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DX NEWS

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Now that all the 'blah blah' of the election is a thing of the past so far as the Election is concerned, we will once again be able to return to normalcy once again. During the past five or six weeks broadcasting schedules were all disrupted owing to political broadcasts. The broadcasts of the WORK DX Club have also been affected, however beginning this coming Thursday evening at 8:45 P.M., EST, we hope to again return to our regular weekly schedule, and we shall be glad to welcome any reports from our members on this broadcast.

Ye editor, had the privilege and pleasure of appearing on the late broadcast which was conducted by WORK on Wednesday morning following the Election. At this time he dedicated the program to all the clubs that are members of the Inter-Club Co-Operation Plan. He hopes that quite a few of his DX Friends heard this broadcast.

DX has not been as good during the past week as it had been for three or four weeks prior to that time. There has been an increase in static and signals are not being received as well. However this is possibly due to the storms which have effected major portions of these United States and Canada. Letters received from the various members speak of torrential rainstorms in their localities, which of course may have been responsible for this noticeable let-down in reception conditions.

News is somewhat scarce this week, but we attribute this to the fact that the National Election has held the interest of most of our members and naturally resulted in our receiving less mail than usual from our members.

John C. Kalmbach, Jr. 1195 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, N. Y., who has been serving our club as Publicity Manager during the past year, has plans for enlarging his Department and forming a Committee. John asks that all who are interested in serving the club in this capacity, to get in contact with him immediately. We hope that several of our members will be able to aid John in carrying out his ideas.

One thing has been noted in the reports that have been received during the past week and that is that several of our members report early morning reception of the Trans-Atlantic stations. This indeed is very unusual, when you consider that in other seasons, reception of the European stations was very seldom reported before November 15. It seems as though, we may be therefore on the verge of a great season for the reception of these stations. Those stations which are being noticed at the present time are Radio Normandie, Fecamp, France on 1113 kcs. and Rennes, France on 1040 kcs. Reception of the European stations is generally best between 12 midnight and 2:30 A.M., EST. However these two French stations may be heard between 1:00 and 2:00 A.M. Walter C. Birch, East Lynn, Mass. reports that Rennes-Bretagne on 1040 kcs. are coming on the air by 1:00 A.M. this season and that they are now using their full 120 kilowatts power. He says that in his location they can be heard through WTIC, some evenings around 6:00 P.M. Walt also tells us that in a recent verification from Marseille, the Chief Engineer has informed him that their station would begin using 120 KW on November 1st. Prior to that date they had been using 1.5 KW on their morning transmissions. They come on the air at 1:50 A.M.. E.S.T.

Greetings! - Want to ask you all a question; - What do you all think of having certificates of degree for Short Wave Tuning? - About 8 months ago, Kermit Geary, and Paul Trice spoke to me of having different certificates for excellence for your DXing accomplishments. If we get enough response to this, we will have the forms printed, and I will publish the requirements for getting each. - Something along these lines of the old BCB Certificates. Drop me a line all of you, on this as I'd like your ideas.

Amando Cespedes Marin, is again putting Heredia in Costa Rica on the map. Mr. Marin, again operating TI4NRH using slogan "The Voice of Costa Rica". TI4NRH around 11:30 P.M. evenings, sure is putting a fine signal here at the Fort. This is one of my "pet" stations and I always like to listen to him. Remember his 7½ watt rig? - Sure did put out a fine signal with that low power. Now using 200 watts in aerial!

Hong Kong, China on 9.530 meg. sure has put in a fine signal for the past week. - This real DX catch usually put an audible signal thru, but for the past week, its been exceptional. Call letters aren't given in the programs, but they do announce "Hong Kong, calling."

The French station, "Radio Coloniale" has announced that their 100,000 watt transmitter will be in operation by January. 100 Kilowatts is sure some power for a short wave broadcasting station. They plan to relay all of the French long and medium wave programs.

