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We hope you've all had a very splendid week of DXing since the last Bulletin reached you. The first six days of the frequency checks here at club headquarters found excellent reception conditions prevailing, a condition which we hope existed for all of you.

The first announcement that we wish to bring to your attention this week is that a Board of Directors meeting is called for Monday evening, March 23 at 7:30 P.M., EST. All Directors are urged to be present for this meeting. We also want to extend a cordial invitation to any other members who might desire to attend this meeting to be sure and attend.

Canada Fromenades - this is the name that Bill Stone has given to the next series of Canadian DX programs that he is arranging for our club which are to take place on the morning of April 19. So far Bill has received word from CFCN, 1030 kcs., Calgary, Alta., that they will be happy to participate in this series of broadcasts. They will be on the air between 2:00 and 3:00 A.M., EST.

From Randolph Hunt we learn that KTM 780 kcs., Los Angeles, Calif. have finally changed their call to KEHE. We understand that this change took place on March 3. There had been a lot of discussion whether or not this change ever would take place, but we know now that it did!

Another change which has been noticed during the past week is that KEW are now operating on 730 kcs., this station must have changed their frequency from 890. This station is as you know located in Mexico City.

Circumstances beyond our control have been responsible for having to get this Bulletin out a day earlier this week than we usually do, so that in some instances the last minute news may not be in this Bulletin inasmuch as last week we did not ask to have the information come in a day earlier this week.

It's been quite some time since we've had "What's In A Call" as one of the features of the Bulletin, but inasmuch as it appears that there will be a surplus of space in this week's Bulletin, we might just as well give you a few that we have on hand at this time.

WHAT'S IN A CALL

By A. W. Oppel

WJAX - Wonderful Jax(onville)	WIS - Wonderful Iodine State
KVOA - Voice of the Ozarks	KCRC- Champlain Refining Co.
MAGM - Wonderful Aroostook Garden (of) Maine	WKRC -Kodel Radio Corp.
WCOA - Wonderful City of Advantages	KGFJ- Keep Good Folks Joyful
WCM - Wonderful Gulf Coast(of) Miss- issippi	WGES- World's Greatest Entertain- ment Service
WEAN - We Entertain A Nation	WKBW- Well Known Bible Witness
KOTN - Kotton	WEEL- Edison Electric Illumination
WTOC - Welcome To Our City	KFXR- Keep Faith, Xcell Religiously
WTF - We Protect The Family	KVOR- Voic e Of the Rockies
WGH - World's Greatest Harbor	WJKS- Where Joy Kills Sorrow
WBEN - Buffalo Evening News	WAIU- American Insurance Union
KTBR - Tell By Radio	WISN- Wisconsin News
WICC - Industrial Capital of Conn.	KVOE- Voice (of the)Orange Empire
W GAL - World's Gardens At Lancaster	WFBLE- When Feeling Blue, Listen
	WMSD- Muscle Shoals District

ALL TIMES MENTIONED ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

HERE and THERE

If you like to "listen in", try WOU, 2506 kilocycles, Green Harbor, Mass., on the air continually relaying messages for the Gloucester and Boston fishing boats.

The transmitter of WKBZ, 1500 kcs., Muskegon, Mich., was seriously damaged by fire a few weeks ago, and it will be some time before broadcasting is resumed.

WNBR, 1430 kcs., Memphis, Tenn., was purchased last week by the Memphis Commercial Appeal newspaper---owners of WVIC.

Altho Chicago and surrounding municipalities shifted to Eastern time March 1st, WLS-- "The Prairie Farmer Station", stayed on Central time. The station arrived at this decision after a poll showed their listeners preferred Central time to Eastern. WLS is a very popular station with farmers, and few farmers ever liked any change in time except that which is "natural".

WHBI, 1250 kcs., Newark, N. J., have been using the transmitter of WNEW on the same channel. WHBI will again start to use their transmitter. WHBI only broadcasts twelve hours weekly, with WNEW using the remaining time in the metropolitan area.

WHN, 1010 kcs., New York City, last week celebrated their increase of power to 5000 watts by "airing" the congratulatory speeches of celebrities in all walks of life. Xmr is in Astoria, L.I., now.

WQAN, 880 kcs., Scranton, Pa., has received FCC permission to curtail it's broadcasting schedule until difficulties with music publishers are ironed out. WQAN has been limping along sans music for the past several weeks.

