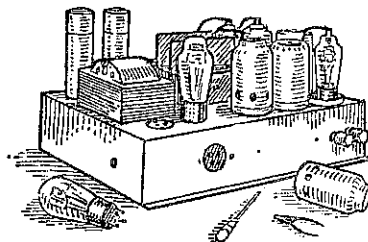
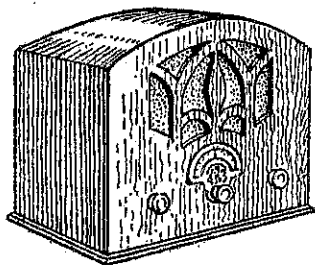


AROUND AND BEHIND

THE DIALS



A Section for
the DXer, Short-wave Listener and Home Constructor
Conducted by The Technical Editor

Answers to Correspondent

"Digger" (Hamilton): It would greatly lighten the task of judging if you submitted your entry as requested.

Address Wanted

Has any member the address of KMOA?—141MC (Lyttelton).

Identification Wanted

Station operating on 1265 k.c., heard between 3.30 and 4.0 p.m. on June 22. A man was speaking in a foreign language, with items by a band at intervals. No call sign was heard. Speaker sounded as though he was giving a running description of a race or some other sporting event.—"Puzzled" (Oka-ranio).

On Thursday, June 8, a station was heard at good volume behind 1YA, giving the call XKR, and asking for reports to be sent to Los Angeles, California. Station was on till 8 p.m., our time. Information was received that this was RXKR, s.s. City of Panama, cruising in the Pacific, but whether this is so or not I could not say. Did any other dxer hear this station?—2HQ (Timaru).

[Yes—"Bulova" did. See "DX Topics" Ed.]

Stations Identified

G.M.S. heard station XGOA; 141MC heard XER; and J.M. probably heard WTAM (or 2KY).—"Bulova" (Timaru).

J.M. (Hamilton).—WTAM, or 2KY, Sydney. 141 M.C. (Lyttelton), XER-XEF changing over. I have heard XEF close down at 10 p.m., saying, "Stand by for our sister station XER." G.M.S. (Temuka), XGOA, Nanking, China. "Omsk" (Whakatane), the station on 1270 k.c. you refer to as LR9 is LS9.—4HQ (Gisborne).

DX Topics

Dx Conditions Improving.

CONDITIONS in this locality are now on the mend, and all stations are once more up to standard. On

DX CLUB News and Views

HJN, Bogota, Verified — XER Ceases All-Night Programmes — Extracts from American Verifications — DX Conditions Improving — S.S. "City of Panama" Heard by Two Dxers — WICC Wants Reports.

June 19, I overslept the time for logging VK's, but switched on just before 3 a.m., when all Eastern stations were coming in well. KZRM and HSP1 were excellent, and VUC, Bombay, was fair. Several strangers were also heard—one on 900 k.c., which I think was XILY, Mukden. A Chinese station on approx. 1035 k.c. was also heard, but no call was given. During the past fortnight, I have received the following verifications:—Trieste, Italy (and also a fine photograph of the aerial array); Moscow Stalin, who sent lists of books on "Life of a Soviet

Sailor" (the writer also remarked that he was passing my name and address on to the editor of "Moscow Daily News"). YVIBO sent a descriptive booklet; WSAI, a letter; KFSG, a letter and Ekko stamp; KFAB, a letter; WCOA, letter and Ekko stamp; WMAQ, letter; WCAU, a card with a picture of station; WLS, a letter and Ekko stamp; KOMA, card; WBAL, pamphlet; KVOR, a card; WDAE, letter and schedule; WREN, letter, with map of locality on the back; WHAM, card; CFERB, letter; WHAS, second Ekko stamp; WRC, letter; JOPK and JOJK, photos of aeriols. I have heard 26 countries, including New Zealand. Can any other dxer beat this?—"Digger" (Hamilton).

New Loggings.

RECEPTION here of American stations has fallen off, although the following have been logged this week:—WFAA, WCAU, WHAS, WLS, WKY, WBSO, WJSV, WTAQ, KGMB, WOWO, and WFBL. Verifications have been received this month from KMTR, KWG, KJR, WOC-WHO, WVA, KVI, KGGM, and from 2UE, 2KY, and 2SM for daylight reception. At 4.15 p.m. on June 21, KFI, WABC, WJW, WOC, KMOX, and KSL were heard at good strength on an indoor aerial. Australians coming in best at 3.30 p.m. are 2FC, 2BL, 2GB, and 2CH.—"Benzatzky" (Wanganui).

Reports to 2ZM.

I HAVE forwarded a number of verifications to dxers who have reported to station 2ZM, Gisborne. Several of these reports were received at a time when Mr. Stevens was very busy or away on business. The letters had been placed aside, and consequently inadvertently mislaid. I have undertaken to answer reports, and will keep the dx correspondence up to date as far as possible.—L. Illingworth (DX4HQ), District President.

Latest Loggings.

IN a verification, WOWO states that they have received a number of reports on their transmission of the Columbia "Beer Parade." WNBX inform me that I won a special prize for the greatest distance report on their special programme, broadcast in March. Latest loggings are WLBW, VK's 3CY, 3PY and 5WB. VUB, Bombay, has also been reported to for the fourth time. The following Americans have been re-

DX Competitions.

Chain Stations Count.

Several dxers have drawn our attention to the fact that in the conditions governing the DX Competitions, published last week, it was stated that verifications from stations on chain programmes do not count. Our correspondents have pointed out that this is contrary to an amendment published in the June "Radio Times," which states that verifications from chain stations DO count as separate verifications. This ruling is, of course, the correct one.