

hours logged VK's 7CW, 5LR, 5WII, 3JB, and 3RG, obtaining sufficient data to write to all of them. I noticed that they were received much better on the Beverage aerial than on the normal "L" type, although the direction of the former should theoretically reverse these results. On July 24, I logged XEPN, on 585 k.c., who provided good entertainment from 6.5 p.m. until 6.30 p.m., when a series of fades commenced. Verifications these days are very few and far between, my latest being VK3PY—a grand total of two in the past three weeks. Over three months ago I sent a daylight report to 2KY, and have had no reply yet, although he has replied to several local dxers on reports on evening reception. KRLL and KGMB are also long overdue. 9T: How about a little information on VE10BI and W6FK—they appear to be rather unusual loggings?—115W (P.N.).

An Outstanding DX Evening.

RECEPTION in this locality for the past few weeks has been very bad owing to static and local interference, but it is now improving, and the Americans are coming in great strength. The evening of July 20 was my best night since Easter. The following were heard from R4 to R9:—KJB, KOMA, WTFI, KGER, KFAC, KOIL, KFOX, WOAI, WCAU, WOWO, WHAM, KSL, KFSG, KMOX, KNX, KRLL, WHO-WOC, XEAW, WPIW, KHJ, WENR, KOA, WFAA, KGO, WBBM, XER, WLW, KPO, and KFI.

WOAI, WCAU, KSL, KNX, WHO-WOC, XEAW, XER, WLW, KPO, and KFI were heard at great strength and volume—in fact it was necessary to turn down the volume. Europeans are being heard at 6.45 a.m., a station on approx. 1140 k.c. being the best at R4. The London National, just a fraction below this station, is heard very faintly. I logged him last season, but could not get sufficient data for a report.—T.S.B. (Rangitana).

New Chilean Station Heard.

DURING the past three days, I have been listening to a station in Santiago, Chile. Music comes through well, though speech is not quite so good. I take this to be the call "PE-ENVIA-CE-ODO-OD-CH-DHO." Then in broken English "PER-THEE-HTII." I heard this repeated often on different occasions. This station is between two others, and very close to an Australian on 880 k.c. His transmissions are characterised by a long slow fade. He is evidently not on the air every night, and I could get him only twice at nights during a week.—A. Greening (Inglewood).

4ZW Changes Frequency.

EVIDENTLY 4ZW has changed its frequency from 1080 to 1430 k.c. The Australians are coming in very well now, the best being 2BL, 2UE, 2SM, 2CH, 4BH, 4RK, and 5CL. Best Americans are WOAI and KOMA. Has anyone heard 2HC on 1120 k.c. and WOWU on 820 k.c.?—141MC (Lyttelton).

Extracts from Verifications.

RECENT verifications include KSO, WHET, WADC, KGIR, KVOI, WEBO, and WNAC; and, after two years, VK3GK.

From WEBC's verification: "We commence operation in the morning at 6.58 a.m. and sign off at night at 12.00 midnight. On Sundays we commence at 7 a.m. and sign off at 11 p.m., on 1290 k.c." From WNAC's verification: "We commence at 6.30 a.m. and sign off at midnight, daily. We operate on 1230 k.c., with 1 k.w. power." KGIR sent a Night Owl's certificate with their verification. VK3ZO sent a photo of the station. They operate on 214 metres, with 14 watts power. Recent loggings: R.M.S. Monowai, WFEA, WPRO, and VK5QR. Generally, reception has been poor from America, but good from Australia.—37T (Hawera).

DX Conditions Improving.

RECEPTION has been good here for the past fortnight, static being very

Branch Meeting

NELSON BRANCH.

THE next meeting of the Nelson Branch will be held on Friday night, August 4, at 7.30 p.m., in the hall-room (upstairs), Harley Street, Nelson. All members and others interested in dxing are invited to attend.

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light most evenings. However, the Americans are very weak for this time of the year. This evening, July 27, they were the best I have heard them for weeks. Loggings this week are: KEX, RXKR, XEB, KTFI, and a Mexican station on 1000 k.c. (approx.). Has any dxer identified this station yet? RXKR, Panama City, has been heard well, just behind 1YA. XEPN is heard regularly closing down between 7.30 p.m. and 8 o'clock. Latest verifications to hand

"Lone Star" Ladder

The object of this Competition is to see who can top the "Lone Star" ladder by claiming (and maintaining that claim) the largest number of verifications that no other members hold. If a member claims a verification held by someone else, verifications "challenged" are automatically deleted from the score. No stations operating outside the broadcast band may be entered.

The editor reserves the right to call in any verification or to request that it be shown to any dxer nominated.

1.—A. Greening (9T) 32
KGEF, KGDY, KTW, KFKX, KPOW, KFKB, KFUM, KPSN, KPCB, WDBO, WJJC, WJAZ, WJBX, WOS (U.S.A.), XEO, XEI (Mexico); LR2, LR5 (Argentina); CX20, EJML, VPD, CMCN, OAX, VUL, VE10BI, W6FK, VK's 3CX, 2TW, 3JB, 4EM, 4XK.

