

DR. O. H. FRANKEL "The medieval quackery of the Lysenko School'

speech for which Swift and other lovers of the language have hankered, and that BBC usages will gradually find their way into the dictionaries and grammar books.

He reluctantly agrees that the announcers must speak with the accent of the few and not of the many, though it may destroy the richness of English dialect, and marvels at the trouble taken to pronounce foreign words "with a native, if not more than native, accuracy."

He wishes the News would let people "assert" rather than "claim" things; and blames Stewart MacPherson (a popular quizmaster here) for the growing use of "I wouldn't know" in place of "I don't

THE BBC has introduced (without announcement) a "New Every Mornprayer book which has the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury and other Church leaders. It is a revised version, by the Rev. Eric Fenn, of the daily prayer book first used over the air in 4936 for all interdenominational studio services; and costs 1/6. During the war there was a modified version, and this first postwar version includes suitable prayers for friends, night-workers, and briefly takes notice of the Churches' increasing regard for animals.

Mr. Fenn (a Presbyterian) told one of the newspapers that he worked on it for three years. He is reported to have added, in words which might attract the attention of Sir Ernest Gowers: "I believe we have now a stock of prayers which is interdenominationally acceptable '

## NATIONAL FILM UNIT.

WEEKLY Review No. 386, issued by the New Zealand National Film Unit for release on January 28, contains the following news items: "Model Planes in Action" in Wanganui; "Fruit Harvest" in the Waimate-Kakanui districts: "Art Collector's Find," showing the paintings that were discovered in a New Plymouth auction room, and "Girls' Camp" at Lake Wanaka.

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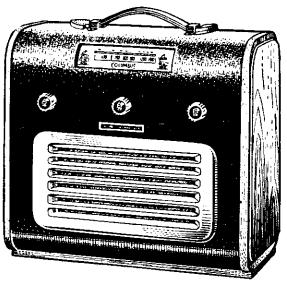
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