



Goderich, Ontario

January 29th, 1936

This is supposed to be a holiday here in Goderich. Did you log any new stations on the special broadcasts of the 21st and 28th? We heard a bunch of fairly rare DXers, the CRC stations coast to coast! Too bad if you missed them! .... So much for that now --- Randolph Hunt sent down a few of those very wonderful placques for us to look over that are to be awarded in our Foreign Broadcast Band DX Contest! If you don't enter that contest (even though you may only have LRL verified) I'll ----- do something terrible! Hi Remember every member should enter the contest and at least try because you know there are 5 (1-2-3-4-5) identical placques! Really they are wonderful -- believe you me! Please enter if you have one veri to start with and then go after the 2nd veri -- you might win! Try anyway! Fred .... (Wish we could show it to you personally!)

#### LETTERS

"I am trying to organize a Chapter of CDXR members here! Recently heard Rennes, Bordeaux and Turin and CMBC. Reception good here just now. Latest veries are in from CMKM, CMHJ and XEAQ." Bob Botzum, Reading, Pa. .... Don Reynolds, Newburg, N. Y. has arranged a Frolic on 1210kc on Feb. 18th (VFB Don) "New veries here have been from Bucharest, Rabat, Riga, Paris, Rome, Bordeaux, EAJ-7, Monte Cenori, Eiffel Tower, HIX, XERA, etc. etc. Try for these stations: Strasbourg-1.45am EST; Milan-1.45; Bordeaux, Rennes, Algiers, Lille, Lyons, Paris PTT, all at 1.50am. Sometimes Riga (Latvia) breaks through soon after they sign on at midnight EST. I logged them. Nurnburg in spite of the low power is heard here between Midnight and 2am. Bari, Florence, Bussels 1 & 2, Trieste, Rome, Turin, Genoa, all sign on at 1.45 am EST. The above range between R3 and R8 in volume. Also try for Copenhagen when they come on at 1 am EST. I now have 17 European veries, 1 African, 1 N.Z., and 8 SAs. The South Americans are gradually getting better. LRL, LR2, LR3, LR4, LR5, LR6, LR8, LR10, PRB9, LS2, LS1, are the best ones. Heard between 6.30 and 7.30pm EST. How about more BCB dope and less SW dope in the sheet? (I'm willing if you send in the news! Ed) .... Jack Ker of Sardis, B.C. "New stations for me recently have been 4BU, LS2, Radio Normandie, CMCF, 4AY, XEAS, and KRNR. Recent veries are KMED, CMBX, KRLH, CMOX, 7NT and KGU. Have already DXed 16 ams so far this year. Another good catch was CE90 (now known as CEL38! Ed) from Mid. to 1 am PST on Jan. 9th R5, QSA2 with terrific distortion. I heard them again at the same time the following morning, but much weaker! Sounded like a good-will speech in English to me. Radio Normandie R6 at midnight with English program on Jan. 7th, also R2 on 8th and 9th. NIEM is still on 1210kc. Japs are very poor, sometimes not one is audible all morning. They sure have done the disappearing act this season. Aussies fair at times, Zedders are strong! John Bohm of Malung, Sweden informs me that BCB DX is very poor up there this season." (Tks Jack and Don for the FB letters! Send in more). New members this week are P.E. Thompson of New York City, John Kaemareck of Nemaquin, Penna., A.D. Smith of Amherst, Nova Scotia! Welcome to all of you!

Harry Adams -- "Your station I believe was WTMV, not WENT!" "Tks Robt. Hyland for dope on CMBC." -- Ernest Cooper, Brooklyn, N. Y..

THE MEXICAN MYSTERY 545 kcs and 8190kcs! "By the way, the Mexican station on 8190kc is XEME in Merida, Yucatan relaying XEFC, 560kcs. I have a verification from them!" -- Wilfred T. Siddle, Birmingham, Alabama!

Arthur L. Robb, Topeka, Kansas "My I give my version of the Mexican on 545kcs? I have heard him announcing in English on New Year's Eve and have heard him announce in Spanish very clearly on several occasions since. The station appears to be XEFE in Laredo which also has a shortwave relay station whose call sounds like XEME. I am almost positive of this information but cannot guarantee until I receive a veri from the station itself. XEFE carries network programs from XEW!" (Still not solved -- is it XEFE or XEFC on 545kcs!....)

