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DX NEWS

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There's lots of news on hand this week, so we might just as well begin this Bulletin by telling you that....

First of all we want to extend our greetings to the Canadian DX Relay who are celebrating their Birthday Anniversary on Sunday morning, December 15th with a Mammoth DX Party, during which time in the neighborhood of 20 stations will join in the Gala Celebration.

We want to congratulate Walter C. Birch on having secured for us a dedication which will assume the proportions of an Inter-National Good-Will Broadcast. This program will take place from CE-90 1380 kcs. whose address is: Radio Estacion El Mercurio, Santiago, Chile on Thursday morning, January 9, 1936 between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., EST. It will be noted that this station has recently changed frequency and it is therefore logical to assume that there has been an increase in power, hence with favorable conditions this station should be heard on this broadcast by American and Canadian Listeners. However it will be necessary to have WSMK, Dayton, Ohio stand by for this program if we are to have any chance of hearing it, hence we are urging all our members to write a courteous letter to WSMK, asking them to please remain silent for this broadcast. We also request that all other club presidents do likewise with their members, inasmuch if WSMK receives sufficient number of requests we feel that they will be kind enough to grant us this favor. We are sure that the members of all the clubs will want to take advantage of this opportunity of hearing this station, hence our request that all the clubs cooperate with us in this matter.

Art Brackbill our CPC Chairman sends us word that there is a new Mexican, KEBH 1000 kcs. Hermosia, Sonora, Mex. P. O. Box 68, that is being heard daily between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., EST.

Mr. Paul J. Breedy, WEEU's DX Commentator, advises us that this program is now on the air every Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M., EST. Please note the change in time. Be sure to send in your comments to WEEU regarding this program, your editor has charge of writing the script for this broadcast each week.

A. J. Parfitt, Villamont, Va. advises us that KROC 1310 kcs. Rochester, Minn. have advised him that they run a DX program every Sunday from 4:00 to 5:00 A.M., EST.

We want to again call your attention to the excellent DX Party that has been arranged for the members of our club by Floyd Smith, our Greenville, Ill. CPCer. This party will take place December 21 and 22. The latest acceptance that Floyd has received is from KROC 1310 kcs. Rochester, Minn. who will be on the air, Saturday morning, December 21 from 4:30 to 5:00 A.M., EST. All members are urged to listen in and send reports to all the stations participating in this Party for us.

NEW MEMBER

William Wetterhahn, 2843 Dudley Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

We hope that Mr. Wetterhahn will find his membership in our club very beneficial to his DXing activities, which we understand are at the present time confined mostly to the Short Waves.

DX CHATTER

By Alfred M. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that Rennes (1040 kcs.) and Bordeaux (1077 kcs.), both of France, start their broadcasting day at 1:45 A.M., EST, with chimes for the first five minutes...XEU, 1010 kcs., Vera Cruz, Mexico, will DX December 15 from 3 to 5 A.M., EST, as will their SW station XEUW (6.02 megs. ...CHNC, 1410 kcs., New Carlisle, Quebec CRC test on the 19th of every month, from 3:01 to 3:09 A.M., EST...WMFN, 1210 kcs., Clarksdale, Miss. is off the air until January 1...KLRA, 1390 kcs., Little Rock, Ark., have changed their weekly NNRC DXes to Saturdays, from 12:30 to 1:15 A.M. EST...CIHX, 760 kcs., Cienfuegos, Cuba DXes December 25th from 3 to 6 A.M., EST...KLX, 880 kcs., Oakland, Calif., DX the third Thursday and Friday of each month, 2 to 3 A.M., EST...CKMO 1410 kcs., CFCT 1450 kcs., CFCO, 630 kcs., and CJCA 730 kcs., are on after 3 A.M., EST on Sundays.. another new station in Texas--this time at Pampa, and to be owned by the Pampa Daily News, Inc. has been licensed to operate on 1310 kcs., with 100 watts...also a new station for St. Paul, Minn., owned by Edward Hoffman to operate on 1370 kcs. with the usual 100 watts power...WHBL, Sheboygan, Wis., will change frequency from 1410 kcs. to 1300, but reducing power simultaneously to 250 watts...KECA, 1430 kcs., Los Angeles, Calif., expect to increase their power to 5000 watts shortly...the three 1400 kilocycle Brooklyn stations (WARD, WVFV and WLTH) have again had their demise postponed until December 23..?

