please? I think that XGOA is situated at Tientsin, as this town has been mentioned several times. I understand that he is using 150 k.w. at times. The Europeans have been coming in well lately, Bordeaux being easily the best. 42W (Wellington): I, like 730C, receive the Europeans best after 6 a.m. During the school holidays I sat up till 7 a.m. about four mornings of the week, and the Europeans were barely audible until after 6 a.m. Latest verifications received are KXA, WTIC, WHO, WOC and KFAB.—"Ranganui" (Dunedin).

Reallocation of Chinese Frequencies.

"DIGGER" (Hamilton): There has been a reallocation of Chinese frequencies recently, and XGY has been shifted from 977 k.c. to 895 k.c. (335 m.). The following have also been shifted:—

COMK, 731 to 723 k.c. (415 m.).
XGZ, 1071 k.c. to 606 k.c. (494 m.).
XOPP, 952 k.c., to 937 k.c. (320 m.).
KSMS, 1083 k.c., to 1088 k.c. (276 m.).

All others kept their old frequencies. This information is per an Australian friend, and will, I think, be correct.

Have received a card from XEW after 4½ months from date report was sent; also from KFVD, also 4½ months since report was sent, so never give up hope.

Have also received a verification from 6KG, Kalgoorlie, in which they state they appreciate reports from all listeners. They also state dx cards will shortly be available, and one will be sent to me immediately they arrive. Particulars are 6KG, 1220 k.c. (246 m.), power 100 watts aerial input. Transmission hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. till 10.30 p.m., West Australian time. Studios, Bourke Street, Kalgoorlie.

Recently I sent a report to XEF, and in reply received a card that really is XER's; from that I should say the two stations are one. This is my second verifications from XER.

While listening recently to a station on approx. 1280 k.c. (238 m.), which I think was KOIL, I heard them acknowledge a report from S. Robson, 100 Islington Street, Invercargill, New Zealand; "a wonderful report," the announcer said. I presume it was a report from our worthy president. Reception generally has been very good excepting during the past week, and new and old Americans have been coming in well. The Europeans have also been very good. I have been able to hear more than 20 nearly every good morning. Some of my new Americans are KFRC, KTAT, KOIL, WOKY, KTBS, KOL, WOW,

KHQ and several others. Reports sent to all.—99W (P.N.).

4MB Cards Not Available Yet.

DXING conditions have been made very unpleasant recently by heavy static. My latest loggings are KGB, San Diego, 1330 kc. (225 m.); JODK, Keijo, 690 kc. (434 m.); 5PI, Port Pirie, 1041 kc. (288 m.). Extract from a letter received from 4MB, Maryborough: "We acknowledge N.Z. letters over the air, the evening of 10 on which they arrive, between 9.30 and 10 p.m. (11 and 11.30 p.m. N.Z. time). This is usually about ten days after they are posted. We had our official opening on August 16, and have not printed acknowledgment cards yet.—Aif. P. Wynne (manager)." The station is usually silent on Saturday and Sunday nights. XER is coming back again; on Sunday, September 25, he was R6 at 5.25 p.m. On his morning session on September 27 he was easily R8.—"Radio" (Wellington).

Recent Verifications.

LATEST verifications to hand are from 2ZR, Nelson, KTHS, WAPI, and

Have These Verified Your Report?

DXERS have experienced difficulty in obtaining verifications from the stations listed below:—

4ZL, 2ZB, 4ZM, 2ZE, 7LA, 2HA.—"Digger" (Hamilton).
KGER, KOIL, KMOX, KVOW, KFWB, KFPY, KTFI, KTRH, WDSU, KCRC.—"Bulova" (Timaru).

WOC, JOHK, 2ZM, 2ZJ.—111a (Tauranga).
2ZB, 2ZL, 3ZR.—164A (Morrinsville).

[In connection with this we propose to run two lists, the first being of those stations reported unsatisfactory by one dxer only, and the second of those reported by four or more. We feel that it is only fair to stations to do this, as a single report could quite easily go astray or be delayed.—Ed.]

KFJF. KTM sent a verification about two months after I sent a report. We are all looking forward to competing for the Morley Stafford Cup. Are the conditions available yet?—111A (Tauranga).

"Six Valve" Taken to Task.

