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DX NEWS

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Improved reception has been quite noticeable here at club headquarters during the past several days, which should indicate that we are definitely heading for better DX at the present time. West-coast stations have begun to put in their appearance, with improved volume and some of the lower-powered stations are being heard for the first time this season, so, we therefore suggest that all our members begin their DXing activities for this year in earnest.

This past Sunday morning we were surprised to find WSAY, 1210 kcs. Rochester, N. Y., on the air with a test program. This makes about the fourth or fifth new station that has taken the air during the past month, and as we mentioned in last week's Bulletin the next few days will find four or five more of them. Anytime that we get notice of these tests we shall endeavor to pass the information along to our members.

Our Courtesy Programs Committee are beginning to show some fine results. During the past week we have received word of quite a few programs which will be dedicated to the members of our club during the next few weeks. We are indeed very glad to see this Committee getting off to such a fine start and it is our hope that their good fortune will continue throughout the whole year.

Ben Genung, our Spring City CPCer sends us word that WSWA, 550 kcs. Harrisonburg, Va. will put on a DX for our club on the morning of October 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 A.M., EST.

Jack Horner, our Elizabethtown CPCer and incidentally another of the new CPCers this season sends us word of two dedications for our club. The first will be a frequency check dedication from WLVA, 1200 kcs., Lynchburg, Va. on Tuesday morning, October 13 from 3:00 to 3:20 A.M., EST, and the other is a regular DX program from KSCJ, 1330 kcs., Sioux City, Iowa on Sunday morning, October 11 from 4:00 to 4:30 A.M., EST.

Bob Martin, another new CPCer this year, who resides here in York, tells us that he has received three acceptances from stations for DX programs for the members of our club. The first will take place this coming Sunday morning, September 27 over station WOI, 640 kcs., Aimes, Iowa between 3:00 and 4:00 A.M., EST. The second of these will take place over KPOF, 880 kcs., Denver, Colo. on Friday morning, October 9 between 2:00 and 3:00 A.M., EST and the final of these to take place on Sunday morning, October 11 over station KPRC, 920 kcs. Houston, Texas from 3:00 to 4:00 A.M., EST.

We ask that each and every one of our members will make an effort to be on hand for all of these broadcasts and to send in your reports to the stations on these broadcasts. The stations can only know whether or not the DXers are interested in future programs of this type by the amount of response that they get on them. Therefore, we feel that it is your duty to report to as many of these stations as you possibly can, inasmuch as this is your opportunity to express your appreciation to the stations for having gone to the bother and expense of putting on a program of this type. Let's show all the stations, that we as members of the National Radio Club, really and truly do appreciate their efforts and make them feel that it was worthwhile having put on this program for

SHORT WAVE DEPARTMENT

By Art Johnson

Next to Japan, the Dutch Island colony of Java has recorded the greatest development in short-wave broadcasting in the Far East, according to World-Radio, BBC Organ. Besides numerous low-powered private stations, there are three comparatively high-powered transmitters in operation at the island, -FIN (29.24 m.), PFP (27.27 m.), and YDB (67.11 m.).

FIN and PFP are both situated at Bandoeng, and transmit daily. They frequently relay running commentaries on football matches from the Dutch transmitter PHI, and it is a most interesting experience to compare the actual broadcast of PHI with the rebroadcast from Java. YDB, at Sourabaya, is not so well heard, owing partly to its lower power.

Edward F. Bellington, Brooklyn, reports CNR (.2.82), Rabat, Morocco, on Saturday mornings at 6:15 A.M.; PCJ (9.59), Holland, R-9 until 10 P.M., when England comes on the air and overrides them; EAQ, Madrid Spain, was logged and the announcer said that the Spanish Government had opened a new station on 41 meters, call letters ECEI. Neither power to be utilized or schedule was given. The slogan of HIN 11.28 meg. is "The Voice of the Dominican Political Party." At 3:05 A.M. VK2QR, Australia, was logged. Who is the unknown Spanish-speaking station on 8:95 meg. heard until 11:45 P.M.? Mr. Bellington says that the address of HK3JA, the new Colombian amateur, is P. O. Box, 330, Bogota, Colombia.

R. B. Oxrieder of State College, Pa. sends in another one of his excellent reports. He says HJ4ABD La voz de Catia in Medellin evidently up to his old stunts as he has been checked in anywhere from 5923 to 5935 so far, not a gradual increase but just anywhere at random.

Did you know HCJB was now on 8948? HIN is using two frequencies - Not simultaneously however - 11280 and 6243 announced (the latter I check in at 6245 most of the time).

HIX was on 6132 about a week ago, but last night was operating on 6340 announced and actual. Announced it as a new frequency.