HERE AND THERE

By A. W. Oppel

The United States Immigration Department has installed a new 200-watt transmitter at Detroit, Mich., to help patrol the border. Messages are broadcast every thirty minutes to immigration cars and boats within a radius of eighteen miles, via radio telephone. Success in apprehending and thwarting illegal entries and liquor smuggling has already been noted. If very successful similar stations will be placed at various cities along our borders, with El Paso, Texas, the next receiving such a transmitter.

It is rumored that the I. T. & T. contemplates a SW South American hook-up shortly after January 1st. South American markets have not been extensively open to United States advertisers up to this time. Programs will emanate from some shortwave station located in Buenos Aires, who will direct their signal northwest by southeast, covering every country efficiently with the exception, possibly, of Chile. In turn broadcast band stations will have SW transmitters picking up this signal and re-broadcasting the programs over their BCB frequencies. Announcements in Portugese and Spanish should take care of the nationalities at which the programs will be directed.

We understand that the new Canadian government is seriously considering the abolition of the CRC; introduction of more commercial programs abolishing the \$2.00 levy on radio receivers in favor of a tax on radio tubes and brightening up of all broadcasting in Canada. In other words, it realizes that the majority of residents in Canada are not satisfied with conditions and programs and turn to American stations for their radio enjoyment. We have been advised that this will take affect about March 1st, if not by then.

The "big-shakeup" is being stalled without the assurance of any action until Spring or next Summer. It is seriously believed that stations on "cleared Channels" will be allowed to increase their power to 500,000 watts, if they care to do so (us--poor DXers with old time

receivers!). As mentioned before in this weekly, regional channels are expected to be seriously affected at the same time, altho this is denied (for political reasons) by the FCC at this time.

An old time program is back again. It is the Cliquot Club Eskimos, directed by Harry Reser, who was on NBC for this sponsor from December 1925 to July 1933, recording an eight-year run--one of the records of radio. I'm sure all OT's will be gratified at this return to the air of one of radio's best-loved programs. The time is 8 to 8:30 P.M., Saturday's on CBS's eastern network.

SHORT WAVE DEPARTMENT

By Ed Brandon

Radio El Munico of Buenos Aires has been testing the new transmitting equipment of LRU and LRX. Transmission has gone over the ether waves on a frequency of 9890 kilocycles, signified by the call LSN-3. LRU and LRX according to reports will take the air soon using channels of 15290 kcs. and 9580 kcs. respectively.

Several notices have come to the editors desk regarding the 'amateurs vigil' taking place on the bands near 60 meters. It can be readily seen that the attachment of additional wavelengths by the amateurs will be a distinct advantage towards the prevailing interference conditions. Your reports to this department will be of much interest as we are anxious not only to know what you think of the amateurs trying to reclaim lost territory, but also to know just how many stations you do hear on these channels.

Reception from Cuba has tempted us to watch for good reception from South America. YV3RC Caracas was sending an excellent signal into New England last week. On Friday evening we heard a Spanish speaking station near the 6500 kcs. wave. We thought at first it was HJLABE but in signing the call which was broken by the static, we heard the numeral '4' thus bombarding our hopes. Who can identify this one?

The editor of this department wishes to acknowledge all the kind letters and cards received during the past week. Being slightly self-conscious about his penmanship, he felt somewhat reluctant to answer the letters individually. The joke about the editor is that he is trying vainly to learn the touch system on every typewriter he can get his hands on. On his desk, he looks sadly at the faithful old Corona which has served in his family for nearly twenty years, for the old heap is not standard and the touch system cannot be used thereon. This weeks copy is going through the mill in a New York office.

Watch these waves for:-

HRN 5870 kcs. after 10 PM. EST. TG 2X 5940 kcs. till 1 AM. EST.
 HH2S 5900 kcs. about 8 PM EST. CO9WR 11,800 kcs. 4-6 PM - 9-11 PM.
 OER2 6070 kcs. 9 AM - 5 PM EST.

SHORT WAVE DX CHATTER

By ALFRED W. OPPEL

DID YOU KNOW...that XEUW, 6.02 megs., Vera Cruz, Mexico, will DX December 15 from 3 to 5 A.M., EST, simultaneously with their BCB xmtr on 1010 kcs.,.. we recommend HJLABE, 6.77 megs., Cartagena, Colombia, on their English-speaking broadcasts every Monday evening from 10:30 P.M. to 12:15 A.M., EST...JVM, 10.74 megs., Japan is still coming thru FB, being heard this past week on our receiver with a QSA-4, R-5-8 signal...you should try HH2S, 5.90 megs., Port au Prince, Haiti, from 7:30 to 10 P.M., EST, with an interesting program in French, signing off with Ted Lewis' "Good Night" song...British overseas re-broadcasts may be heard daily.