NRC reporting the Cuban on 790kcs -- "call as CMGH, Box #37, Mantanzas City, Cuba"! Does that settle that one?

"What's the station on about 985kc, heard between KDKA and WBZ? QRM from those stations prevents identification altho musical selections are hard quite well." -- Lester Donnel, Shelbyville, Ill.

"Who are the Spanish speaking stations on 1160 and 1170kcs? XEFL on 1150 and XED on 1155 are also audible but are quite different stations. CMCF came in R6 about 7pm." -- Jack Ker, Sardis, B. C. (CMBD, CMHJ ??)

"What station was on 1110kc on Jan. 5th after playing a march they announced it as 8.15 G.M.T. was then 3.15 am EST" -- Dick Henry, Syracuse, N.Y. (That station was Radio Normandic, France, Dick! or what it? Hi)

"Do the stations in Canada still have their experimental calls like VE9CB for CKNC, etc. or has the CRC abolished them?" -- Barney Ahman, Baltimore. (No experimental licenses are issued for the broadcast band. So I guess NO!)

"Did KGBU up in Alaska get an increase in power to 1KW nite and 5KW daytime from FCC? (No! Say has anybody heard KGBU lately?) Plse give me Harry Adam's full address (Harry Adams, Bay View, Digby County, N.S.) Has CKTB any hope of increasing their power to 1000 watts in the near future! If not, what is the reason? (???) ----- Wilfred MacDonald, Meadowville, N.S.

"Last night, Jan. 21st I heard a station between 5800kc and 5900kc. They made their announcements in French. I could not catch their call, except for the first letter which was 'H'. Haiti? -- Lucian Kessler, Roanoke, Va. ... Ray LaRocque, Worcester, Mass. HH2S (5.920kcs) Port au Prince, Haiti signing off at 9.50pm with announcements in French, Spanish and English!" Ray also "In answer to Earl Robert's question regarding frequency of DZB and DZC, I can say that DJI (9.675) and DJJ (10.042) have just changed their call letters to DZA and DZB. I don't know about DZC, but it's a good guess that it is also a call change from DJL (15.110kc)"

SW Letters (fm P.4) Chas. Miller also reports HRV (??) in Honduras! Also an HILC (?) near 6.45mc (JVT) working hams! HRV was talking to HRN around 11pm! (Saturday evening).... The Calif. Broadcaster (Earl De Haven) reports that LRU is on the air with their 5KW coming in R9Plus -- no fading! (15.29mc). The Papeete, Tahiti station operating on 7.12mc is being heard by several on the Pacific Coast! HJU's location is Buena Ventura! HRW (11.1) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and HFY on 6.35mc owned by the Tropical Fruit Importers of New Orleans are testing! C09GC, Santiago, Cuba is on the air every Sunday morning 1-2am with English program! (6.15mc) .... Eric Butcher, Cokeville, Wyoming reports a QSL from K7VH he heard operating on 14242kc with 25 watts power, QRA is Vergne Hoke Signal Corps, Juneau, Alaska! HILS has 45 watts power on 6.42mc and is on broadcasting from 10-12 am and 4-6pm with lectures in English Tues. and Fridays 5pm! Santo Domingo changed name to Piujillo (?) according to HIX on Sunday's DX for the club! HIX was heard very well on SWs but just heard on 800kcs! (Clarence Wakefield reports it OK)

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Letters (and then some!)