SHORT WAVE DEPARTMENT

By Ed Brandon

A new schedule will be effective at W2XAD the short wave outlet of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N.Y. on April 1, adding three hours to their present daily schedule of 2 to 3 P.M. Commencing April 1st, W2XAD will transmit on 15,330 kilocycles from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. The twin short-waver W2XAF will likewise take a new schedule. The latter station will transmit on 9,530 kilocycles from 4 P.M. to midnight on Sundays, thus having the same schedule as its present weekday period.

Radio Station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador transmits on 34.18 meters with 500 watts. Present listings show them 8900 kilocycles, although they announce that they are operating on 8775 kc. This item comes from Paul V. Trice of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

On March 30, Zeh Bouck, popular contributor to Radio News, and author of Making a Living in Radio, will speak over W1XAL, Boston, Mr. Bouck will discuss radio of the future. It will be well worth your while to twist your dials to the 6040 kc. wave at 8:15 P.M. on March 30. Speaking in terms of education, the German short wave stations plan to begin a course in German some time in April. This will afford DXers a chance to acquire a knowledge of the tongue.

The twenty meter band is improving wonderfully. DXers are finding foreigners popping up all over. Among those heard lately are: XE2N, EA2BA 14,120 kc. EI2Z 14,120 kc. OA4AA 14,275 kc. F8NH 14,290 kc. NY2AE 14,120 kc. PA0RP 14,100 kc. and a number of Gs on 14,130 kc.

Notes: TFJ is off the air. WFL is not really an experimental call. The station is used as a cue channel for the NBC. It is located at Bound brook, N. J. HAD on 6.2 megs wants reports. They are on from 7-10 P.M. K6MZZ is on 10 meters from 4-8 P.M. EST. 2RO is received with improved strength now. Western-Electric has developed an 'efficiency doubler' for transmitters. Broadcasters will now be able to use up less power and get more output. GSN and GSJ are new British outlets operating on 11.82 megs, and 13.93 megs respectively.

DX CHATTER-SW's (EST) By A. W. Oppel

DID YOU KNOW...that EBW, 8.75 megs., Hong Kong Broadcasting Corp., P. O. Box 200, Hong Kong, China, is being heard daily from 6:30-7 A.M....IAC, 8.38 megs., Coltano, Italy, is being heard calling Tripoli at about 4 A.M....YNVA, 8.59 megs., Managua, Nicaragua, is on daily, excepting Sundays, from 5:45-8:15 P.M....HCJB, 8.77 megs., Quito, Ecuador, is on daily excepting Monday, from 7:30-11 P.M....the N. Y. Sun states H. Lange of the American Embassy advises of special programs from Moscow on 19 and 25 meters, every Sunday at 10 A.M....LZA, 14.97 megs., Sofia, Bulgaria, is now on the air, having been heard testing February 29th from 3:30-11:30 A.M....HP5K, 6.0 megs., Colon, Panama, relays BCB station HP50, 7-10 P.M. ...DIQ, 10.29 megs., uses the call DZC; and DJS, 12.13, DZE...these new police stations have been assigned the following calls: KACR, Seminole, Okla; WQFP, Pontiac, Mich; WAKH, Bloomfield, N.J.; KACS, Bakersfield, Cal; WQPC, Chicago; WQPF, Effingham, Ill; WQPG, Sterling, Ill; WQPD, Duquoin, Ill...For beautiful music we recommend XEXA, 6.28, Mexico City, from 11 P.M. to 1 A.M....HI3C, 6.90, La Romana, D.R., is on Mondays from 10 30-11:30 P.M....CO9JQ, 8.67, Camaguey, Cuba, is on daily from 8-9 P.M., with poor modulation, however...HC2JSB, 7.85, Quayaquil, Ecuador, is best heard at 9:30-10:45 P.M., and uses a chime for an identification signal ...HJLABP, 9.60, P. O. Box 37, Cartagena, Colombia, tests from 2-3:30 A.M. The chirping of birds is used as an identification signal...HIT, 6.64, Trujillo City, D. R., signs off at 8:30 P.M., with the playing of "victory"...YDB, 9.65, Sourabaya, Java, is being heard consistently around 5:45 A.M....VFD, Suva, Fiji Islands, is now being heard on 13.05 at 12:30 A.M., excepting Saturdays?

HERE and THERE

Pretty girls in Great Britain are being trained to become announcers for television programs to be started by BBC the latter part of next month. Hasta la Vista!

Since the inception of the National Post Observer reports there has been numerous inquiries concerning the various symbols which appear in these reports, we are therefore taking the liberty of printing these symbols and what they "stand for".

MEANING OF AMATEUR ABBREVIATIONS.