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at 6 P.M., EST, from CRCX, 6.09 mcs., Bowmanville, Ontario, Sundays
excepted...VK3LR, Australia (9.58 mcs.) is being heard well at 3 A.M.,
EST?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING.

The first Board of Directors' meeting was held at club headquarters Monday evening, January 9. Ways and means of improving the club Bulletins was discussed. The important topic for discussion however was "How we might do something to eliminate the interference the 'All Nighters' are giving us". We brought up several suggested plans, as well as the proposition which was suggested by Carl Forestieri in one of his recent letters. After much discussion we decided to adopt a plan quite similar to Carl's original suggestion, namely that;- Those DX Fans and DX Clubs who were in sympathy with the idea should follow our suggested plan. The Plan as offered is as follows:- Those persons interested in preserving the general welfare of the DX game should write a courteous letter to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C. Attention:- Mr. Herbert L. Pettey, Secretary stressing the following points:- First that the "Series of all night broadcasts" from stations now indulging in this practice, was tending to 'kill' the interest in DXing. Second that even though DXers and their welfare might not be of any grave concern to the Commission, that they were not to overlook the fact that the valuable information that has been contained in the reports of many of the DXers, has been largely responsible for many of the improvements which make radio broadcasting what it is today. Third that the stations feel that DX programs and DX reports are essential for that reason. Fourth that if these all night broadcasts are permitted to continue that DXers will lose their interest, inasmuch as so many of the channels will be blocked with these broadcasts, thus making it impossible to continue DXing satisfactorily. Fifth that if this interest does die out, it will mean that the stations will suffer inasmuch as they will no longer be able to depend upon the valuable reports and suggestions that are received from the DXers. Sixth that the broadcasters themselves, are finding it a waste of money and time to try to put on DXes on channels that are continually blocked by the All Night Broadcasters. Hence stations will not conduct tests that might otherwise prove very valuable to them.

As a remedy you might suggest to the FCC that they either curb the number of broadcasts that each station may put on a month, or assign them to frequencies which could be set aside purposely for the "All Nighters". We are certain that if all DXers concerned about this grave situation which we are now faced with, will co-operate in writing a letter to the Commission that stresses all of the above mentioned points, that we may be able to persuade the FCC that the DXers have really done a service to radio broadcasting and deserve some consideration in this matter. Let's all do our part to put this great movement across. Don't delay, we invite the other clubs to join us in this movement to better conditions for the DXers.

The Board of Directors' have given their approval to the above mentioned plan. The first meeting was brought to a close and light refreshments were served.

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS

J. Warren Routzahn, NPO #1, York, Penna. - Reports excellent reception from WJBO during their dedication to us Sunday morning, as well as fairly good reception from KIUN on Monday morning during their program for our club.

A. J. Oebel, NPO #2, Irvington, N. J. - Reception Dec. 2, 5:30-6:30 P.M. very good. Every channel logged between that time. On SW's LSX, 10.35 mc mcs., Buenos Aires, Arg., coming thru QSA4, R7-8, in phone with N.Y. at 6 P.M. EAQ, 9.86 mcs., Madrid, Spain weak, and DJC, Germany, not audible because of heavy QRM. English and Italian stations fine business,

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with South American stations going wild on their respective channels.
Reception Dec. 3 - quite good. WOP, 1120 kcs. Boston, Mass. an easy catch at 7 A.M. Reception Dec. 4 - very bad. QAN so bad I couldn't hear myself snore! Dec. 5 - at 2-3:30 A.M., fair, but KALB, 1420 kcs., Alexandria, La., too weak to identify, with WDAH, 1310 kcs., ditto. On SWS the 15.0 megacycle band FB. All the foreigners using that band KO, with Japan, 10.74 megs, heard QSA-4, R-6-8 signal. Reception Dec. 6 getting poor. Our special brand of QAN in evidence, which usually presages bad weather in these parts. The sound?....like a buzz-saw, or similar to what sounds like automobile ignition on SWS. Try and get a signal thru it! This continuing until today Dec. 3, and rain is here.

