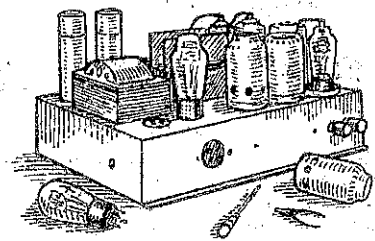
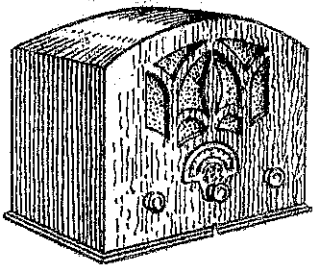


AROUND AND BEHIND

THE DIALS



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

Addresses & Addresses Wanted

H.G. (Lower Hutt): W6XL, Ray-O-Vision Corp. of America, Ltd., 940N. Orange Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. Address of WEAX is not contained in the latest call-book.

Identification Wanted

Station heard at 5.13 p.m. on August 6 on 930 k.c. He was heard until he disappeared at 5.52 p.m. Speech heard was foreign, the announcer speaking for approximately three-minute intervals. The only item played which I recognised was "Underneath the Arches."—W.S. (Seacliffe).

American station on 1500 k.c. heard between 7.15 and 7.30 p.m. on August 8. Speech was decidedly American. "In the heart of Hollywood" was part of an announcement.—157W (Wellington).

Mexican station on 1040 k.c., which comes on the air at 10.30 p.m. He has been heard during the past fortnight at R6 and 7.—"Trutime" (Hastings).

Stations Identified

"Clerk" (Stratford): XEPN, 588 k.c. J.C.J. (Christchurch): XGOA, 680 k.c. G.S.P. (Takaka), 1YX, Auckland, 600 k.c.—"Elgin" (Wanganui).

G.S.P. (Takaka): On two or three occasions in the past week I have heard a station on 600 k.c. between 7 and 8 p.m., giving the call 1YX. He is usually R6, QSA5. Your American is KFSD, San Diego. "Clerk" (Stratford): XEPN, on

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585 k.c. Address, care Yolanda Hotel, Eagle Pass, Texas, or XEPN, Piedras Negras, State of Coahuila, Mexico. Either address will do.—115W (Palmerston N.).

G.S.P. (Takaka): Your American on 600 k.c. closing at 7.34, N.Z. time, is KFSD, San Diego, Calif. The "foreigner" on 1000 k.c. heard every evening is KFVD, Los Angeles. I heard them announce that this programme is presented every evening from 5.30 till 6.00 p.m., N.Z. time.—N. Jenkins (Masterton).

DX Topics

DX Jottings.

RECEPTION, particularly from Japanese stations, has improved during the past week. One Japanese, on 985 k.c., has been very good, but I cannot decipher the call. Has any other dxer heard him? On August 7 a station was heard on KSL's frequency (1130 k.c.) at 5.30 p.m. giving special announcements concerning some world records which had been broken. At 5.40 p.m. this station signed off. At 5.45, "This is KSL taking the air," was announced. Organ music followed. The first station mentioned that they were on a special programme. WLWL, KFI, WOC, KNX, KSL, KGO and KPO have been the only worth-while Americans lately. Latest verifications include WEEL, WMAQ ("Lucky Strike" programme), WFBK, KHQ, WBAF, KOMA, and VK4NR.

Dxers are reminded to listen for VK-3BZ and VK3JE on Thursday nights at 1 a.m., New Zealand time. 3BZ operates

on 214 metres. In a verification received from WGAR, it is stated that this station operates from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. continuously, on a frequency of 1450 k.c. They also mention that they do not issue Ekko stamps, and if any information is required, to write direct to John F. Patti, General Manager.—"Elgin" (Wanganui).

Eastern Stations Coming in Well.

RECENTLY I increased the height of my aerial to 30 feet and there appears to be a decided improvement in reception, Eastern stations particularly being very good. HSPI, Bangkok, on 850 k.c., with an interval signal of 6 notes on a piano or some such instrument, has been heard so well here that he drowns out JOFK, a 10 k.w. station. Even smaller stations have been heard equally well, one coming in on 50K's frequency, and another on XGOA's frequency. Since my last letter two or three Eastern stations have been heard, but they seem to defy identification. Verifications are very slow in coming to hand, only two being received in the last three weeks or so. Latest loggings are VK's 7CW, 4VI, (which came in at wonderful volume), XEFO, and XEB. XEPN, on 585 k.c., comes in very well also. Verifications to hand are JOHK and XFAW.—157W (Wellington).

American Reception Patchy.

DURING the past week KFI has been at really good strength, and is quite often R7. On August 6, WLW, KPO and XER all came in at good volume. I have not heard WOC for more than a month, and KSL is very poor. KNX also seems to have disappeared. On August 7, between 12.5 a.m. and 2.15, I tried for VK's and logged two new ones—2SW and 5IV. I also heard what I think was VK3OY, but he was so very weak that I could not be certain. I was also able to hear all sides of a four-way QSO between VK's 3PY, 3LH, 5LR and 5IV. 3PY being the best at R5. 5LR was R3 and the other two barely audible. 214A:

