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people bringing her their problems with as little self-consciousness as they would bring them to the nurse."

Not Uniforms

Though we felt that it was rather lowering the tone of the conversation, we had to ask Miss England what she thought about uniforms.

"Uniforms? I don't approve of them," said Miss England.

"Then do you think that the policewoman should be indistinguishable from any other business woman?"

"No, certainly not. She should wear some distinctive type of dress, a plain blue frock and felt hat or something, but uniform to me suggests something with shining buttons and badges stuck here and there. She can, if necessary, keep her badge in a pocket."

"Then you do not think women in plain clothes will be used in the Detective Force?"

"I hope not," said Miss England firmly. "It savours rather of spying. I should hate to see any of our women police engaged in any such activity. I feel that if any of them were used in this way, the people among whom their work lies would cease to trust them and their real work would thus be rendered completely valueless."

A Watchful Eye

OUR next discussion of the question was with Miss A. Kirk, who was for

16 years connected with the Society for the Protection of Women and Children and who is at present a Dominion officer of the W.C.T.U.

"The policewoman's chief work," she said, "would be to keep a watchful eye on girls and women. A policeman feels, and rightly, that he cannot interfere with a girl unless she is actually breaking the law, whereas a policewoman could in most cases by a warning word prevent the evil that may come from thoughtlessness."

"But wouldn't her interference be resented?" we asked.

"I have dealt with girls all my life," said Miss Kirk, "and I have found very few who don't respond to an understanding person of their own sex. It is very hard for the average man to speak to a girl. Moreover, it is usually easy for the average girl to hoodwink a man, because his innate chivalry leads him to put the best possible construction on her behaviour. It would be much harder for a woman to 'put it across' another woman."

Experience in Australia

"Women police have been found invaluable in Australia. Where the taking of evidence from children is necessary, women are found to be more suitable. They have done useful work in

connection with such problems as drinking in cars. In Sydney women police are on duty at railway stations to direct girls who have not been met or who are new to the city. Now it's a case of 'When in doubt ask a policewoman.'

"But they must be picked women," concluded Miss Kirk. "They need plenty of personality and they must be 'good mixers.' Censoriousness would do more harm than good. You need broad-minded and human women who regard people as potentially good rather than potentially evil, and who aim is to prevent evil rather than to catch the evil-doer."



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THUMBS UP IN PALMERSTON NORTH

A BIRTHDAY of interest to the people of Palmerston North and the Manawatu is that of the Thumbs Up Club, which celebrates its first anniversary this month. It has just on 3000 members now. During the past year the club has raised over £300 for patriotic purposes, together with £10, the result of a bottle drive, for the Red Cross, 3,000 books for soldiers, 20,000 stamps and a large quantity of scrap metal.

The Thumbs Up Club was organised by K. M. Garner, an executive of a Palmerston North departmental store, in conjunction with Station 2ZA, primarily with the object of assisting in the war effort and providing bright entertainment for children. The Thumbs Up

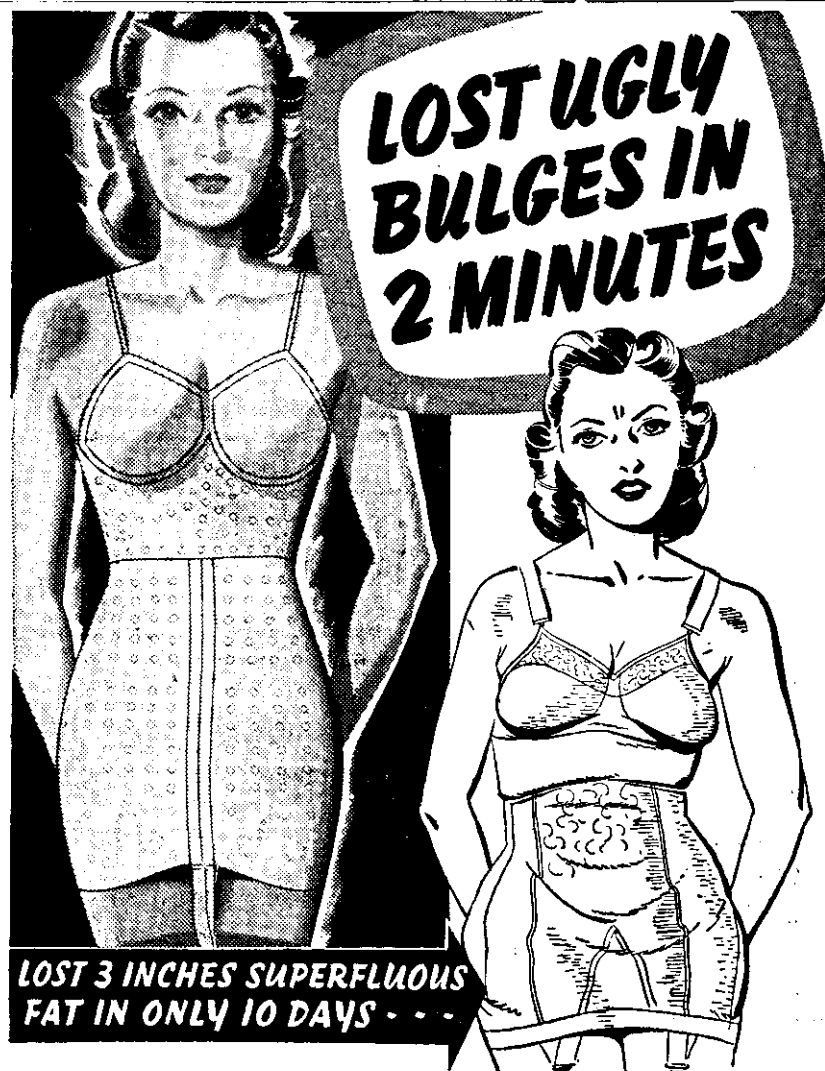
Club session, with Mr. Garner and Rion Voigt at the microphone is broadcast from 2ZA every Friday at 5.15 p.m.

A highlight of a recent session was a broadcast appearance by a small lamb, "Chrissie," and an equally small pig, "Claude." Both these pets showed not the least objection to giving voice over the air, thought Claude took the honours with a crescendo of squealing that almost put the station off the air.

So many telephone calls followed that a further public appearance was arranged at a children's party at the Regent Theatre the following morning. Both Claude and Chrissie were auctioned for patriotic purposes.



ONE SMALL PIG ("Claude") and one small lamb ("Chrissie") for sale: A busy scene at a recent children's party held by the Thumbs Up Club at Palmerston North



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