J. B. (Pat) Reilley, NPO #4, Jamestown, N.Y. - Dec. 3 - Good reception from usual line of stations, WNEL at 4:15 A.M. R8. KHSL on frequency check R6 and KGDM at 6 A.M. R8. Dec. 4 - XEAF at 3:15 A.M. R5, QSA3, faded very bad. FB dedications heard for NRC from WOSU, and WKBN. Dec. 5 heard the station on 790 kcs. again, believed to be 4YA. Dec. 6 heard another station on 722 kcs. at 4:40 A.M. playing funny music and woman singing. Can anyone identify? At 5:02 A.M. heard the Englishman on 790 kcs. which we believe to be 4YA with their new 10 KW transmitter. CMBC heard on 940 at 8 PM. Dec. 7 - 1YA heard at 4:20 but faded badly. Heard station on 750 kcs. at 3:30 A.M. which Pat believes was KGU, signed off at 4 A.M. Sunday, Dec. 8 - quite noisy, WTAL heard having battle with CKCV. WHO had Xmas Fund Broadcast with Gene & Glenn, these programs to take place beginning at 11:45 P.M., EST for the next to Sunday mornings. KUSD heard at 3:15 A.M. R6-QSA4. CMBX heard R7, stronger than any time they were ever heard before. Dec. 9 - Bordeaux heard at 2:33 A.M. R6, quite a bad hetrodyne most of the time. FECamp 1113 kcs. R7 at 3 A.M. English announcer at 3 A.M. at 4:35 A.M. heard 1YA again. KGU heard at 4:17 A.M. man told of his visit to Hawaii. Pat also tells us his verif from KETF announces the fact that they use but 12 watts power. Fine work old timer.

Mrs. A. C. Johnson, NPO #7, Henry, S. D. - Nov. 20 KFJM, QSA5/R6/N/N. Heard at 5:30 P.M. KGFK, QSA5/R7/N/N. has been heard regularly during the daytime at Mrs. Johnson's residence. Nov. 22 - KUSD QSA5/R9/N/N. on from 4 to 5:30 P.M. Radio unusually good. CJGX QSA5/R9/N/N at 11:30 to 12, then WHO and WDAY took possession! Nov. 23 - WAPI QSA4/R6/S/N. at 5:25 P.M. KSD and 79XBE station announcement heard. Nov. 25 - heard lots of the police calls coming in, reception unusually good for that section of the dial. KGFK announce that they began signing off at 5 P.M. as of December 1st.

Miles K. Hart, NPO #9, Plainville, Conn. - Dec. 1 - KXYZ quite good. XEWZ heard excellent until static began setting in around 3 A.M. WMMN heard like a local. Nothing heard of CP4. CJLS also heard like a local. Nothing on either KIUV nor CHAB. Nothing on the TAs or TPs so far this season, SAs have been fair at times.

William H. Stone, NPO #10, Toronto, Ontario - Nov. 17 reception good. Heard EGAR, WGBF, WHOM and WMAE all R9. CFCH and WIFD R7. Nov. 16 reception also very good. CRCW and WMAQ on regular broadcast at 5 P.M. WUJB R9. KFSD R7, WBIG & KSO R7. Reception poor until Nov. 24 at which time the following were heard R9. CKL7, CFCC, CFRC, WNAK, KSAC and WJBK. Nov. 28, WCAU R9, WCLO R5-7. Dec. 1: Reception fair, WPAR, KMBC R9. KLCF R5-7, KTUL R7, WEDY R5, WNAD R6-7, KVOA R7. XEWZ, XEU and CJLS R5.

Eddie Grant, NPO #11, N. Sydney, N. S. - Nov. 15 - Poor European reception, only a few French stations heard. General reception very good. Nov. 16 General reception poor till 9 PM. Only 6 Europeans heard, of which four were French, very weak. Nov. 17 - General reception very good, European reception poor, all French. Nov. 18 - Reception perfect, heard 16 Europeans, French, German and Italian. Nov. 19. Reception pefect, first US station 7-7:30 A.M. WJR. heard 5 Europeans. Nov. 20 reception good. only 3 Europeans, none heard till 7 PM. Nov. 21 - reception very good, Only Athlone and Lisbon heard among the Europeans. Nov. 22 - reception

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FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13.

KGHI 1200 Little Rock 1-2 CDXR KFJR Portland on at 5
 KPOF 880 Denver CDXR 2:15-3:30 -- Note change in time on KFJR

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14.

KGHI 1200 Little Rock 1-2 NNRC CMHX 760 Cienfuegos 3-5 CDXR
 CKLW 1030 Windsor 1:45-3 NRC& CFCT 1450 Victoria 3-5 MDXE
 WHEB 740 Portsmouth 2-3 UDXC SMOX 1320 Havana 3-6 CDXR
 KFUC 550 St. Louis 2-4 NRC& WEXL 1310 Royal Oak 3:30-4 CDXR
 KYA 1230 San Francisco 3-4 CDXR KUMA 1420 Yuma 4-5 CDXR
 WCLO 1200 Janesville 3-4 CDXR WHJB 620 Greensburg 4-5 CDXR
 XEFL 1150 Tiajuana 3-4 NRC KGFJ 1200 Los Angeles 6-7 CDXR

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15.