Floyd Murphy sends us a long list of stations he has heard in the last two weeks. - ~~DZG 7.15 meg. sending a program for Brazil for a relay.~~ KIO, KKP, WNB, JVA, KVV, HJ1ABP, XEWI, (one of their famous signs off at 4:00 P.M.) W6XKG (31,600 kcs) PLP, JVM, ZBW, VPD2, CO8VZ and Radio Pdebrady. Floyd also says he recently heard the following new 'ham' stations; LU4BH, G6HV, HK50BC, F8DW, LU6KE, CO8VZ, CO2JM, HK4AC, PY5AQ, TI2AR, LU9KA, LU6EW, CO8EC, I1KG, CO7HF, XELBT, HK2RS, YV5AK, VK7JB, XELFV, XE3AR.

R. B. Orieder of State College, Pa. says in a fine report, that VP3HR, has been on 6014 kcs. lately. still not on the 6010 kcs. as his veri shows, but closer. 6014 is bad enough, but if he ever hits 6010 he'll be terrible.

HJU has been on 9510 kcs. lately. The news being that she is actually on this frequency. He has been, you know on 9498 kcs.

HJ2ABD Radio Bucaramanga was bouncing around above the 31 meter band this week, was heard on 9818, 9825 and 9634 on three successive nights.

HC2CW still moving around. Logged on 8370 kcs. one night this past week.

TIFG was heard on 9591 kilocycles for the past week. Tis the first time I've heard him in the 31 meter band, although he has been reliably reported a few times, as operating there.

COCQ again moving around. One night near 9708 kcs. then next 9750 kcs. Why can't these stations get themselves settled. Tis giving us DX ers grey hairs!

VP3BG in Georgetown, British Guiana finally located last Wednesday on 6130 kcs. just 2 kilocycles above COCD on 6130 kilocycles.

Tuning the Short Waves (Continued)

YVIRG and YVIRH, "Emisora Filico" in Maracaibo, Venezuela heard on 6375 last night. Wonder why he also doesn't settle down? I can understand his moving off his 6358 kcs. channel, but 6390 was a good spot, atleast in this part of the country.

On Oct. 26, had a station I believe to be HI2D, La Voz de Catolica, (The last letter of call, the only thing in doubt.) on 6900 kcs. This is the new Trujillo station.

So in closing how's about some reports of reception conditions from you SW DXers who seldom if ever send in reports. Would be mighty glad to hear from you all. My QHA's Art Johnson, 472-83rd Street, Fort Hamilton, N. Y. 73es DX.

Art Johnson

The editor would like to make an appeal to the members who are interested in Short Wave reception. Art Johnson is doing a splendid job on our Short Wave Column this season, however he continually calls our attention to the fact that only a few of the members are reporting regularly to him. He says that he needs the support of all of you, in an effort to make our SW Column stand out as one of the best in any club. Therefore, let's all try and co-operate with Art, wherever we can, inasmuch as it is a mighty hard task to compile a Column of this type when you do not have many reports on hand. Your co-operation will not only be appreciated by the Editors, but also by all the members, who will be bound to profit as a result of having more reports printed each week.

DX CHATTER SW's - By A. W. Oppel

DID YOU KNOW...that HH3W, 9.64 megs., Port-au-Prince, Haiti, will dedicate a program to the NNRC from 10 P.M. to midnight, Saturday, November 7th...HKV, 8.79 megs., Bogota, Colombia, is on the air every Monday and Thursday from 7-7:30 P.M...Hongkong, China, starts broadcasting at 4 A.M., on 9.53 megs., and by 5:30 has the volume of a local station...CSW, 9.74 megs., Lisbon, Portugal, can be heard easily between 6:30-7 P.M...HH, 6.81 megs., San Pedro, D.R., has changed to 6.79 megs.

RADIO GOSSIP

KMA, 930 Shenandoah? Iowa, is operating with their new 488-foot vertical radiator antenna...WXYZ, 1240 kcs., Detroit, started work on a similar antenna, to be 474 feet high...Up to October 27 forty-five new transmitters have been granted by the F.C.C. It is expected 700 stations will be the U.S. total before the year is ended...2YA, 570 kcs. Wellington, N. Z., is constructing a new 60,000-watt transmitter with a 700-foot vertical antenna...If WJRD, 1200 kcs., Tuscaloosa, Ala., adheres as their policy "no verifying", it might not be wise to have these names as one to refer to when requesting a verification: H. T. Eudy, will be chief engineer; Ted Woodard, will be program and production manager; and James R. Doss, Jr., will direct the destinies of the station. (Best bet to write to would be H. T. Eudy.)