"Am answering to the call to arms (Cards, letters, etc). Why do you always ask for cards? You can't put much on a card unless you write like the fellow who wrote the Lord's Prayer on a postage stamp! (You write abt 10 pages in a letter when we can only use a card-full! Hi) The frequency check list sure comes in handy -- logged 50 new stations. I work a Philco 118H and BCB log stands at 406 in one year! Last year I was left holding the bag as far as foreign stations were concerned. This year it's different with a log of 2 TAs and 3 SAs!" Stanley Harring, Reading, Pa .... "I notice on the FCC tests that WEMP is on Friday 4.40-5 am and I heard KVOL Sat. 4.40-5am instead of Wed., according to sked! I managed to pick up the four SAs last Thursday am. No TAs yet this season! Last year I could get KFI as early as 7.45 EST R7 but now I'm lucky to hear them R4 at 10pm. Who is the station giving WSMK a run Sunday ams?(CMBX!)" --Ed Feichtner, Eric.. "Heard CX2 this am on 570kc from 1-1.15am. Red veries from PP and Rennes." from Paul Craven, Buffalo .... Bob Dame also heard all the SAs "Say Fred, I'd sure appreciate it if you wld send me some dope on BCB antennas. Have plenty of room hr for ant. up to 300ft. long, due N.&S. and only about 15ft high. Think I'll go after BCB DX in earnest soon.." (Bob put up your 300ft aerial and try. We have heard 2YA, 2BL, etc. on an aerial 150ft long up only 5ft using a 1928 TRF set! Just string out the wire!).. "Rcvd my veri from Radio Normandie written in French -- it took just 22 days from mailing time. Also a CMCF veri." Ernest Griebel, Carbondale, Pa .... Margaret Hamilton, Coopersville, Mich. "Jan. 23rd LRI heard R4-5. Writing for veri." .. Cappie Hadley of WLAC writes to tell of a DX program he has arranged from that station on Feb. 22nd 4-5am EST. Cappie wants to hear from all you DX boys! .... G.W. Crickmore up there in Fort Liard, N.W.T. in a letter written Jan. 6th recd Jan. 27th "Not much to report from Liard, reception is good. XERA coming in with a bang. Radio Normandie coming in R8, QSA5 from 4pm to around 5.30pm PST and again at 11pm PST -- have had no luck with the Japs, Australian or New Zealand stations. As soon as there is open water will forward my dues! I extend to all members of the CDXR "A Very Happy & Prosperous New Year with good DXing." .... Howard W. Eek, of East Lansing, Mich. is very much interested in SWS and foreign Broadcast stations. HWE also heard all the LR's and S's! ... Ed Goss, of Brooklyn, N. Y. "Am not much for writing in reports but agree with the last bulletin that members should write in so here goes! Am using a Scott Imperial and have had one of these 23-tube midgets since Dec. 20th. Between Dec. 20th and Jan. 3rd reports were sent to Milan, Trieste, Munich, Strasbourg and PRF4. Rabat was sent a report on their Dec. 18th transmission. On Jan. 3rd London Regional was reported to for one of their politely worded refusals. Focamp, Bordeaux Rennes and PP have all been heard from fair to excellent. Hambourg hrd but seldom with Frankfurt but little better. Heard London Regional again on the am of Jan. 17th. A snowstorm here now -- reception absolutely rotten." .... Miles I. Hart, Plainville, Conn. "Building a new 35 Brownie receiver and a new Radio Room." ... Frank Wheeler, of Erie, Pa. "On BC band since last writing have recd KSAC, KLON, CMHX, WFMD, XEAQ and CJIC. My log totals 714 with 153 verified. I can't seem to pick up a TA on my set. Guess I need a new setp yet, I've received stations twice as far away as Europe is." ... "KSEI can be heard before and during their sign-off at 1am EST. CKPC, Brantford is signing off at 11.45pm and can be heard at that time." Harold Cessna of Bedford, Penna. .... "HIX heard on last DX but only QSA3, R3-4. Couldn't hear anything of TIPG however. Received veri from CJOC in six days; pretty quick work." and "It was 20 below Zero Thurs. Jan. 23 something unusual here in Central Ill. (Believe it or not in Goderich it never went more than a degree or two below Zero -- in Canada. Hi) This from Lester Donnel, Shelbyville, Ill. "On the SA tests of the 23rd LS2 R9 at times, LRI heterodyned by KJBS but broke thru now and then. 1YA was good at 4.00am EST. Nothing else that could be called DX, daytime temperatures here are over 70 plus. Foul DX weather but good for the ice man, Hi!" -- Randolph Hunt, Encinitas, Calif.!

