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of course, that you prefer the teredo to the earthworm.

YET even from the country it is a good thing to get back to town, if only to avoid the noise of tractors.

MOST of us have been in houses equipped with every vulgarity that money can buy. In the wrong company the long-playing record of the wrong kind takes you to the end of a dull evening at half speed.

LISTENING to bad music is like waiting for a firework. The suspense is there, lest the one goes on and the other doesn't go off.

A NOVEL should be either a good novel or a bad novel," he informed me. I thought sadly of the so many in between.

IF beautiful women rarely have brains, odd looking ones sometimes have too many. A good plain woman is best, and she quite understands when you want to go fishing.

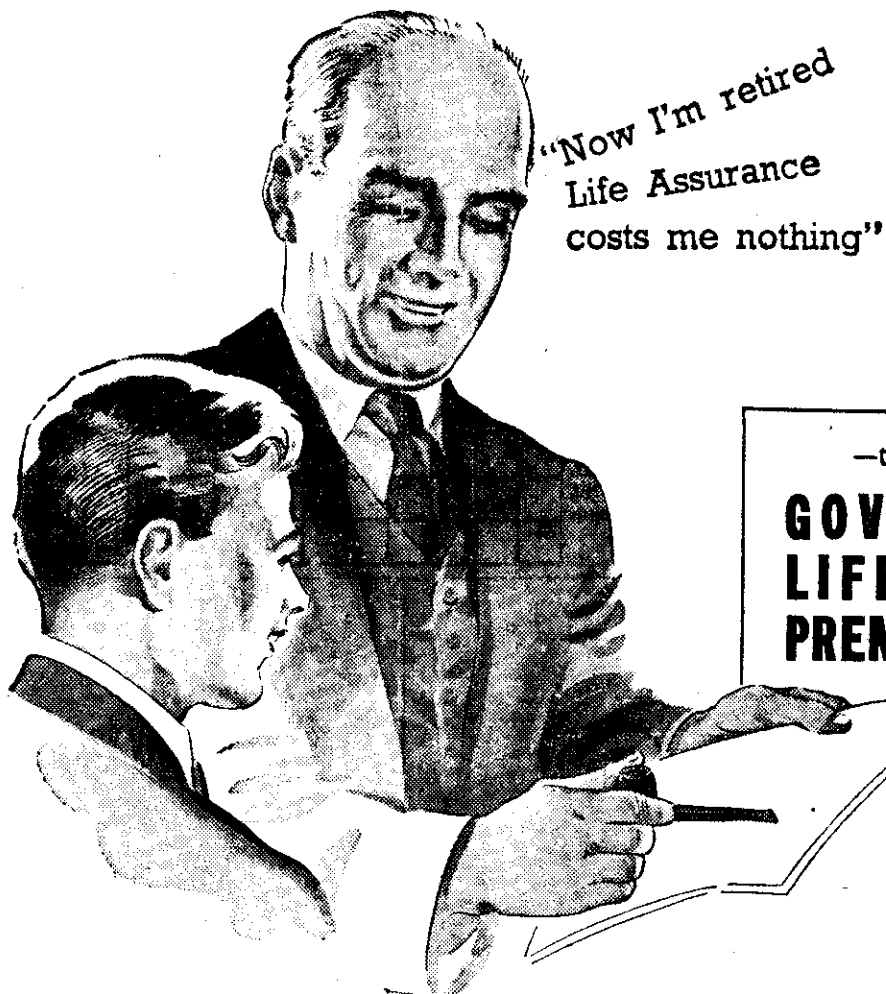
THE first requirement of conversational good manners is to be able to go on talking with someone about something mutually uncongenial.

THINKING of those who could recite the whole of Homer, or the Koran, or Maori genealogies back to the migration, I am not so astounded by the ordinary New Zealander who can remember the family history of every racehorse from the invention of the tote.

Personal Beliefs

MOST of us have some sort of personal philosophy—a star or constellation by which we steer—though it might not be easy for us to state briefly and explicitly what it is. Sometimes it helps us to sort out our own ideas if we hear someone else discussing theirs. Not long ago the NZBS asked 30 New Zealanders from all parts of the country and many walks of life to state, for the help of others, the rules and beliefs by which they are guided. These short talks—all of them under five minutes long—were recorded and are now to be heard from various stations, starting with 1YZ, which will broadcast them at 10.25 p.m. five days a week, starting on Monday, March 15. The series starts with a statement of Christian belief by R. A. Lowe. Others to be heard during the first week are L. Cleveland, who has some advice to offer about getting out of town (and staying out); a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, who describes how he was helped to conquer alcoholism; R. J. Thompson, who tells of a number of stars he discovered as he grew up; and the late Frank Reed, who sifts out the important beliefs from more than 70 years' experience. The second week will begin with a Stipendiary Magistrate, A. A. McLachlan, and among the many other walks of life represented in the series are law, farming, the amateur theatre, free lance writing and daily journalism, education, the church, nursing and music. *Stars to Steer By* will start from 3YZ on March 29, and 2YZ on April 5, and later will be heard from other stations.

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