DX CHATTER

DO YOU KNOW...that WNEW, 1250 kilocycles, is New York's newest station...The station will, however, keep its Newark studios for auxiliary purposes. Your log book should read, "WNEW, 1250 kcs., New York, N.Y."...WLB, Minneapolis, and WCAL, Northfield, Minn., both on 1250 kcs., have been granted permission to move to 760 kcs., and to each increase their power to 5000 watts, daytimes only. As a result WTCN, 1250 kcs., Minneapolis, will go to full time operation on that frequency...WGRC, 1370 kcs., New Albany, Ind., operates daily from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M...the F.C.C. examiner has recommended WRT's 1200-kilocycle CP be revoked because

of the delay in starting operation of the station...WLBC, 1310 kcs., Muncie, Ind., tests the third Saturday of each month from 3:20-3:40 A.M....LRL, 1070 kcs., Buenos Aires, is on daily from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. ...and reviewing the new stations recently licensed and assigned calls;

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| WGAN, | 640 | kcs., | 500 | watts, | Portland, Maine |
| KOAM, | 790 | " | 1000 | " | Pittsburg, Kansas |
| KGSS, | 1200 | " | 100 | " | Sioux Falls, S. D. |
| KVSC, | 1200 | " | 100 | " | San Diego, Cal. |
| WBHP, | 1200 | " | 100 | " | Huntsville, Ala. |
| WBJW, | 1200 | " | 100 | " | Kinston, N. C. |
| KXOK, | 1250 | " | 1000 | " | St. Louis, Mo. |
| WAIR, | 1250 | " | 250 | " | Winston-Salem, N. C. |
| -----, | 1310 | " | 100 | " | Corsicana, Texas |
| -----, | 1310 | " | 100 | " | Moorhead, Minn. |
| -----, | 1310 | " | 100 | " | Jamestown, N. D. |
| KRQA, | 1310 | " | 100 | " | Santa Fe, N. M. (formerly KIUJ) |
| KSUB, | 1310 | " | 100 | " | Cedar City, Utah |
| KVOS, | 1310 | " | 100 | " | Jefferson City, Mo. |
| WDRB, | 1370 | " | 100 | " | Wassau, Wis. |
| WNNY, | 1420 | " | 100 | " | Watertown, N. Y. |
| WHIP, | 1480 | " | 5000 | " | Hammond, Ind. |
| KSJS, | 1500 | " | 100 | " | Salina, Kansas |

WOCL, 1210 kcs., Jamestown, N. Y., has been purchased by the James Broadcasting Co., and are now using the call letters WJTN...WROK, Rockford, Ill. to increase day power to 1000 from 500 watts...WNOX, 1010 kcs., Knoxville, Tenn. to increase day power to 5000 watts...KMA, 930 kcs., Shenandoah, Iowa to increase day power from 2500 to 5000 watts...WSMB, 1320 kcs., New Orleans, La. to increase power from 500 to 1000 watts unlimited...

Last week we promised to reprint complete for you a list of the Federal Communications Commission monthly monitoring schedules. We had hoped to have this information available for this weeks Bulletin, but we regret to announce that the said schedule has not yet been received from the Commission, however just as soon as it is received, we shall immediately print this information for all of our members.

Next week, the Bulletin will be sent from headquarters on Tuesday instead of Wednesday as is our regular policy. The reason for this is that Wednesday is Armistice Day and we would like to observe the Holiday, so all information is requested to be sent in a day earlier than usual so that we can carry out our plans about publishing the Bulletin on Tuesday.

We want to take this opportunity to call our members attention to the fact that S. Raymond Lewis has recently moved, his new address being 1733 Kensington Road, Toledo, Ohio.

The DX program which was to have been dedicated to our club from station WSUI, 880 kcs., Iowa City, Iowa on Wednesday morning, November 4 from 1:30 to 2:30 A.M., EST. was changed to Thursday morning, November 5 at the same date an hour, we mean the same hour. This information comes to us from John E. Ott. He says this change was made owing to the stations operating on the same frequency carrying the Election results on Wednesday morning. John says he is going to appear on this broadcast and we hope that some of our members will have the pleasure of hearing John send his greetings to the other members in our club. Thanks for this information John.