'California here we come!' Hi

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Frank Petch of Gananoque, Ontario with his SW Letters!

Speaking of this Mexican on 6730. I have definitely identified it as XERA. Listen some morning from 3-6 and you may hear this XERA putting out harmonics on 10080, 7560, 6730, 5880, &. Dont let them fool you. hi.

Don Brewster of Toronto is going in for sw dx and wants to know the postage rates... For Canada they are (for letters) 3¢ anywhere in the Br Empire and North and South America. Anywhere else is 5¢. In USA, I understand a Postal guide is necessary because of the government individual contracts with the countries.

Frank Wheeler, Erie, Pa. got a 2 tube converter at Xmas and is having a lot of fun but laments that he is spending hours on Spanishers he can't identify..hi. I would advise you to learn the pronunciation of the Spanish alphabet thoroughly, Frank, and then your difficulties are solved, except for fading, cw qrm, static, etc. hi. I suspect your SOS is COCH in Havana. (Does ne announce as "Say oh say atchay"?)

Bert Holmes, London, Ont. Sends another SOS on this Apanisher on 8100. "Now QSLs are YV12RM and HC2RL. HRN intends to move to 5910kcs in February. Russell Graham, Verdun, Quebec reports HH2S(5920) testing at 5.30am, DJJ, RIO, HJ4ABA(11800), etc.

Bob Dame, Garden City, N. Y. "HRV somewhere in Honduras on about 6.25mc heard hr at 11pm EST Jan. 20th. Sigs were QSA5, R7-8. Slogan was "La voz de (Atlantic) but am not sure!... HCJB at Quito and a HJC at Bogota working duplex. Quito on 8.775mc. and Bogota on approx. 7.45mc. Also Monday at 11.35pm. ..Also heard another new one in HH-3-W, Haiti operating on 9.6mc. Hrd at 7.45pm EST, Jan. 21st, QSA5, R6-7. Program consisted of classical music and most of the announcements in French. Didn't catch the location! Received verified from TIRCC and CEC! TIRCC verified my reception of them on 6.55mc and on their second harmonic (13.1) which comes in FB. They said that they maintained the harmonic because it puts a good sig into Asia and Australia, hi." "CEC give their sked as 8.30-9pm Thursdays and Sundays and 7-8pm daily, EST." "YV12RM and HP5F heard several times during the early am hours working US hams, both are usually R9. Plenty of DX to you, OM!" Tks Bob!

Ray La Rocque, Worcester, Mass. "Heard the first Asiatic after more than 6 yrs of DXing--and then it was on the short waves. The station JVN (10.66) heard from 4-5pm last Thurs. afternoon. Announcements said that JVT was also carrying the same prog. but their signals just weren't there!.. XEXA(6.182) relaying KFX daily until 11pm, puts thru an R6 signal.. Three new stations planned for Venezeula, YV7RMO, 5810ke in Maracaibo, YV11RMO 6.128 in Maracaibo and YV13RV 6.330 in Valencia. Hope to get a ham ticket before 1936 passes away." Tks Ray, let's have another one from you soon!

Lucian Kessler, Roanoke, Va. "According to LRL they expect to have their two SW transmitters going by the last of the month. Their call letters are: LRU 15280ke and LRX 9580ke. On several evenings I have heard Radio Colonial, Paris on 19 meters, around 8 or 9pm. Is this one of their new frequencies or is it their regular 15245ke channel they use in the mornings! Last week I heard VP6MY, Barbados, BWI testing with records on 40m around 6am EST. Recd veries from DJA and XEGR last week." Oh, Lucian is also a new member!

Eric Butcher, Cokeville, Wyoming "New Haitian station HH2W ( 3 ?), c/o Ricardo-Widmaier, Box All7, Port-au-Prince, Haiti on 9.54mc. His identification is the NBC chimes. Listen to the Amateur hour at 8.30pm EST till 9 on YV2RC and do they get the gong, Monday! A 5-ton snow plow just went by across the canyon in low gear. He has 9 ahead and 2 reverse, have we got the snow! LRL reports no postage is necessary!