73, best regards; vy 73, very best regards; 88, love and kisses; Mtr, Transmitter; YL, young lady; OM, old man; OB, old boy; QSL, acknowledgement; RA, address; QRN, atmospherica; QSO, conversation or contact; RT, stop; QRN, interference (man-made or station); CW, code transmissions; BCL, broadcast listener; CUL, see you later; Sigs, signals; Ur, you are; TNX, thanks; SWL, short wave listener.

- QSA1-hardly perceptible; unreadable.
- QSA2-leak; readable only now and then.
- QSA3-Fairly good; readable with difficulty.
- QSA4-Good readable signals.
- QSA5-Very good signals; perfectly readable.

- R1 - Faint signals; just readable.
- R2 - Weak signals; barely readable.
- R3 - Weak signals; but can be copied.
- R4 - Fair signals; easily readable.
- R5 - Moderately strong signals.
- R6 - Good signals.
- R7 - Good strong signals, that come through QRM and QRN.
- R8 - Very strong signals, heard several feet from phones.
- R9 - Extremely strong signals.

We also have a group of station slogans which we feel may help our members in identifying the various stations that they may pick up from time to time. We are printing this list as per the request of quite a few of our members:

STATION SLOGANS

- KVL - Voice of Seattle
- KGNO - In the Great Southwest
- WTJS - The Sun Shines on Dixie
- WKBZ - The Voice of Western Michigan
- KQW - Pioneer Broadcast Station of the World
- ROOS - The Voice of Roos Bay
- KGHF - The Voice of the Pueblo
- KFBI - The Sunshine Station in the Heart of the Nation
- KOH - The Voice of Nevada
- AMBO - Voice of the Finger Lakes
- KFCX - Here Your Ship Comes in
- CFCN - The Voice of the Prairies
- KABC - The Winter Playground of America
- KOY - The Radio Voice of Arizona
- WJEJ - The Voice of the Valley's
- KFXM - The Voice of the Sunkist Valley
- WLNH - The Gateway of the White Mts.
- WCAX - Voice of the Green Mountain
- KMAC - The West Point of the Air
- WTBO - The Voice of Cumberland
- WALR - The Voice of Beautiful Ohio

Bill Stone sends us word of another program that he has succeeded in securing for our club for the morning of April 19. This one is CHNC, 1410 kcs., Toronto, Ont., between 3:15 and 3:45 A.M., EST.

DX CHATTER (EST)

By A. W. Oppel

DO YOU KNOW...KOY, 1390 kcs., Phoenix, Ariz., can be heard every Sunday from 2-3 A.M....2UW, 1000 watts, 1110 kcs., Sydney, Australia, is on the air twenty-four hours daily...WFBM, 1230 kcs., Indianapolis, Ind., will increase day power to 1000 watts...KFSG, 1120 kcs., Los Angeles, will jump day power to 2500 watts, from 1000. KFSG uses the Xmtr of KRKD ...St. Augustine, Fla., will probably receive a new station on 1210 kilocycles...the same of New London, Conn., on 1500 kilocycles...KFKA, 880 kcs., Greeley, Col., is reported to be running a series of four Sunday morning DX programs...Advices from WLAK, 1310 kcs., Lakeland, Fla., indicate that this station will be on the air on or before April 1, between 1:00 and 6:00 A.M....It has also been reported that WLAK will begin their FDC tests in April also...WSPR, 1140 kcs., has notified NNRC that they expect to be on the air by April 20. This station is located in Springfield, Mass....WDBJ, Roanoke, Va., to increase day power to 5 KW, from 1000 watts...KID, 1320 kcs., Idaho Falls, Idaho, to increase day power to 1000 watts and night power to 500, the power heretofore had been just half this amount in both instances...WJAS, 1290 kcs., Pittsburgh, Penna. to increase day power to 5000 watts from 2500...

We are in receipt of a letter from Glenn R. Dolberg, Program Director of KFI-KECA, in which he advises us that there will be a DX program broadcast from KECA, 1430 kcs., Los Angeles, Cal., on Saturday morning, April 19 from 3:00 to 4:00 A.M., (note this should read Sunday morning) This program will be dedicated to the World-Wide DX Fraternity. This program will be arranged and conducted by Frank Andrews, KFI DX Commentator. We know that this will be a worthwhile broadcast and urge all of you to listen in. We believe they will extend greetings to our club during the course of this broadcast.

MARCH 17, 1936.