2.—J. E. Downes 16
WAAT, WEXL, WMBH, WHBC, WCAH, WFER, KFOY, KGDE, KWKC, WRNY, KBPS, WJTL (U.S.A.), CKCD (Canada); Turin, Strasbourg, 4NW.

3.—S. Robson (1HQ) 16
Lyons (France); Berlin (Germany); Sundsvall (Sweden); Gleiwitz (Germany); Florence (Italy); WRDO, KIE, WGBF, WCAH, WLLL, WIRW, WURL, WNBX, WEVD (U.S.A.); V.K.'s 3LH, 3PY.

4.—"Bulova" 11
KFDY, KIT, WRUF, WESG, WGCP, KUT, WSMK, WPOX, WEBR, KALE, WDRC (U.S.A.).

5.—Ken Graham (38HB) 8
WKZO, WNAC, WLWL (U.S.A.), XBJ (Mexico), SBH, Sweden; ELAR, Italy; Radio Saigon, V.K.'s ZTD.

6.—A. Maule (34T) 8
Huizen; VK's 2DS, 2BK, 2WS, 2RJ, 2SS, 2CM, 3CI.

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

8.—"Omsk" (121A) 6
CHRC, CKFC, CKNC, CKLW (Canada); LS11 (Argentina); IJN, Bogota.

9.—N. Jenkins (22W) 4
KFOR (U.S.A.); XEB (Mexico); Paris, 670 k.c. (France); VK3CB (Australia).

10.—"Digger" (Hamilton) 3
WEW (U.S.A.); Vinpuri, Finland; Algers.

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

12.—L. G. Hopkins (164A) 1
KGHL (U.S.A.).

are: KGO, WHO-WOC, JOHK, 3YB, and 3MA. 3MA operates on 900 k.c., power 50 watts.—L.G.H. (Morrinsville).

Americans Poor.

RECEPTION here seems to have improved somewhat. American reception, especially, was very poor in this locality, only one new station, KMTL, being logged since May. Eastern stations have been very good, though, and quite a number of new ones have been heard, and some logged. Loggings are JODK No. 1 and JOFG. The following Eastern stations were heard, but not identified (approx. frequencies): 745 k.c., 910 k.c., 970 k.c., 1015 k.c. and 1035 k.c. Recent verifications are: KGA, KGO, KMOX, WOC-WHO, KWKH, WSM. On visiting "Bulova" recently, I found out that he was a schoolmate. He has some very interesting verifications and I regret that time would not permit me to see them all.—157W (Wellington).

VK's Coming in Well.

DX reception in this district is not nearly as good as it was last winter, particularly as far as the American stations are concerned. The best Americans heard are: KFI, KMOX, KFAC, KGM, WHO-WOC, WBBM, KVOO, KSL and KFVD. Latest loggings are: KHQ, XEPN, VK2LZ, VK3AK, JOBK (No. 2), JOCK (No. 2), and 3MA. Verifications at present are coming in very slowly, the only ones to hand recently being R. Mulacher, Germany, and VK3JE, Chelsea. The latter station would appreciate further reports from New Zealand. Frequency, 1201 k.c. (232.3 metres); power, 14 watts. He may be heard around 12.30 a.m. Monday mornings.

VK's at present are at excellent volume the best being 3BY, 3RJ, 7CW, 5DR, 2SS, 4WI, 2LZ and 3AW. XER has resumed their all-night programmes. KTM has also been heard on all-night programmes on Tuesday evenings, but they are badly heterodyned by JOBK.—160W (P.N.).

Easterners Coming in Well.

EASTERN stations have been very good lately. Among those heard are: KGIR, XXGX, XGMS, and XGKO, all in Shanghai. Calls are given in English. I am sure I heard Vladivostok on 725 k.c. about 11.30 p.m. on Sunday, July 23. Speech was Russian.

On the American continent, CFCE, on 600 k.c., was heard closing at 4.30 p.m. on July 23. On 905 k.c. CE90 was heard on July 17 on a test programme. Gave call in Spanish and English, "Bulova": Congrats. on logging Botas. Look out for the verification from XGLY, Shanghai (10 watts of power). I am certain I heard this station on 1500 k.c. a few days ago. Volume was not R1 even and often faded out completely. It was heard just before midnight.

I wonder if Mr. A. Greening or 3SHB can tell me how to distinguish between a Mexican and a South American? I have heard both at the same time and programmes have been identical, or I should say of the same type, and only Spanish has been spoken; in fact, I know that very few S.A. stations announce in English. With a small smattering of Spanish I have been able to pick out the call, so I would be pleased if some dxer will tell me how to distinguish one from another.

XETW, on 830 k.c., has been heard heterodyning KOA. He closes at 4.30. Do not confuse him with LR5. XENT, 1115 k.c., has been heard, but not like a 150 k.w. station.—"Omsk" (Whakatane).

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