E. D. Purkey, Los Angeles, Calif. "Have got two new ones so will pass the tips to you. CE960, Santiago, Chile on 9,600ke 7.00 to 9pm PST or 10-12 pm EST, daily, P.O. Box 1342! HJU, 9.065mc is the best South American red. CQN on 6.020 Mon. & Fri. 12-lam PST -- just once in a while are they understandable. Played a station believed to be CSL on 6.150mc Xmas Eve! (CTIGO?)

HAMNOTES

By "S.W.DXer".

Very little tuning has been done during the past week, but there are a few outstanding news notes, especially the logging of one new country on fone!

20m

Europeans are growing gradually stronger, and may be heard quite well from 9am-3pm. As yet, however, only the QRO stations are getting into North America, as a general rule.

The Irish Free State is our newly-logged country, on fone, and mentioned above. EI2J was logged slightly outside the low end of the USA fone band, with a very fine, well-modulated sig.

40m

The group of Latin Americans that are in search of 75m fone contacts, via their 40m channels is rapidly increasing, and CO2RA, XE1HH, HH5PA, TI2RC, 2AV, 2OPR, 3AV, and numerous others are repeatedly logged on a "CW, 75". If you are not acquainted with the pronunciation of the letters in the Spanish alphabet, here is your chance to log many of these XE, TI, HI, CO, etc boys in English!

OA4B hugs the edge of the band near 7000---and uses this xtal for doubling into the 14mc band where is heard near 14000kes quite often.

A new Colombian, giving the call of "HK1ABM" and location in Cartagena, is now heard near 7100ke with a good sig. We know not why this one uses the "HK" instead of the regular "HJ" prefix!

There seems to be some confusion as to the call of the HJ4 that has long been heard near 7140, almost daily. This is HJ4ABG of Medellin who exchanged frequency assignments with HJ4ABB of Manizales early last year, when the latter was forced to move into the 49m band.

CO2AU, already logged frequently on 20, now working near 7100, evenings, and is putting an R9 signal into our weary receiver.

QSLs

VP6FO (Box 10, Bridgetown) sends a belated QSL for 20m reception. As has been mentioned heretofore, this station is one of the many B.W.I. that are using Lafayette xmitters.

HI2P of the Dominican Signal Corps sends us a neat QSL. His rig is Colpitts, --a 15-watter, using cw mostly, but occasionally on fone. In as much as the rig is not xtal, the quality is not, of course, of the best.

We had a suspicion that XE2FM was using a Collins, tho we did not chance to hear him say so. His card confirms the point, however. 30FXB xmtr!

Requested QRAs:

We found, after mailing the last column, that we had slipped on the following two, requested by Mr. Ford. Sorry, OM, but better late than never! Here they are this trip:

CO8RQ Ramon Quesada G., Central San German, Oriente, Cuba

HPLA R.D. Prescott, Box 32, Panama City, R.P.

C.B. of Gloucester asks for:

EA3ER German Lopez, Provenza 186, Barcelona.

HI3L Dr. Leoncio Ramos, Caonabo St., Santo Domingo.

CO8RQ See above.

CO8EV not known; CO8AV is: R. Alca, lacret baja 55, Santiago.

Tnx, OM, for the QRA of X1JC which we pass along to others who may wish to have it: Juan Manuel Perez, Aragon 262, Col. Alamos, Mexico.

C.B. reports EA3ER near 14100 and EA5BM near 7080, among other sigs already mentioned. Tnx, OM.

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Don't forget! If you derive any aid from these notes, please pass the word along regarding them! (Send your queries to 'SW DXer' c/o Canadian DX Relay, Goderich! OK?)