J. WARREN ROUTZAHN, York, Penna. - March 11 - Reception good. WLB R5, KSO R9, WEXL R6, NEW R9, WHK R9 testing antennas. WJMS R7. March 12. Fair reception - WTRC 5 A.M. NRC dedication. WYAE R8, KLCN R7 and WALR R9. March 13. WKOK R7, KEY off at 3 A.M. WEBQ R8, KICA R6, WSYB R7, WELI R9, WEW R8, WKBB R8, WHDF R8, WIBX Spanish program R8, WAGM R7. March 15 - very noisy - CMBX now on 1060 R7. WBNX R9, CFCH R8 and KFRO R5. (Silver Marshal-724)

A. W. OPFEL, Irvington, N. J. (116X Philco) Reception on Short Waves FB on March 16, all the foreign locals R-7-8. Static beginning to break thru locals on BCB at 7 P.M., tho.

J. B. (PAT) REILLEY, Jamestown, N. Y. - (Philco 16) March 11 - very bad noise. KGNC at 2:05, WTBO at 2:15, CKGB at 3. WHK at 3:30 this station is a local but always weak with poor modulation. KFH at 4:50, KMJ test at 5:10. 4YA after 5 A.M. was fine. Nothing heard of 1YA, this morning. March 12 - heavy static accompanied by a hard rain storm. KFJR off at 3:02, CFCC on with an all night DX, WRC at 3:10. XEAF at 3:42 dedicating a DX program to all DX clubs. March 13 - very noisy. WELI at 3:05, WIBA at 3:30, WKOK on 1210 with flood news. WCBF at 4:10, WCAO at 4:45, W8XO at 5 testing. March 14 - too noisy to do any DXing. Sunday, March 15. WBIG at 2:30, WROL at 2:50, CJCA at 3:08, KSL on an all night DX. CMCJ on 1110 at 3:30, WBNX with test, TGW or whatever the call is, on 9450 kcs. or near there carrying the same program as their BCB DX. CMBX on about 1060-70 kcs.

JOHN E. OTT, Sanborn, Iowa - This past week was the best for long distant reception that we've had since the Radex contest. March 9 - WLNH, WHBB, WOKO, CKGB, WJBY, WHBI, KFPW, KMLB, WFAS, KDON, KUMA, and KWG. KDON heard R6-8 every morning during the past week. March 10 - WDAS, WFBC, WMBG, KIRO, VGY, KABC and WBRE. Heard for first time. KOL, WBRE, KPQ, KOOS, KFIO and KMED. March 11 & 12. WFAM, KFXJ, WSVS, WOCL, WHIS, KGKO, WBCM, KSUN, KHSL and WHK testing new antenna. Heard WTRC on NRC dedication and WJAN for first time. March 13 - 1YA best so far this season. WIBA, KICA, WIBX, KIUI, WCAO, WCMH, WPAD and WELI. March 14 static on R7 but did manage to get WNEL and KFPY pretty well. John says he was playing with his neighbor's Short Wave receiver and picked up the following stations: W8XK, W3XAL, LRU, W2XE, WLXAL, GSD, CJRX, Pontoise, EAQ, 2RO, HP5J, W3XAU, GSC, VLKX, DJA, DJN, W2XAF, GSB, COCH, CJRO, CRCX, W3XAL, GAS and DJC. All heard between 5 and 7 P.M. on a Zenith 13 tube set. Between the major SW broadcast bands there seem to abound several harmonics from other stations, few really good catches. Can anyone give John any information as to this set?

ARTHUR B. JOHNSON, Brooklyn, N. Y. - WHN now signing off at 2 A.M. They are taking a poll at present to determine the number of listeners. They probably will continue later hours if the poll shows an appreciable number of listeners. KSL announced on March 9 that beginning March 15 they were going to broadcast all night. Heard WTAG R8 on test March 9. WDBO was putting in a perfect signal on the same morning. LRI is being heard through WTAM, LR4 is also heard through WBZ. LR8 at times can be heard when WHAM on 1150 kcs., fades. WORL heard March 8 with a test. Had an R8 signal at that time. New catches on the March tests were WHBB, KWLC, KROC and WJBR.

HAROLD BUTTELS, Aurora, Ill. - March 8 - Reception poor. WHBU was QRMed very badly by a Spanish speaking station. WATL at 2:29 was R6. WIL heard with their Dawn Patrol program. WHK testing at 3:35. Heard a Spanish speaking station on 1390 between WHK test. KFKA heard R5. WIBA testing, heard KIRO at 4, but heavy static prevented good reception. March 9-10-11 very bad static, hence no DXing done at all. March 12. Reception very good. KSO at 1:30, KGNC testing at 2:08, CFCC at 2:30, CKGB testing at 3:08. Heard the following FCC tests: WLLH, WSVS, WKOK, WRAW, WOCL, WHIS, WCPO, WJAN, WGL, WLEU, WIBU, WSAJ, WJBC, WLAP, WSEK, KGIW, WJIM, KGH, KGKB, WBOV, KSUN, KHSL all VFB except KHSL. March 13 reception good.

