

Branch Club Meeting

Poverty Bay Branch.

The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on July 5, at 7.30 p.m., in the club room at St. Andrew's Sunday School Buildings, Cobden Street. All interested in dxing, whether club members or not, are invited to be present.

CHAS. WEBSTER (25HB.),

District Secretary.

ceived at good strength lately. KDYL, KTBS, WCKY, KPRC, WFIW, KMPC, KTFI, KFOX, KOH, KOMO, KGMB, KFAC, and WLAC. Welcome back to another old-timer, R.W. (Stratford). With notes by "Amazon," "Bulova," "N.J." and "B.W." in the "Radio Record," the DX pages seem to be like old times again.—IHQ (Invercargill).

WICC Wants Reports.

STATION WICC, in verifying, stated that they would like more reports from New Zealand dxers, and asked me to convey greetings to the N.Z. DX Club. DX conditions have been very variable lately, and though quite a number of new stations have been logged, DX has been almost impossible on many nights. Australian stations have been coming in with wonderful volume. N. Jenkins (Masterton): Did you ever think of trying for LR3, Buenos Aires, on 950 k.c., power 7.5 k.w.? Try them —2HQ (Timaru).

RXCOR Heard.

RECEPTION is still variable here. Sunday, June 18, was a fairly good night, and I succeeded in logging several new stations. RXCOR, Panama City, on 815 k.c., was coming in very well, although hetrodynd by another station on the same wave-length. LV7, Tucuman, was also heard faintly on 826 k.c., but KOA made identification very difficult. The only recent verification is from IJN, Bogota, 690 k.c. (44 m.), 2 k.w. Schedule: Noon to 1.30 and 7.30-10.30 p.m., their time. My South American verifications are beginning to mount. I now have four, and three other reports away.

XEPN has disappeared entirely. Has anyone heard him lately? XEAN on 750 k.c. has been heard drowning WJR. XER continues to come in very well up till 8 p.m., when 5CL comes on the air and spoils reception. Japanese and Chinese stations are beginning to come in well again, and I have added nine new ones to my log. One on 570 k.c. is still unidentified. Has anyone heard 2HZ, India, on 857 k.c., yet?—"Omsk" (Whakatane).

Extracts from Verifications.

ALTHOUGH conditions have been good lately, owing to the long spell of southerly weather, there are not many new stations to be heard. The Americans and Australians are coming in very well and provide excellent entertainment. One of my recent loggings: F31CD, Saigon, French Indo-China, who was held at quite good strength for an hour. I notice XER has stopped its all-night programmes now. While they were on we had some excellent items. Talking about XER, has any other

dxer noticed that when the announcer gives the call out in Mexican it is XEF (pronounced X-E-ffa), while it is XER in English?

Recent verifications include the following:—WOKO (with Ekko stamp), WPG, WRHM, KMAC, KPRO, CFCE, XEAW, and WHF.

WPG seem to be very keen to get reports (especially from N.Z.), and the following from their letter may be of interest: "Although we are always interested in hearing from a radio fan, we can assure you it gives us greater pleasure and satisfaction to receive a report such as yours (from such a far distant place). Last year we received numerous reports from N.Z. However, I believe to-day is the first time this year that we have heard from N.Z. In to-day's mail there were four reports." This station enclosed a folder showing their studios and offices, etc., situated in Atlantic City's 15,000,000-dollar Convention Hall.

KMAC say their best DX is New Zealand.

From XEAW's card: "This verifies your reception of broadcasts from XEAW, transmitter located at Reynosa, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. We operate on 10,000 watts, and 965 k.c., and

"Lone Star" Ladder

This week the two leading competitors have changed places, "Bulova" now being top, with a total of 23 "lone stars," and S. Robson (1HQ), second, with 18. For the benefit of dxers who have not seen details of this competition, the object is to see who can top the "lone star" ladder by entering verifications which no other dxer holds. Once a verification is "claimed" by someone else, that station is deleted.

