

# LETTERS FROM LISTENERS

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## BROADCASTS IN MAORI

Sir,—In carrying out my work amongst my people I have noticed with much pleasure the interest that is being taken in the broadcasts in Maori on Sunday nights. In my opinion this session is doing great work in focusing the mind of the Maori on matters pertaining to the welfare of our country.

I should like to express my appreciation through you to those who are responsible for the good work that is being done. I am wondering if it is too much to hope for expansion in the scope and the time given to such a useful cause.

KAIKOHE (Bay of Islands).

## THE NIGHT SKY

Sir,—With reference to the paragraph under the above heading referred to in Radio Viewsreel of May 2, I submit the following extract from Sir James Jeans's book *The Universe Around Us* which appears to answer the interesting point raised in connection with star distances: "Such figures as 140,000 light-years can convey but little conception of the distance of this remotest of star-clusters from us (NGC 7006). We may apprehend it better if we reflect that the light by which we see the cluster started on

its long journey from it to us at a time when primeval man still roamed over the earth. Through the childhood, youth, and age of thousands of generations of men, through the long prehistoric ages, through the slow dawn of civilisation and through the whole span of time which history records, through the rise and fall of dynasties and empires, this light has travelled steadily on its course, covering 186,000 miles every second, and is only just reaching us now. And yet this enormous stretch of space does not carry us to the confines of the universe; we shall now see that in all probability it has barely carried us to the confines of the galactic system."

E. M. WILSON (Karori).

## "PRISON WITHOUT BARS"

Sir,—The selfishness shown in recent letters relating to the article "Prison Without Bars" is disgusting.

E.A.S. in the letter in a recent issue says, "Women should have equal opportunity to engage in any undertaking or profession they desire unhampered by the prejudice and ignorance of the past." They do so, and in doing so accept the responsibilities and restrictions of that undertaking or profession.

Modern girls do not enter the profession of marriage without a clear

## Film Unit Makes Light Work of a Difficulty

THE NATIONAL FILM UNIT has several times in the past had co-operation in the production of its films from the NZBS, and last week the Unit had a chance to return the compliment and repay the debt. On the afternoon of the orchestral concert with Colin Horsley in the Wellington Town Hall last week, the Film Unit was asked by the NZBS if it would lend its own generating plant to provide light in the Town Hall, there being a power-cut in the city covering the period when the audience would be gathering and the orchestra assembling. The Unit promptly agreed, its generator was installed in Mercer Street beside the hall, and when the lights went out elsewhere the building was illuminated by 14,000 watts of specially-generated electricity, from seven lamps of 2,000 watts each. Four of these lamps were in the main hall, the light being diffused on to the ceiling to avoid glare, two in the main foyer, and one in the corridor leading to the dressing rooms. Thanks to the co-operation of one Government department with another, a difficult problem was solved—and solved so effectively that, according to several onlookers, the occasion had some of the appearance of "a Hollywood premiere."

knowledge of what it entails, and it shows deplorable lack of character to moan and talk of "prison" because there are difficulties, and one's pre-marriage activities are somewhat curtailed.

I have three small children, a large old-fashioned house, and a husband in a public position as part of my profession, and can still find time for outside interests, which are made to fit into my professional duties, not the duties into them.

Certainly, I work longer hours, and at times much harder than I did before

marriage, but the satisfaction of running my own home, caring for my own children, and the contented look on my husband's face far outweigh these considerations. (Are these things, too, too old-fashioned for "One of the Prisoners?")

I agree with those who contend that expectant mothers, mothers with children under two years, and sick mothers should have adequate help in the house, but I think that if marriage were looked

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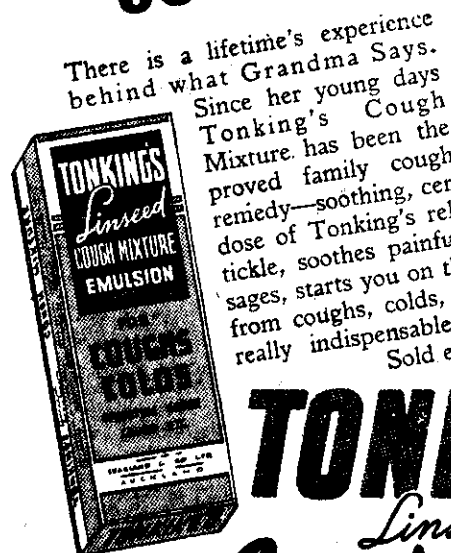
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