All time E.S.T.

DX CALENDAR

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CALL	FREQ	LOCATION	FROM	TO	CLUB	CALL	FREQ	LOCATION	FROM	TO	CLUB
FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 20											
EMOA	1420	Havana	1-2	F		KGGM	1230	Albuquerque	3:15	3:30	--
CMHJ	1160	Cienfuegos	1-2	F		CHML	1010	Hamilton	5-6		C
SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 21.											
CHML	1010	Hamilton	5-6								
SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 22.											
CMKC	1250	Santiago	1-2	D		KXA	760	Seattle	3-4		F
KXYZ	1440	Houston	1-3			KYA	1230	San Francisco	2-3		F
CMBX	1060	Havana	1-5	F		CKWX	1010	Vancouver	3-4		
WJBO	1420	Baton Rouge	2-4	C		CFCT	1450	Victoria	3-5		C
						KWSC	1220	Pullman	4-5		F
MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 23.											
CMKC	1252	Santiago	1-2	D		WGAL	1500	Lancaster	5:45	6	B
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 24.											
CMCR	1380	Havana	1-2	B							
WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 25.											
CMOK	1200	Havana	1-2	A		KGFV	1310	Kearney	6-6:15		
KADA	1200	Ada	2:30-4			WASH-WOOD	1270	G.Rapids	6-6:30		C
WNL	1290	San Juan	3-4								
THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 26											
WOC	1370	Davenport	2-3	B		KGKY	1500	Scottsbluff	4-4:30		
WLAP	1420	Lexington	3-4	A		WRAW	1310	Reading	5:30	6	
FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 27											
CMCY	1030	Havana	1-2	B		WLLH	1370	Lowell	1-1:15		
KPRC	920	Houston	1-1:15			WCSH	940	Portland	2:15	2:30	--
SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 28.											
WKAQ	1240	San Juan	4-5	B		7HO	820	Hobart	5-6		D
SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 29.											
WPAR	1420	Parkersburg	12-3	C		CKOV	630	Kelowna	B&C	3-4:30	
CMBX	1060	Havana	1-5	A		FQN	609	St. Pierre	4-5		A
WOI	640	Aimes	3-4	C		CJCU	1210	Atlavik	4-5		C

National Post Observer reports (Continued)

KVOD at 2, KFBK at 2:15, WOKO at 2:20, WKOK with flood reports at 2:34, KOH R7 at 2:45, WIBA testing at 3:45, KIRO very weak at 4:05, following FCC tests heard. WGNV, WCNW, incidentally this station tested 2:20-2:40 instead of 2:10-2:30, WGBB, WABY, WSYB, KICA, WEBQ, WACO, WLBC, WEW, WKBB, WIBX, WHDF, KUOA, WAGL, KIUJ, WJW, WNBZ, WMBH, WJBK, KIUL, WCOMI, WLBF, WMPG, KIUP, WEMP also WELI at 5:05 R7-9. Uses Atwater Kent #72.

BENJAMIN GENUNG, Spring City, Penna. Says static has been terrible lately in his town. Managed to hear VAS the other night bringing my log up to 338 stations. Ben says it took 6 weeks to receive his LRI verif.

FRANK E. STROM, Brooklyn, N. Y. - Reports that CJCU are 68 degrees 15 minutes North. Lat. and 135 degrees West Long. They write that they get mail 6 times a year by rail to McMurray in Northern Alberta and then flown 1700 miles from McMurray to Atlavik. They say, also, that the Northern Lights vie much interference to radio reception.

ELDON ADDY, Marcus, Iowa - writes that KGDY of Huron, S. D. will dedicate a program to the members of our club on the morning of April 1st. He says that no definite hour has been set for this broadcast as yet, but he'll notify you just as soon as he hears definitely.

Once again we want to repeat that code system which we introduced last week for the first time, we have tried to improve slightly on it by omitting the dashes which we used to use after the calls. A-National Radio Club, B-Newark News Radio Club, C-Canadian DX Relay, D-International DXers Alliance, E-Globe Circlers DX Club, F-Universal DX Club, G-Universal Radio DX Club. Let's have your comments on this code system. Do you think it clears up the tip sheet and makes them easier to read???