We want to thank Dick Cooper, our Kittanning, Pa., CPCer for having secured the November frequency check dedication for the members of our club from station KIDW, 1420 kcs., Lamar, Colorado. This test will take place on the morning of the 10th between 5:30 and 5:50 A.M., EST.

Art Brackbill our CPC Chairman sends us word of a dedication that he has secured for the members of our club. This dedication will take place from WHBD, 1440 kcs., Peoria, Illinois on Sunday morning, November 22 from 4:00 to 5:00 A.M., EST. They have advised Art that this is their first program of this type for a long time and they anticipate a great success.

Walt Birch our East Lynn, Mass. CPCer sends us word that he too, has secured a DX program for the members of our club. His dedication will take place from KFSD, 600 kcs., San Diego, Cal. on Sunday morning, December 6th between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., EST.

NATIONAL RADIO CLUB POST OBSERVERS.

J. B. REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Oct. 27. cold and clear but a bad noise which was not continuous. XEP, 2:45. KFVD 2:48; KQW 2:50; KJBS at 3; KIUL on test at 3:05; KIJJ at 3:30; WENR testing at 3:55; KSFO at 4:20; and KGMB at 4:30. Oct. 28. not much noise until 3 A.M. when the noise got terrible. WHBQ at 2:30; KGU at 2:45; KGMB at 3:00; WHBU at 2:53. Oct. 29. raining and very bad noise. KMA testing new equipment at 3:03. KFBB with new transmitter at 4:30. WRAK and WPAY both on at 4:45. Oct. 30. bad rainstorm and quite noisy. WJTN at 2:45 and off at 2:59 on 1210 kcs. YRC at 3:13 A.M. KFRC at 3:25; KMA all morning. Oct. 31. very little noise prevalent. WLBC on frequency check and interfering with VEXL. WRAK at 2:50. KOL noted to be leaving the air at 3 late-ly. KWJJ at 3:20. KGU at 3:30. KMFC and KIRO both on at 3:35. YNLF at 3:45 FB. KGMB at 4:10. KMED on test at 4:02. KFBB at 5. Nov. 1. quite noisy and a drizzle all night. WJBO at 2:45. KWTO at 3. KTRH at 2:59. TGW at 4:30 very faintly. WJBY off at 3:47. WJNO QRM'd by WIL. At 3:45 though I heard announcement of WOLS but too much interference to be definitely sure. KGGM at 3:30. KEML until 4. WSAJ at 4:30. YNLF at 4:45. 4YA at 4:55. 4YA has been the most consistent of all the New Zealand stations heard this fall. Nov. 2. too noisy to DX. Pat tell us that a verification from CMHJ advises him that they will DX the first and third Thursdays of each month. The first Thursdays they will be on the air between 2 and 3 A.M., and the Third Thursdays they will be on between 5:00 and 6:00 A.M., EST.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. Oct. 30. heard KEUB announce their call at 4, and must have signed off at that time, as they were not heard afterwards. R5. KHBC logged at 3:50 A.M. R5. KUMA testing at 5:47 R5. 1YA and 2GZ heard for only TPs of the morning. 2GZ was R4. Oct. 31. all coasters were very strong. KXL easily identified at 2:40 an R5. WRAK testing at 2:50 an R8. KHBC before sign-off an R6. 1YA and 4YA heard shortly after 4:30 A.M. with 4YA an R6. Also caught 4BK between 5:36-6. R5. Altho Al says he hasn't as yet tried for the TA's, he heard Rennes his first TA between 3:15-3:30 A.M. at times he was an R5. Nov. 1st. heard KGGM and KXA specials for our club with both giving a nice special. KGGM R5-6. KXA R4. Heard TGW after four R6. Could not hear anything of TI4NRH nor FQN owing to interference. Nov. 2. Static very bad, signal strength poor.

