

favoured few, but what of the future, and what of us? The Government in its wisdom has formed and is sponsoring this National Orchestra, and we feel that if the smaller towns—as well as the cities—are not permitted to participate in the education and uplift afforded by such an organisation, the ideal and object of the project is defeated before it is fairly launched.

True, we shall be hearing the broadcasts given from the centres, but that is no "genuine" experience, and we can daily hear recordings of the world's greatest orchestras. Our need is *direct* contact, as only in that way can we learn, be inspired, and encouraged to carry on with our efforts to keep the musical flag flying in our own home towns.

It will be readily understood that we people of the smaller centres cannot journey en masse to the city for the purpose of attending the concerts; it is impossible both in terms of time and money.

We feel it is for the National Orchestra to visit *us* even with possibly a small financial loss. We in our turn would deem it a privilege not only to have the opportunity of attending the concerts, but also to extend whatever hospitality might be necessary to the personnel of the Orchestra, to make the visits possible.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that we believe that our young people are as intelligent as those in the main centres. Therefore, should they not also be given a chance to become orchestra-minded, which as all musicians know is the only true musical basis? Must they be penalised for not living in the cities?

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(This year's activities of the National Orchestra consist mainly of inaugural concerts at the main centres. Future policy in connection with the orchestra is still being formulated and the points raised are still under discussion.—Ed.)

NATIONAL FILM UNIT
THE Farmers' A. & P. Show at Masterton provides the highlights of the National Film Unit's Weekly Review for the week beginning March 28. The country's wealth lies in the land, and here are scenes of wonderful agricultural and farm products, prize-winning cattle and sheep, fine horses, and side-shows to amuse everyone. Another item, "Power Boat Races," shows some of the fastest motor boats from all parts of the North Island, racing in competition. "Aid for China" pictures, the recent rounding-up and shipping of pedigree cattle for China. The animals are being sent to the war devastated country for breeding purposes.

WITH the meeting of the Foreign Ministers in Moscow, world interest is centred on their discussions. Radio Moscow can be heard broadcasting in English at good strength at 11.0 p.m., and fair reception may be had at 12.0 midnight. At 11.0 p.m. the best station is on 15.45 mc/s, 19.45 metres, and the programmes include the news, in which a commentary is given on the proceedings of the Moscow Conference, followed by a talk on current affairs.

At 12.0 midnight the best frequencies are 9.57 mc/s, 31.35 metres; 11.73 mc/s, 25.58 metres; 15.18 mc/s, 19.76 metres, and 17.81 mc/s, 16.84 metres. But there may be considerable interference from adjacent stations. The programme begins with the news and commentary on the Conference, followed at 12.15 a.m. by a Press Review. At 12.30 a.m. the feature "Sidelights on Soviet Life" may be heard, followed by a musical interlude lasting until 1.0 a.m. At that hour the news is broadcast with a commentary on current affairs, and the transmission then closes at 1.15 a.m.

At 7.0 a.m. Radio Moscow may again be heard on 7.3 mc/s, 41.11 metres, giving a news bulletin and reports from the Conference, followed at 7.15 by despatches from Canadian and British correspondents to their respective countries.

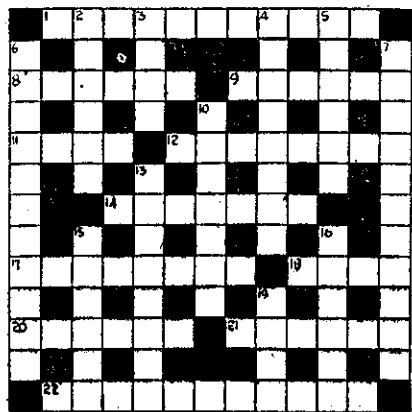
(Solution to No. 333)



1. Can Tui try it? (anag.). Certainly, if she wants to prove silence is golden.
8. Her art is somewhat confused.
9. Obstinate.
11. "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates, and men decay;" (Goldsmith, in "The Deserted Village.")
12. Merrymaker.
14. Malignant.
17. Allet ace (anag.).
18. Brother of Ham.
20. Fairness.
21. Precyon lotor.
22. This form of bomber cache may still be found in some Pacific islands.

2. The man gives a song of praise.
3. Wild Alpine goat.
4. Loathsome.
5. Warbles.
6. Appeased by means of a tip-top ride.
7. Fault.
10. She bets, according to commands.
13. Inducing sleep.
15. Charm.
16. This Tuesday precedes Ash Wednesday.
19. And this Sunday is the one before Easter.

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