CAN YOU BEAT THESE?

1.—"Bulova" 23
KFDY, WIBO, WMCA, WLBZ, WRUF, XEPN, WESG, WGCP, KFJZ, KUFJ, WSMK, WFOX, WIBL, WBRB, WOKO, WFBL, WTAS, WBC, WPTF, WIP (U.S.A.), VK's 3JR, 3GK, IJN, Bogota.

2.—S. Robson (1HQ) 18
Lyons (France); Berlin (Germany); Sundsvall (Sweden); Hiversum (Holland); Gleiwitz (Germany); Odessa (U.S.S.R.); Florence (Italy); Johannesburg (South Africa); CKOVI (Canada); WRDO, WCSH, WBEI, WEHC, WNBX, WMBC, WEVD, WOV (U.S.A.); VK5WH.

3.—N. Jenkins (22W) 17
KOY, WKBH, WCPL, WITH, WRHM, KMAC, KFOR, WDBJ, WAAW, KABC (U.S.A.); XBX (Mexico); Paris, 670 k.c. (France); SBB, Goteborg (Sweden); VK3AM, VK3KU, VK2HM, VK3CB (Australia).

4.—A. Maule (34T) 9
Huizen, Frankfurt (Germany); VK's 2DS, 2BK, 2WS, 2RJ, 2SS, 2CM, 3CL.

5.—F. Carr (150W) 7
WHA, KGBZ, WPCH (U.S.A.); JOCK (Japan); VK4YG, VK4LP, VK4WJ.

6.—"Omsk" (121A) 6
CHRC, CKFC, CKAC, CKNC, CKLW (Canada); LSI1 (Argentine).

7.—L. Illingworth (4HQ) 2
GLBR, R.M.S. Monowai; ZLX, Portland Island.

8.—L. G. Hopkins (164A) 2
KGHL (U.S.A.), Moscow Stalin.

Special DX Broadcast

From 2ZM, Gisborne.

Dxers are reminded that, by courtesy of station 2ZM, Gisborne, 1150 kc., the Gisborne branch of the DX Club will broadcast a DX programme early Friday morning, June 30, from 12.30 a.m. to 2 a.m., N.Z.T. All authentic reports, accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope, will be promptly verified. Address:—P. R. Stevens, 158 Gladstone Rd., Gisborne, or L. Illingworth, 146 Russell Street, Gisborne.

L. ILLINGWORTH (4HQ)

(District Secretary).

we are on the air each evening till 1 a.m., Central standard time. Keep tuned to XEAW, the 'Voice of International Service,' presenting the most interesting, romantic, and instructive programmes offered by any radio station on the North American continent.

WRHM say they "think the report sheets are fine as they give every detail of the reception."—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

Radio Wrinkles

Ebonite panels might quite easily be chipped or cracked by over heavy use of the centre punch when marking out. If, however, a finely pointed bradawl is pressed firmly into the panel and twisted like a gimlet, it will make a small hole quite sufficient to start the drill, while there is no danger of cracking the ebonite. Any burrs produced by the drilling should be removed.

Small drills very often cause a good deal of annoyance to home constructors, for many of them obstinately refuse to be gripped adequately by the chuck of the brace. In such instances, the usual practice is to bind paper round the drill or else to pack some material or other in the jaws of the chuck. A better method is to wrap several turns of insulated wire round the end of the drill.

In wireless constructional and repair work, one often wants a soldering iron with a small bit for attending to delicate repairs. Such irons are difficult to work with, however, for owing to the small volume of copper they cool very rapidly. A very handy tool may be made from an old worn-out soldering iron. The point is cut off with a hack-saw and the end trimmed up more or less square. In the end of the old bit is drilled a hole and piece of $\frac{1}{16}$ in. copper rod—about $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. long—is forced in. If necessary, it may be made perfectly secure by making deep indentations with a centre punch round its junction with the bit.

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