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DX NEWS

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This will be our Christmas issue, unfortunately next week's Bulletin will not reach you before Christmas, so, we'll have to make this our Christmas Bulletin. Incidentally next week's Bulletin will be mailed from headquarters on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. But it's time to turn our attention to this week's DX News or we'll run out of space again.

We received word from Walter C. Birch that WGAR Cleveland, Ohio were to have put on a DX program on this morning, we are very sorry that we did not receive the news sooner, but the letter addressed to Walt from the station was dated December 12th. We hope that some of our members were successful in hearing this program, inasmuch as it featured Homer Rodeheaver and several church choirs. Walt rushed this information to us, but of course it was too late to notify you of this program.

We have a letter from WAWZ 1350 kcs. Zarephath, N. J. for John Barlow which informs us that they will put on a DX program for our members on Tuesday morning, January 21 from 4 to 5 A.M., EST.

Luther E. Grim our Red Lion, Pa. member sends us word that this past Sunday morning he heard a test program between 4:30 and 5:30 A.M. EST from KLRH, 1420 kcs. Midland, Texas.

From a recent issue of CDXR's Bulletin we glean several items which we feel will be of interest to our members. "GZ 990 kcs. Orange, Australia was officially opened on October 31st. CJRC Winnipeg, Manitoba have changed frequency to 580 kcs. 3AR, Melbourne, N. S. W. changes frequency from 630 to 580 kcs., and 7NT, Kelso, Tasmania have changed frequency from 750 to 710 kcs.

We are also in receipt of a letter from Bill Ellis well known West Coast DXer in which he advises us that he has begun a DX tip period over KFAC 1300 kcs. Los Angeles, Calif. at 9:15 P.M., P.S.T. He is very anxious to receive any DX information that our members may have from time to time.

We are in receipt of a very fine letter from Mott M. Johnson of station KMMJ, 740 kcs. Clay Center, Nebr. in which he has promised to co-operate with us by giving us a DX Tip broadcast each week. We also want to welcome Mr. Johnson as a member in our club, we hope that you will find your membership in our club very enjoyable, Mr. Johnson. Just as soon as we receive word of a definite schedule for the DX Tip Period, we'll be sure to let all of our members know the time, so that they can have the pleasure of hearing this period from KMMJ each week. We can only say, "Thanks very much Mr. Johnson for your splendid co-operation."

Have you written to WSMK regarding the program from CE-90 Santiago, Chile which is to take place for the members of our club on January 9 between 3 and 4 A.M., EST? You are all urged to write WSMK asking them to stand by for this program, inasmuch as both stations operate on 1380 kcs. and the success of this International Goodwill program depends largely on having a cleared channel. Therefore if you have not already done so, please sit right down and write that letter to WSMK.

STOPLOOKIMPORTANT NEWS:::::

Walt Birch just sends us word that there has been a change in time for the International Goodwill program from CE-90, he says this program will take place between 1 and 2 A.M., EST on the morning of January 9th instead of from 3 to 4 A.M. Please note this change in time when writing to WSMK.

Last week we indicated in our DX Calendar that KSL 1130 kcs. Salt Lake City, Utah was going to dedicate a half hour program to our club on Friday morning, December 20 from 1 to 1:30 A.M., EST. We did not at that time however, have the room to give Joe Becker, Sr. our ever active Vice-President credit for having secured this special program for the members of our club.

Miles I. Hart, P. O. Box 226, Plainville, Conn. one of our NPOs, is very anxious to hear from any of the members of our club who may have had some experience with the Browning 35 receiver. He says that he wants to get the information from someone who owns one of the receivers, so that he might decide whether or not he wants one or not. So, any of you who may have had some experience with this, please contact Mr. Hart.

Have you written that letter to the Federal Communications Commission regarding our suggestions last week? You will recall at that time we urged all DXers and all clubs to join in the movement to do something about the interference that is created by stations now operating on a regular 24 hour schedule. At that time we suggested that you write a letter to the F.C.C. pointing out that these "all night" stations were taking all the interest out of DXing and that without the DXers reports that many of the stations felt they would be losing valuable information for the continual improvement of their transmitters. That the all night stations made putting on DXes worthwhile on the crowded channels. Let's all get in back of this movement. The remedy that we suggested was that the F.C.C. either restrict the number of nights per month for all night broadcasts, or to assign the stations to frequencies which would be set aside especially for that purpose. Here's your chance to try to aid in a movement, which if successful will be for the complete betterment of all DXers in general.

John E. A. Sanderson, 8 Grove St., Russellburgh, Dunedin, New Zealand, one of our members from "down under" who has been sending us such fine news regarding the Australian and New Zealand stations during the past year, writes that he will be very glad to correspond with any of the members of the club and that he is also an ardent stamp collector, and will gladly exchange stamps with any other member in the club who may also be interested in stamp collecting.

Paul V. Trice, our Sharon, Pa. member sends us word that his second verif from CHCF, which was received in the form of an airmail letter, states that they are erecting new towers which will be finished this week and will be 125 feet high. Also that by January 15th they hope to have an output of 540 watts. Thanks for the information Paul!

The editor wants to take this opportunity to advise any of those who may be looking for answers to any letters they have written to club headquarters, that an answer will be forthcoming just as soon as possible. However owing to the Xmas rush at present, it may go a week or so until we find time to answer your letters.

There is a fine bunch of NPO reports on hand again this week, which we will include a little bit later on in this week's bulletin.

The Canadian Radio Commission has connected their network with the short wave receiving equipment at their quarters in Ottawa. Frequent retransmission of the Empire programs of the British Broadcasting Company are heard over CROX and the usual broadcast hook-up. A gentle hint to the 'commencer-inner' (I.E. the beginner)...don't be misled.

The South American and Cuban stations, giving considerable competition to the DJC channel, has made it necessary for DJA and DJN to attempt to supply the Western Hemisphere with music, formerly carried for our entertainment over DJC's mighty 6,020 kc. carrier.

WLFLA will return to the air not later than December 22 according to a statement from LFSG, the chief operator. During the absence from the 160 meter fone waves, WLFLA has been chewing the rag on the 'powerful little five watter', down on 80 meter CW. WLJON has been kind enough to present WLFLA with a modern Hartley oscillator.

The editor of this department is anxious to have instructions from any member or members as it may be concerning the installation of five meter antennas on automobile, or a large letter containing \$28.62.

Our good friend A. W. Oppel who has recently come from behind the sombre shadows of Anonymity, suggests an excellent idea. Al thinks we ought to give a weekly forecast of the best foreign stations that may be heard on the short waves. We are adding to the suggestion, and saying that we ought to have five or six volunteers who will assist the editor in choosing these stations. Now any one interested, and certainly we hope you all are, please write to Ed Brandon, Box 699, New Canaan.

Incidentally, along about Christmas time, we will be hearing WLFSG on 20 meter fone with a kilowatt power. Any members out on the west coast hearing this station are asked to write to WLFSG c/o Box 699, New Canaan.

We are in receipt of a card from Eric Butcher, of Cokeville, Wyo. in which he lists his marvelous SW accomplishments which are too numerous to mention at this time. Needless to say it looks as though Eric has heard every continent. Incidentally we've asked Eric to be the NFO for his state, and if he accepts, we are sure that his reports will certainly prove worthwhile.

How many of our members heard the FB program which was dedicated to our club from 2RO this past Monday evening? We hope that quite a few of you were tuned in and sent the station a report on this program, out of appreciation for their splendid co-operation.

A card from the KDKA DX Commentator, Joe Stokes, advises us that he is still hearing his share of good SW catches. Latest that are listed show /3XAL, VK3KX, LULDB, LU7AZ, LU9EA, COCO, CO2AN and PYLDK all verified. Incidentally Joe asks us to extend the seasons greetings to all the NRC members for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Bureau of Investigation is getting a rig for transmission on frequencies from 4000 to 15,000 kcs. This CW transmitter is expected to have a large coverage area. Speaking of the Bureau of Investigation, what has become of Kermit Geary, P.V. Trice, Joe Stokes and the rest of the gang??

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DX CHAPTER SWS.

By ALFRED W. OPPEL

DID YOU KNOW...that WJMO, 6.15 megs., Winnipeg, Manitoba, and CJRK, 11.72 megs., Winnipeg, will DX December 29 from 1 to 3 A.M., EST...you should try for ETE, 11.96 megs., Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, every Wednesday from 4:45 to 5:15 A.M., EST...we heard W4KB, 6.04 megs., Miami, Fla., DXing this morning (12/14/35) using only 250 watts; not 2500 as listed W3KAU, Newton Square, Pa. (WCAU's SW xmtr) will increase power to 10 kw., from a listed 750 watts?

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DO YOU KNOW...that WJBK, 1500 kcs., Detroit, Mich., will occasionally shut down for important specials arranged by the NNRC...CHOA, 1440 kcs., Havana, will DX December 20, from 1 to 2 A.M., EST...you should look for KROC, 1310 kcs., Rochester, Minn., DXing every Saturday (or Sunday) between 4 and 5 A.M., EST...KFYR, 550 kcs., Bismarck, N. D., has had it's license canceled by the FCC (subject to appeal)...CJOC, now on 1230 kcs., Leabridge, Alta., expects to change frequency about January 5 to 950 kcs., They will DX that date from 3 to 5 A.M., EST...CJRC, now on 1390 kcs., Winnipeg, Manitoba, will change frequency to 580 kcs., on December 29th, DXing from 1 to 3 A.M., EST...CJAT, 910 kcs., Trail, B.C., will DX December 21 and January 19 from 3 to 5 A.M., EST...CKBI, 1210 kcs., Prince Albert, Sask., Canada will DX the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 5 A.M., EST...you shouldn't be surprised if you hear XEWZ's new xmtr on 820 kcs., shortly. (It may be a new call)...CLOX, 1320 kcs., Havana, will DX January 13, starting at 3 A.M., EST...the Conn. Valley Broadcasting Co., has been granted a CP to erect a new station on 1140 kcs., with 500 watts, to be located at Springfield, Mass...another new station for Hartford, Conn. to be owned by the Hartford Times, Inc. to operate on 1200 kcs., with the usual 100 watts...also a new station for Muskogee, Okla. to operate on 1500 kcs., with 100 watts and to be owned by the Okla. Press Publishing Co...it looks like Santa Rosa, Calif. will receive a new station on 1310 kcs., with 100 watts...WHN, 1010 kcs., New York City, has been signing off at 4:30 A.M., EST, lately giving we local residents (and others) a break at that channel...

HERE AND THERE

By A. W. Oppel

Did you ever hear of a police radio station being auctioned? WPDV, Charlotte, N.C., police station belonged to the city, but the county wanted to share broadcasting service for their police. Due to legal technicalities the only "out" left was to put it up for auction, thereby allowing the county attorney to bid for it in a legal manner. He was the only bidder and the station was sold at \$6,000.00!

The John E. Brown University (owners of KUOA, Fayetteville, Ark.) are reported to be applying to the FCC for a 50,000 watt station, to operate twenty-four hours per day (!!!) and to use the call letters-KPSN-the mean of which is "people's station of the nation".

KCEI, 900 kcs., Pocatello, Idaho and KFYR, 550 kcs., Bismarck, N. D. are both in trouble with the FCC for using an alleged increase of power without FCC sanction. As a result they must win legal court battles, otherwise they will be ruled off the air. Probably as a result stations will have their licenses extended to one year, instead of six months--the present term. The larger broadcasters advocate three year terms, especially when they point out that super-powered transmitters (as advocated by the FCC) involve huge investments, which can not be risked if a station's license is only binding for six months, or possibly a year.

The FCC has ruled that no programs may emanate from the Hotel Eagle, Eagle Pass, Tex., when broadcast over XEPN, Piedras Negras, Mexico.

----- NATIONAL FOOT COUNTRY REPORT -----

A. J. Oppel, NFO #2, Irvington, N. J. - Reception week of December 8th-14th with much atmospheric in evidence. Reception on 5's quite good on the morning periods, with the foreign "locals" easy. Only new catches on 5's were 4KB, 6.04 meg; CO2HY, 14.1 meg; GBX, 10.5 meg; KEUW, 6.03 meg; CHNS, 6.1 meg; WOO, 4.7 meg; and many amateurs and police stations. Reception December 14 at 3-5:15 A.M. FB. Most of the mornings' specials heard, with CMHX, QSA-3, R-5-6, after 4 A.M. Very fine English announcing on that station. Reception December 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 quite good again. Australia heard QSA-3, R-5-6, on SWs and on the BC KVOL heard QSA-4, R-6-7 for the first fifteen minutes. After that a bad heterodyne. WROC not heard between 4-5 EST. KEWZ, Mexico, D.F., a local; ditto on KEUW on SW's. KEOK not audible; CJAT a bit too weak to verify thru noise level. December 15, at 2:30 P.M. on SW's, 2RO, 9.6 meg., Rome, Italy a positive local, with nightingales as loud as if they were on a tree outside.

Joe Becker, NFO #3, Hamilton, Ohio - Reports excellent dedications to WRC on the 14th and 15th. Reports hearing KVOL, CKPR, KEWZ and CMQ on 880 kcs. Sunday morning. KRLH heard for the first on Dec. 16th.

Pat Heilley, NFO #4, Jamestown, N.Y. - Dec. 10 KEFL 3:17 A.M. KWSC 3:20 A.M. KADR 3:26 A.M. WFBZ 4:20 with new 500 watt xmtr. KROC 4:30 A.M. All were very strong. Dec. 11 Fecamp heard at 3 A.M. weak. KEAF 3:17 very weak. Dec. 12 CMQ on 880 2:55 A.M. KFYR off at 3 A.M. CMBX 3:20 drowned out SMR. FIL 5:15 A.M. Dec. 13 very noisy. KPOF 3:15 A.M. CMQ on 880 kcs. again. KPFC off at 3:30 A.M. KEBH on 1000 kcs. at 4 A.M. Dec. 14 very noisy - CMOX like a local. CMHX 4:40 A.M. quite strong. CMQ on 880 kcs. WRC at 5:20 A.M. KUMA at 4:18 A.M. Dec. 15 very noisy - WTOC, 1 KGB, KEWZ at 3 A.M. WBOQ 3:25 A.M. WEEU 3:25 A.M. KEUW at 3:35 A.M. KVOL at 4:25 A.M. DEC 16. WBO 2:40 A.M. KFOX at 3:03 A.M. KRLH at 3:43 to 4:40 A.M.

Walter C. Birch, NFO #9, E. Lynn, Mass. Reception Dec. 8 & 9. - Stuttgart Farha 1, Lyon-Framoyes, Köln, Roma, München, Leipzig, Milano, Strasbourg, Bruxelles 2, Breslau, P.P., ILGE, Bratislava, Königsberg, Rennes, Bretagne, Bordeaux, Lafayette, Fecamp, IITR, København, Nice, LaBrague, Frankfurt, Hamburg, IITO, Nice-LaBrague, Radio Lyon, Gleiwitz, Nürnberg, Flonbert, F.L. Athlone, Paris PTT, Marseilles, Toulouse-Muret, EAJ1, W.R., ILM1, L.R., M.R., EAJ15, EAJ7.

Miles I. Hart, NFO #9, Plainville, Conn. - Dec. 15 - OW R9 plus, KEWZ, W7, CMBX R4, WFA R9 plus, WTOC R9 plus, KEU R4, CMCD R8, WOI R9, WEEU, WBOQ like locals. At 5 A.M. station heard on 1210 kcs. which sounded like the announcer said Colombia, S. A. also mentioned something about being on summer time. Can anyone identify this station for Miles? Could this have been HJ3MBE listed as operating on 1200 kcs?

Eddie Grant, NFO #11, Sydney, Nova Scotia - Nov. 22 - General reception very good, 6 Europeans heard. Nov. 23 - General reception very good, 7 Europeans heard but very poor. Nov. 24 - General reception very good, 14 Europeans heard, but F.P., the only one with volume. Nov. 25 - General reception excellent, 23 Europeans heard, WHO heard as early as 10:30 P.M. Nov. 26 - General reception fine, 14 Europeans heard. Fecamp and P.P. heard in the early A.M. Nov. 27 - General reception very good, 11 Europeans heard, Bordeaux heard fine in early morning. Nov. 28 - Reception poor, 14 Europeans heard, as a matter of fact they were the best of the season. Nov. 29 - General reception good, 28 Europeans picked up, the very best of the season. and Nov. 30 - General reception fair, 9 Europeans heard, but rather poor.

Morgan B. Kent, NFO #12, Daytona Beach, Fla. - Nov. 23, WJFO very clear. WLC very clear. WNK very clear. WJBW at 6:50 A.M. very clear. Nov. 24 9:15 A.M. very clear reception of GSF, 15.14 meg. 11:15 P.M. HRN 51 meters very clear. Reported that they are on the air Sundays from 9:30 to 11:30 P.M., EST. Nov. 17 - WPTZ, WSK, WJUV, WJAD, KFAC, WVBG and KABC, reception being excellent in the afternoon. Best of Dec. 1 good reception-

KSL 1130 S. Lake City NRC 1-1:30 -- ---- 904 Hamburg, Ger. 1-2 IDA
 CHCA 1410 Havana 1-2 NNRC OFA 895 Helinski IDA 1:30-2:30 --
 SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21.
 WELI 900 New Haven, 1-4 NNRC KMO 1330 Tacoma 4-5 NNRC
 CJAT 910 Trail 3-5 NNRC WOME 1310 Ashland NRC 5-5:30 --
 WEKL 1310 Royal Oak 3:30-4 NRC WMEF 1310 Plattsburg 5:30-6 NRC
 KRMD 1310 Shreveport NRC 4-4:30 -- KGFV 1310 Kearney 6:30-7 NRC
 KRCC 1310 Rochester 4:30-5 NRC

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22.
 WTMV 1500 E. St. Louis till 3 UDXC CKWX 1010 Vancouver 3-4 ----
 CHNJ 1160 Cienfuegos 1-2 UDXC KIUJ 1310 Santa Fe 3-4 NRC
 CHKC 1252 Santiago 1-2 IDA KXA 760 Seattle 3-4 UDXC
 KXYZ 1440 Houston 1-3 ---- CKOV 630 Kelowna NNRC& 3-4:30 --
 ---- 859 Strasbourg IDA 1:30-2:30- CFCT 1450 Victoria 3-5 ----
 W6XAI 1550 Bakersfield 2-3 UDXC KLO 1400 Ogden 3-5 CDXE
 CHBX 1380 Havana 1-5 NRC KGCX 1310 Wolf Point 4-5 NRC
 KENZ 1130 Mexico City 1-4 CDXR KWJJ 1040 Portland 4-5 UDXC
 WJBO 1420 Baton Rouge 2-4 MDXE WHO 1000 Des Moines All Night
 WAAW 660 Omaha 3-4 URDXC

MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23.
 ---- 1031 Konigsberg 1:10-2 IDA WAAW 660 Omaha 3-4 ----
 WEFI 1440 Chihuahua 3-4 ----

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24.
 WEFW 1310 Tampico 12-1 CDXR KFKM 1210 S. Bernardino 3-4 NRC
 IITO 1140 Turin IDA 1:15-1:45 -- CKBI 1210 Pr. Albert 3:30-5 NNRC
 KGIW 1420 Alamosa 2-3 CDXR KGY 1210 Olympia 4:30-5 CDXR
 "MERRY XMAS"

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25. "MERRY XMAS"
 WOC 1370 Davenport 2-3 NNRC KGFV 1310 Kearney UDXC 6-6:15 --
 KADA 1300 Ida 2:30-4 ---- WASH 1270 G. Rapids NNRC 6-6:15 --
 CHMK 760 Cienfuegos 3-5 NRC WOOD 1270 G. Rapids NNRC 6:15-6 --

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26.
 CX26 1050 Montevideo 2:30-4 NNRC WRAW 1310 Reading 5:30-6 MDXE
 WEOK 760 Tiajuana 4-5 CDXR

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28.
 WAJL 795 Barcelona IDA 1-2:30 -- WKAQ 1340 San Juan 4-5 NNRC
 WFL 1150 Tiajuana 3-4 NRC WEOK 760 Tiajuana 4-5 CDXR
 WNBC 1380 New Britain 3-5 ---- WFO 1370 Decatur 5-6 NNRC

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30.
 WTMV 1500 E. St. Louis till 3 MDXE KGFV 1420 Shawnoe 3-4 CDXR
 WEFW 1310 Tampico 12-1 CDXR KWSC 1220 Pullman 3-4 CDXR
 WPAR 1420 Parkersburg 12-3 CDXR CFCT 1450 Victoria 3-5 NRC
 WJMC 580 Winnipeg 12-3 NNRC WIS 560 Columbia 3-4 NRC
 WENZ 1140 Mexico City 1-4 CDXR KMPC 710 Beverly Hills 3:30-4 NRC
 CHBX 1380 Havana 1-5 NNRC KSFO 560 San Francisco 4-4:30 --

National Post Observer Reports (Continued)

WEN, WCAU, WBNS, and WJAY all heard fine. Dec. 7 heard NRC dedication from LNH. Also CHMK, KFDM, WRAW and KABC.

Harold Buttels, WFO #15, Aurora, Ill. - Nov. 28 Reception very good, Cubans came in like locals beginning at 5:30 P.M., EST. CMCY heard R9 at 5:35 P.M. CMCG R8. CMCF R9 and CMBY R7 at 8 P.M. Nov. 29 - Reception excellent. LRI was an R9 from 9:30 to 10:30 P.M. WTAM very weak and could barely be heard behind the powerful signal of LRI. Dec. 1. Reception fair, heard WEU, R7-8 after WHN left the air. Also heard WPAR R5. Dec. 6 reception excellent from 5:30 to 7:00 A.M. heard WMFG very weak, QRM ed very bad at 6 A.M. KRNT on chain with WMT R9.

(Can anyone identify)

Joe Becker sends us an SOS. He heard a station on 1200 kcs. on Dec. 17 from Texas, sounded like the call K--T? Were on the air at 3 A.M. Played Dancing with my Shadow and I'm On A See Saw and other popular hits