YNLF La voz de Nicaragua at Managua has moved again, now on 9660 for at least a week so far.

A new Colombian, so new he isn't even using call letters yet - announced Radio difusora Colombiana La voz de Armenia, en Armenia, Caldas, Colombia, Sur America has been on several nights recently. Was 9533 on two of the nights and 9531 on one of them.

HC2CW, Guayaquil, Ecuador operating on 8200. (possible doubt on the CW ending, but very small) Comes on about 10:00 and goes off when he gets ready, generally around 11:00 but on till 1:21 A.M. on one occasion and until near 12:00 on the others.

A station in Spain (says so) has been on several times recently from about 7:45 to 8:15 P.M. with news Bulletins in Spanish and English on 7230 kc.

CSV now on quite regularly or has been last few nights. Is now announcing 9550 kc. and 31.41 meters, goes off about 6 P.M. You may remember I told you before he was 9540 although announcing 9540. Looks like he got wise to himself.

Short Wave Department (1934)
 WJ2ABD in Bucaramanga had been on several times recently near 5987 (variable) his old spot. Had been missing for a long time, for me at least.

HI8A in Trujillo on last night announcing 6450 kcs, but checked in as 6447 or 8.

A report comes in of reception of a TIVL Costa Rica. They are reported to be in 6870 kcs. Has any one else any more information on this one?

A few issues back we asked if any one knew of the address of VK2-ABD - Carl Forestieri of Bronx, N. Y., tells me that he heard him in May, and sent a report through Box 1734, J.F. G.P.O., Sidney, Australia, and received a card which is a blue one with Silver Call Letters a few days ago. The actual QRA of VK2ABD as per the card is C. C. Galbraith; 77 Drumalbyn Road, Bellevue Hill, Sydney, Australia. As you will know, VK2ABD is not listed in any call book as yet.

ZFD, St. George, Bermuda on 10335 kcs. is being heard testing on Sunday evenings at 7:30 - 8:15 P.M., EST. ZFD when on the air, has a very good signal.

W2XAF at Schenectady, N. Y. on 9530 kcs. is on a new schedule of 4 P.M. to 12 midnight EST. They are going to have a special test program dedicated to the 6000 - 12500 Mile DX Club, on October 15, from 3 to 4 P.M. Oliver Ahlie the president of this club has arranged this special.

According to Earl R. Roberts of Indianapolis the SW Ed. of NNRC, W2KAD, Schenectady, N. Y. on 15330 kcs. is to have a special program dedicated to that organization on November 20th, 1936 at 3:00 to 4:00 P.M., EST. W2KAD has also increased its schedule too, and now are on from 10 A.M. to 3:45 P.M., EST.

In closing why not try to identify a couple of stations that we have no luck with so far, try 6260 kcs. for the station that comes on around 9:00 and signs off anytime after 11 P.M. with the Good Night song. Also the weak hombre on 6360 just above HI3W who is on in the early evening and goes off around 8:00 P.M. More reports welcomed, so send them to me at 472 - 83rd St., Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y. 73
 Art Johnson

DX CHATTER-SW'S (E.S.T.) By A. W. Opper
 DID YOU KNOW...that the following calls have been assigned to police stations: WAMA, Urbana, Ill; KAPH, Stockton, Cal; KPAG, Iola, Kan.; WAKZ, Florida State, West Palm Beach and WAKY, portable State of Maryland. 1. CEC, 10.67 megs., Santiago, Chile, is now only transmitting between 7 and 7:20 P.M., according to word from that station. Saturdays and Sundays, excepted...CB960, 9.6 megs., Santiago, has also changed hours of operation to 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon, and from 6 to 8:30 P.M. CB615, 6.15 megs., Chile, is working from 4 to 7 P.M. daily...WNLF, La Voz de Nicaragua, insist they work on 9.595 megs., but local listeners still hear them nearer 9.67. Their sked is from 2-3 P.M. and from 8-11 P.M., daily...IUC, 11.95 megs., Addis Ababa, has been heard between 11:15 and 11:35 P.M., counting in Italian and talking to Rome...TIOW, (formerly TI6OW), 6.50 megs., Fort Limon, Costa Rica, is on from 10 to 11:30 A.M., daily, and from 2 to 3 P.M., Sundays. The station uses 400 watts and reports should be addressed to Otto F. Finner, P. O. Box 45.

NEW STATIONS

We want to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Grace L. Simpson and her son Frank E. Simpson, 77 Pleasant Ave., Montclair, N. J. as members of our organization. We trust that they will find our Bulletins of great aid to them in their DXing activities.