I THINK "Six Valve" makes a rather sweeping statement when he says that only 25 per cent. of the members have the club's interest at heart. Surely this is hardly fair. Quite 70 per cent. must be country listeners who have very little time to dx, and therefore would not have as much to say as those who live in town and finish work earlier. And, after all, why write just to see yourself in print? I feel sure that nearly every member is out to do his level best for his club. For "Six Valve" to say what he does, shows a definite want of tact in the circumstances. I wonder what would happen if all the members wrote to the "Radio Record" every week? I think somebody would have a nightmare. [I think so, too.—Ed.] The club certainly is rather like Topsy, and I am pleased to hear of the steps being taken towards constitution of the club, and I think the local secretaries are to be congratulated on their fine work. I presume we will hear more of this at later date.

As regards the stations heard here lately, XER is heard only seldom. In fact, I have noticed a rather peculiar thing about this station, and that he is always at his best when KFI is poor. Weather seems to have a definite effect on some stations, WGAI in particular. He always comes in best during rough southerly weather. I have heard him at 3 o'clock of an afternoon under these conditions. Also this,

a few days ago an anti-cyclone was hovering over the East Coast, and during its stay, there were dozens of stations all over the dial, but unfortunately, static was there too, and made listening almost an impossibility. WOCO has been well heard once or twice. Also, KMPC, KMTR and KIEJ were at good strength on Sept. 23, about 7.30 p.m.—KMON, KNX, KFWR, KTAB, KFO, KFI, KMTR, KSL, WLW, and KHQ have been the most consistent stations here lately. I was extremely fortunate a short time ago in logging WPCN, New York, on 500 watts.—DX 18, H.E. (Gisborne).

On the Short-wave Band.

THE following is an extract from a letter received from Cespedes Marin, owner and operator of station NRH, Costa Rica, Central America: "Received your letter and how glad to answer it. Since received have postponed answering same on account of political troubles down here, which are all over now. Try for me on 19.9 metres. I am there on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays, New Zealand time, from 1.30 a.m. to 2.30 a.m., and from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. I have good reports on that channel now. I am also on 31 m. every day at 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. noon time (N.Z. time) except on Sundays and Mondays, your time. I have not heard any more from other friends there in New Zealand. Are they all dead? NRH now works on a power of 15 watts output."

Not that I wish to dig up the past, but short-wave listeners will remember some time ago I reported hearing an amateur phone station located in Alaska. It resulted in a great deal of correspondence to the "Radio Record," and I came in for a fair share of abuse. The station I referred to was K7AMP, Alaska. I wrote the operator for a verification and received no reply. Since then I have watched the 80-metre band very carefully, and just recently I heard my second Alaskan telephony station, this time K7AOC, Waterfall, Alaska. Mr. R. W. McCrary, the operator, writes me as follows:—

"Needless to say, I am surprised to know that my telephony station is being heard in New Zealand, and I want to thank you very much. Your time checks exactly with my log for time and stations working me at the time, so there is absolutely no doubt you received me. The power is 120 watts, to 150 watts tube as Class C amplifier. The antenna is a zepp. The power supply is storage batteries on all filaments. I am not on the air a great deal of the time, as I am the operator here of a commercial station. I will be on the air more later on, but at the latter end of September I leave for Seattle, and K7AOC will not be heard for some time. I will be back in Alaska next year, around May." I have received this station often.—A. P. Morrison (Brooklyn).

American Station Jottings.

THE following are particulars taken from recently received verifications: WMBD, Peoria Heights, Illinois, operates daily on 1440 kc. (208m.) until midnight, C.S.T. They want more reports from members of the New Zealand DX Club. KFJF remarked that "We think that your report forms are quite the nicest and most complete we have ever received." WAPI say they have received more reports from New Zealand than from any country except U.S.A. and Canada. KTBS, on 1450 kc. (207 m.), is now associated with N.Z.C., and has been granted unlimited time. They are on the air 18 hours daily.

XEN, in Mexico City, operates on 710 kc. (422 m.). They come in at 705 kc. (425 m.). They also want more reports from New Zealand, but "not on XER's programmes." They said my report was the first correct one received this season. XETR, Mexico City, stated that mine was the most distant report ever received. In July I could get them at very good strength on 605 kc. (496 m.). Latest loggings include: KGGM on a test for the Newark News Radio Club. They state that everyone reporting would receive a packet of sewing needles, so I have something to look forward to. Also WWNC, Asheville, N. Carolina, on a frequency test, at R3.—"Bulova" (Timaru).



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