THE DXERS CALENDAR

Time is Eastern Standard

<u>Saturday, February 1st</u>							
WOI	640 kcs	Ames, Iowa	5000	CDXR	0800	to	0400
KGNO ?	1340	Dodge City, Kansas	250	CDXR	0350	to	0400
<u>CKNX</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>Wingham, Ontario</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>CDXR</u>	<u>0430</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>0530</u>
<u>Sunday, February 2nd / WTAQ 1330kcs, Green Bay, Wisc., CDXR 2-3 am</u>							
WRC	950	Washington, D.C.	500	CDXR	0145	to	0200
KGKB	1500	Tyler, Texas	100	CDXR	0200	to	0300
CJLS	1310	Yarmouth, N. S.	100	NNRC	0200	to	0300
CHSJ	1120	St. Johns, N. B.	500 or LKW	CDXR &	0300	to	0400
CHAB	1200	Moose Jaw, Sask.	100	CDXR	0300	to	0400
WNEW	1250 ?	Newark, N.J.	1000	CDXR	0400	to	0415
<u>Monday, February 3rd</u>							
XEFI	1440	Chihuahua, Mexico	250	CDXR &	0300	to	0400
WSYR	570 ??	Syracuse, N. Y.	500	CDXR	0500	to	?
<u>Wednesday, February 5th</u>							
WIRE	1400 ??	Indianapolis, Ind.	500	'Radio News'	1300	to	0510
<u>Thursday, February 6th</u>							
LR5	830 ??	Buenos Aires, Arg.	25KW	URDXC	0200	to	0330
<u>Friday, February 7th</u>							
KDYL	1290	Salt Lake City	LKW	CDXR	0200	to	0300
<u>Saturday, February 8th</u>							
WOV	1130kcs	New York City	LKW	CDXR	0500	to	0600
<u>Sunday, February 9th</u>							
CMKC, (1270), KGGC (1420) are on from 1.00 to 2 am! KLO (1440), CFCT (1450), WEEU (830), KPRO (1370), starting at 3am! KVOL (1310), WNEW, WTRC (1310), and etc. from 4 am to ??!							
<u>Monday, February 10th</u>							
CE62	625kcs	Santiago, Chile	10KW	IDA	0100	to	0200
or <u>CB62!</u>							

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Letters Art Collins cards that WTAQ will be on for CDXR Feb. 2nd as inserted above .... Ernest Ball of Ottawa is busy logging the TAs also! ... Irving Goodeve, Kalamazoo, Mich. reports LRI hrd on 4ft aerial coming in better than west coasters by far!... "The bulletin is all right - if some one is hearing WLW R9, its OK for them to say so. We can't all hear Madagascar!" - Arthur Robb.... Ernest Cooper, Brooklyn wants CW letters! (We don't! Hi) Allan Ford, Cornwall, Ont. on his two tuber reports CKIC hrd in the evening on 1003kcs QRMing WHO! Allan hrd the LR's too!.... "Temp here 30 below at 7am EST. Air is now clear of static. Veries include WFMD, CFIC, KELD, etc."... from Duane Park, 3 Springs, Penna.... "Is there gonna be a Convention this summer, or is that too far away with the temp hovering around 2 below! WIP is dickering with a sponsor for a program from 1-5 am every night. GRR!" -- Bob Hoffman, Philly! (Re Convention we hope to have some kind of a meeting! Hi Sparky Wakefield, Warton, Ont. reports WJBO, WPAR, WJSV, XEAQ, WMFD, KFSG, HIX, etc. on the air Sunday am! Irving Goodeve, Kalamazoo, Mich. reports HIX on 800kc as Q5, R5-6, on 9Ws Q5, R9 &!.... Bob Base over in Baltimore, Md. reports veries back from WCHV, WMFD, XEAQ, VAS, CJIC, CFIC, WCMI, CKCV, PRF-4, CFJC, HJZABH and CE-62! Bob reports that CE-62 said they changed call to CB-62! ..Ken Smith, Portland, Oregon also added JSJ at R6! ... "XERA continues to be the loudest station East of the Cascade mountains" ... Russell Graham, Verdun reports his first TA as Normandie Jan. 21st at 2am. BCB log is now 555! Aerial blown down by 50 mile gale!.... Also reports WNOX operating on 1010kcs! Joe Brauner, Williamsville, N. Y. "Tues. morning, 21st was the first really good DX date in 1936. RN was R6 here and Q5. The other most reported Frenchmen showed carriers but not much more! Tune for KDON, 1210kc Tuesday ams from 2.00 to 3 am, has quite a sock." Hope we got around to all your letters -- send in more! If we don't use all the material you send in -- please don't quit! We try to include all the news! OK? Ed.