NATIONAL POST OBSERVER REPORTS

H. A. TURNER, Bridgeville, Pa. - writes that static has been rather heavy most of the time. He says that on the evening of Sept. 7 he tuned in WSPR and send them a fine report. The same morning at 5:30 AM DST, he heard WNLC although WJBK interferred with them very badly. Here's a list of new ones that H.A.T. has heard so far this month: WHKO R5-6. KCMO R5. WNLC, WSPR; KBIK R7. WJNO R6. WEOA R7 and KFDN R6. He says the FCC tests were good Tuesday and Thursday morning but static was bad the other mornings.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Bradford, N. Y. - Sept. 20, static quite bad but managed to do some intensive DXing, the result, - 4 new stations. XEBZ on 820 kc. was heard between 2:25-3:30 A.M. R5. KEP on 1160 between 3:30 and 4:15 R7. KCMO was caught thru WATL on 1370 generally overriding them between 4:15-4:50 A.M. R6-7. WSAY heard testing at 4:50-5:20 A.M. on 1210 kcs. R8 no fading. Al says the announcer at WSAY said that they expected to test between 1:00 and 6:00 A.M., every morning this week. Al reports hearing KXL on 1420 about R5 and KBMG was also identified about an R4-5. Tried for Aussies but the only one heard was LYA who were about an R4-5. Could also hear carrier of 2BL. Al also says that the correct frequency of the new Suva, Fiji station is 920 kcs. using 500 watts.

FRANK FIELD, Jr. Johnson City, Tenn. - Been on vacation the first part of September as a result no DXing done until this week-end. Suggests watching the Canadian tests as CJIC was heard testing Sept. 19 and CKSO Sept. 20. A few other tests heard on the 20th were WOV, WMC and KVOD. Also KEP, heard WSAY testing and says they were fairly good. Frank wants help on the Spanish speaking station on 820 kcs. This one has been identified as XEBZ, Frank!

ART JOHNSON, Brooklyn, N. Y. - writes that he is devoting more time to BCB DXing this season, with the result that he has recently heard XEP and CKCR. He says that he has heard XEPN on 730 kcs. several times recently, believe they are using this wave altogether now. Also reports reception of WPRF, evidently during the FCC tests.

BEN GENUNG, Spring City, Penna. - writes that he heard Joe Stokes announce over KDKA that last Friday night was his last on the KDKA DX Club. Says that he is on SW entirely now. We're sorry to hear that Joe has given up this period, but hope that he has gotten someone to take his place, in order that the BCB DXers may continue to hear this program, for much last minute information that reaches the various clubs too late to make their Bulletins.

MRS. G. L. & F. E. SIMPSON, Montclair, N. J. - write that it is their intention to keep on the watch for those new stations which are supposed to take the air with test programs sometime between now and the end of the month. They add that thus far they've picked up two new stations this season, namely, WSPR and KCMO. They also report that WSAY are to test each morning this week between 1 and 6 A.M.

J. J. BECKER, Sr. Hamilton, Ohio - Reports having heard WSAY on Sunday morning. Joe also tells us that he had an unexpected visit from Mr. Hoyt Wimpy, owner of radio station WPAX. He said that they had about an hour's talk and that Mr. Wimpy was enroute to Cleveland. Joe says that Mr. Wimpy has the highest regard for NRC and will do everything he can to further our interests over their station. Mr. Wimpy says that they have received 12 letters from different parts of New Zealand this year. He sends all members his best regards.

HAROLD BUTTELS, Aurora, Ill. - reports that his first new catch of the season was WIKC and that it has already been verified. Hal says that he hasn't set any goal for this season, inasmuch as he's over the 1000 mark himself.

PAT REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - Reports that radio is still very noisy but sends in a fine report on what he heard during the past week. On the morning of the 16th he picked up KDOM at 4:30 A.M. On the 17th he heard CKMO and WGPC and on the 20th he heard KGU faintly at 3:30 A.M. He says he heard the NBC chimes followed by announcement. Pat also says that on the SW's he heard W9CPC, Buffalo talking from ON4VK in Brussels Belgium on Saturday. Also PAOLQ and PAOWV from Holland, F3JD in France. EI2J in Ireland and EA8LW in the Canary Islands. All these being 20 meter phones.

ART BRACKBILL, Lancaster, Pa. - Reports that he has just bought a new RCA 9K. Console 9 tube, 1937 set. Since getting it he has added the following new stations to his log: WNLC, WSPR, WSAV and KCMO. Art also says that he's greatly pleased with the results of the CPC's so far this season.