LLOYD REES, Ridgewood, N. J. - Oct. 31. Found KFI coming in fine thru heavy static, in fact, it was louder than KNX (unusual here). At 2:10 heard Frech on 1040 which turned out to be Rennes, France. Loud until 2:30 when it began to fade out. This was a new station for Lloyd. WAIM tested on 1200. WMFR did also with QRM from WIL. WRAK loud on 1370. KFDY on 780 came in once in awhile. Coast poor after 3. KMA on 930. Lloyd would like to know for best results on West coast stations, whet-

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| <u>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KG DY | 1340 | Huron | 4-4:30 | | KVI | 570 | Tacoma | 4-5 | | | NRC |
| WCOP | 1120 | Boston | 5-6 | | | | | | | | |
| <u>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YBIG | 1440 | Greensboro | 3-3 | | NRC | 1160 | Juarez | 3-5 | | | |
| <u>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WTAL | 1310 | Tallahassee | 5:10-5:30 | | | | | | | | |
| <u>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KIDW | 1420 | Lamar | 5:30-5:50 | | | | | | | | |
| <u>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| THIS | 1410 | Blufffield | 2:30-3:30 | | WTRC | 1310 | Elkhart | 5-5:20 | | | NRC |
| <u>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RJAG | 1060 | Norfolk | 1:30-7:30 | | NRC | 1320 | Havana | 3-6 | | | NRC |
| <u>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WSOC | 1210 | Charlotte | 2:20-2:40 | | NRC | WCOP | 1120 | Boston | 5-6 | | |
| KTSM | 1310 | El Paso | 4:20-4:40 | | NRC | CP4 | 1040 | La Paz | 11-12 | | P.M. |
| <u>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WDNC | 1500 | Durham | 1-2 | | NNRC | 1160 | Guadalajara | 2-4 | | | |
| WNBC | 1380 | New Britain | 1-3 | | NNRC | | | | | | |

We want to take this opportunity to welcome Fred Burleigh, 142 Converse Ave., Meriden, Conn. and Horace E. Cooper, R.D.1, Cabot, Pa. as new members in our club. Let's all hope that these two fellows will get as much enjoyment out of the club as we get out of serving them.

National Post Observer Reports (Continued.)

Lloyd Rees - her a lead-in should be on the east or west end of an aerial. Can any of our technical men help Lloyd out on this query?

CARL FORESTIERI, Bronx, N. Y. - Atwater Kent 711. This past week Carl reports that he experienced the fine and much anticipated reception of TA stations. He says that never before in his location has he heard reception of these stations prior to Nov. 15. However, Carl says he's looking forward to having one of the greatest seasons for TA reception that we've ever seen. Oct. 27. No static, reception nearly perfect. Coasters were all heard R9, that is all of the powerful ones. Heard KEUB at 2:15 R8. KGU at 3:30 R2-4. NEW had a bad side band spread on 1200 and 1300 kcs., all morning. Oct. 28. Noticed that CKCH, Hull, Que. stays on the air daily until 2 A.M. with a request dance program. Oct. 29. at 1 A.M., heard a station on 1040 a good R8, thinking it was KRLD Carl passed it by, but at 1:30 A.M., he heard a French voice announcing and until 2 A.M.; he held this station and found that it was Rennes. He says WRAK seem to be on quite frequently of late between 2-4 A.M.

Oct. 30. Rennes again R8 at 1:15. WCHI at 1:20. WGL at 1:45. Radio Normandie at 2., had a little difficulty coming through XELO. At 2:05 heard WJTN for the first time. WTBO had a frequency check at 2:30. NEW signed off at 3:16. Oct. 31. Third consecutive day for Rennes an R6 this time at 2 A.M., while Radio Normandie made XELO look like a 50-watter, held them until 3:15 A.M. when they completely faded. KELW logged at 2:30. Carl says that KFBK are the most consistent of the lower-powered Coasters, rating from R4-9 most of the times.

A. W. OPPEL, Irvington, N. J. - too noisy during past week to do any DXing. Al also asks that we correct a statement made in last week's S&E, in which we stated that he lost WSPG owing to a change in call letters. This should have been WSPR instead. To our knowledge WSPG now WGAN are not yet on the air with their new transmitter.

HAROLD BUTTLES, Aurora, Ill. - Reports the following new catches; KEUB, XEBZ, W2XR. On SW, CJRE, TPA3, DJB-D, GSB-D, RNE, HJLABP, YV6RV, COCq, COCK, COCD, COCH, PGJ, 2RO. New set working fine, plenty of power. Very