KGIR 1340 Butte on at 12 CDXR NEU 1010 Vera Cruz 3-5
 CMCD 960 Havana 12-3 CDXR CFCT 1350 Victoria 3-5 CDXR
 NEX 1310 Monterrey 12-1 CDXR CKWX 1010 Vancouver 3-4
 WICC 600 Bridgeport CDXR 1-1:30 NEEU 830 Reading 3-5 ICCP
 WOW 590 Omaha CDXR 1-1:30 WTOC 1260 Savannah 3-5 R.N.
 KVOD 920 Denver 1-2 CDXR CKOV 630 Kelowna NNRC& 3-4:30
 WHAZ 1300 Troy 1-3 CHAB 1200 M. Jaw CDXR 3:30-4:30
 WILL 890 Urbana URDXC 1-1:30 KFRO 1370 Longview CDXR 3:30-4:30
 XEWZ 1150 Mexico City 1-4 CDXR KVOL 1310 Lafayette 4-5 CDXR
 CMBX 1380 Havana 1-5 NRC WGBF 630 Evansville 4-5 CDXR
 WFFB 1370 Hattiesburg 2-3 NNRC WIMV 1500 E.St.Louis until 3 GCDXC
 KFRU 630 Columbia 2-3 CDXR WOI 640 Aimes CDXR 3:30-4:30
 CFLC 930 Prescott 2-4 NRC WEDC 1210 Chicago 4-5 CDXR
 WFBL 1360 Syracuse NNRC 3-3:30 KEOK 760 Tiajuana 4-5 CDXR
 KDB 1500 Santa Barbara 3-4 CDXR CHML 1010 Hamilton 5-6 CDXR
 KWJ 1040 Portland 3-4 CDXR WTRC 1310 Elkhart 5-7 NRC&
 KOL 1270 Seattle 3-4 CDXR WVIC 1040 Hartford CDXR 9:30-10 PM.
 WBOG 860 New York City 3-4 NNRC CJAT 910 Trail 3-5 NNRC

MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16.

WGES 1360 Chicago 1-2 NNRC KEFI 1440 Chihuahua 3-4
 KOA 830 Denver 2-3 CDXR ZRO 9635 Rome NRC 6-7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17.

KIUL 1210 Garden City 1-2 NNRC VDAY 940 Fargo 1-4 CDXR
 GMW 600 Havana 1-3 NRC KRE 1370 Berkeley 3-4 CDXR
 CNR 601 Rabat IDA 1:30-2:30 KFXM 1210 S. Bernardino 3-4 NNRC
 EAJ7 1095 Madrid IDA 1-2:30 KPPC 1210 Pasadena 4-5 NNRC
 KGIW 1420 Alamosa 2-3 CDXR WHBU 1210 Anderson 5-6 NNRC
 WFAS 1210 White Plains 2-3 NNRC WSBC 1210 Chicago 7-8 NNRC

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18.

WJBK 1500 Detroit 1-6 NRC WHBQ 1370 Memphis 2:30-3 CDXR
 WVTG 560 Springfield 2-2:30 WOPI 1500 Bristol 3-6 CDXR

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19.

KMPC 710 Beverly Hills 3:30-4 NRC

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 20.

KSL 1130 S.Lake City NRC 1-1:30 904 Hamburg, Ger. 1-2 IDA
 CMOA 1440 Havana 1-2 NNRC OFA 895 Helinski IDA 1:30-2:30

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21.

CJAT 910 Trail 3-5 NNRC KMO 1330 Tacoma 4-5 NNRC
 EXL 1310 Royal Oak 3:30-4 NRC WCMJ 1310 Ashland NRC 5-5:30
 WND 1310 Shreveport NRC 4-4:30 WFFF 1310 Plattsburg 5:30-6 NRC
 ROC 1310 Rochester 4:30-5 NRC KGFV 1310 Kearney NRC 6:30-7

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22

859 Strasbourg IDA 1:30-2:30 CMHJ 1160 Cienfuegos 1-2 UDXC
 WBO 1420 Baton Rouge 2-4 MDXE KIUI 1310 Santa Fe 3-4 NRC
 CMKC 1252 Santiago 1-2 IDA KGCK 1310 Wolf Point 4-5 NRC
 760 Seattle 3-4 UDXC KWJ 1040 Portland 4-5 UDXC
 W6XAI 1550 Bakersfield 2-3 UDXC CLX 1380 Havana 1-4 CDXR