S. R. LEWIS, Toledo, Ohio - Says that the 27 tube Scott surely is pulling them in for him, reports having heard the following stations last Saturday and Sunday mornings: KGU, 4YA, 3YA, 1YA and KGB faintly. Says he and Joe Becker had such a swell time together on Labor Day.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The initial meeting of the Board of Directors took place at Club Headquarters on Monday evening, September 21. Those present were Messrs. Criswell, Grim, Martin, Routzahn and Weaver. The Board was Officially organized for this year and suggestions were called for, for any improvements that would prove beneficial to all the members of the club in general. Discussion concerning the various publicity outlets took place and it was decided that all members should be asked to express their appreciation to those stations who have so kindly given us the advantage of broadcasting DX news and tips over their station, in the form of cards or letters to the management of the stations. There was a reading of the reports from the previous meeting of the Board. No new business was discussed, inasmuch as there was so little at hand this early in the season. The meeting was then adjourned.

We note that during the past week, several of our members have reported reception of KGU, KGB, 1YA, 3YA and 4YA. This is a sign that we are just on the verge of entering into that season of the year when these stations are best received here in these United States and Canada. We have had several letters from members, telling us that they have never had the thrill of hearing a foreign station on the broadcast band. To these members we recommend that they spend as much time as they possibly can watching for the Australian and New Zealand stations. The best time to hear them is between 4:30 and 6:30 A.M., EST, and the most consistent stations are 1YA on 650 kcs. and 4YA on 790 kcs. Both of these stations use 10 KW power and should be among the first to make their appearance on your dials. The last week in September frequently finds quite a few of our old friends from down under making their re-appearance for the first time during the season, so, let us therefore suggest that you all watch particularly close for these stations during the next four or five weeks.

DX CHATTER By A. W. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...that KHQ, Spokane, Wash., will start construction of "the tallest unguaged radio tower in the world". The tower, 793 feet high, and a transmission building, will cost \$80,000...Remember C. A. Munro, who owned CFBO, but was forced out of radio several years ago? He now owns

a newspaper in St. John, N. B., which sells for one cent, and in addition publishes the weekly radio paper--The Broadcaster.

This morning's mail brings us two more new members for our club. They are:-

Arthur L. Robb, 1338 Mulvano Ave., Topeka, Kansas

Robert G. Ludwig, 1422 Norwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio

We hope these two gentlemen will find their membership in our organization very beneficial to their DXing activities. We are indebted to Ted Grosvenor for lining up Mr. Robb, whereas credit for Mr. Ludwig goes to the combined efforts of Ray Lewis and Joe Becker.

DX CALENDAR

All time E.S.T.		All time E.S.T.	
CALL	FREQ LOCATION	FROM TO CLUB CALL FREQ LOCATION	FROM TO CLUB
<u>SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 26.</u>			
NORL	920 Boston	3-4	GCDXC
<u>SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 27.</u>			
WOI	640 Aimes	3-4	NRC KWSC 1220 Pullman . 3-7.
<u>SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3.</u>			
KPDN	1310 Fampa	3-4	

We want to again suggest that you keep a close watch for WHLB, 1370 kcs., Virginia, Minn.; KRRV, 1310 kcs., Sherman, Texas and WMIN, 1310 kcs., St. Paul, Minn. inasmuch as all three of these stations are scheduled to begin testing sometime between now and October 1st, inasmuch as that is the date that they expect to begin their regular broadcasting activities. No dates nor times have been set for these test programs, so that we can only suggest in this case that you keep after them as close as you possibly can during the next few days.

We are in receipt of the Inter-Club Circle Letter, which was originated by Ted Grosvenor and some of the information contained therein may be of interest to our members. We are also sending several sample Bulletins to persons in this Circle Letter, whom we believe would be interested in seeing them.

O. R. Spitler tells how he keeps his log. He says he takes the latest copy of Radex and draws a line in red pencil through all the U. S. Stations that he has verified. Then he makes a list on a sheet of cardboard of all those U. S. Stations that he doesn't have verified, grouped as to frequencies in order. He leaves open spaces on the cardboard for additions of newly licensed stations. Then he keeps this piece of cardboard handy at all times when he's DXing.

Nancy Lee Saxton, formerly of Joplin, Mo. advises that she is now living in Chicago and expects to purchase a new receiver, and start DXing in earnest. She says that last year was one of the poorest seasons she's ever known.

Joe Stokes, our KDKA DX Club Commentator, advises that owing to pressure of lots of work at hand, he's no longer able to keep up his foreign contacts, and that this may result in his giving up the BCB portion of the KDKA DX Club. We note according to Ben Genung's advise that Joe was to have given up his broadcast last Friday.

Joe Becker, our 1st Vice-President, who is continually striving to aid our club whenever he can, says that KEP, 1160 kcs. will DX for us on October 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 A.M., EST. Thanks for this dope, Joe!